

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
CONSERVATION OF HAWKSBILL TURTLE

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of CoP13 Doc. 34, following discussion in Committee I.

Directed to the Secretariat

Decision 13.xx

The Secretariat shall, subject to funding and before the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, arrange at least one meeting of the wider Caribbean region on the hawksbill turtle in order to facilitate regional collaboration, planning and information exchange, as well as collaboration with other bodies and multilateral agreements with a mandate concerning the conservation and management of this species in the wider Caribbean region.

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The Secretariat shall collate reports received from States and territories in the wider Caribbean region on progress with the implementation of the regional conservation strategy and national management plans and present a written summary at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties

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States and territories in the wider Caribbean region should:

- a) develop further a collaborative regional conservation strategy, based on the outline of a strategic plan provided in the Annex to CoP12 Doc. 20.2 Annex 4, to enhance the conservation status of hawksbill turtles and, where appropriate, other marine turtles within the wider Caribbean;
- b) implement the strategy in collaboration with Multilateral Environmental Agreements and intergovernmental organizations active in the region or on the conservation and sustainable use of the species, through the development and implementation of national management plans;
- c) adopt and implement standard protocols for the monitoring, at recommended and agreed index sites, of populations of nesting and foraging hawksbill turtles and that similar efforts should be made to monitor legal harvests, by-catch in other fisheries and illegal take;
- d) implement measures to reduce illegal catch and illegal trade in hawksbill turtles and parts and derivatives thereof, including measures to improve the control of stocks of hawksbill turtle parts and derivatives by identifying, marking, registering and securing all such stockpiles; and
- e) report to the Secretariat on progress with the implementation of the regional conservation strategy and national management plans at least six months prior the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties, intergovernmental organizations, international aid agencies and non-governmental organizations

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Governments and intergovernmental organizations, international aid agencies and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide funds to enable the implementation of the Caribbean regional hawksbill strategy and to support the regional dialogue process.