

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES*

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 12.xx The Standing Committee shall keep under regular review the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between the Secretariats of CITES and CMS (Convention on Migratory Species) on 18 September 2002, in particular with a view to:
- a) seek reports from the Secretariat on steps taken to implement a more detailed work programme to be developed jointly with CMS in early 2003; and
 - b) assure that CITES initiatives in respect of the following species or taxonomic groups complement, reinforce and, as far as possible, benefit from the regional collaboration already being undertaken or envisaged in the framework of CMS, regarding:
 - i) Saiga antelope (*Saiga tatarica*), snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) and West and Central African populations of African elephants (*Loxodonta africana*);
 - ii) Marine turtles of the Atlantic Coast of Africa, the Indian Ocean-South-East Asia, and the Pacific Ocean;
 - iii) Whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*) of South and South-East Asia; as well as the great white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*); and
 - iv) Sturgeons (Acipenseriformes).

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- 12.xx In keeping with the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between the Secretariats of CITES and CMS (Convention on Migratory Species) on 18 September 2002, the Secretariat shall extend invitations to CMS and its related Agreements to participate in meetings pertaining to species and issues of common concern.

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