

Official Side Events at CMS COP15



MONDAY, 23 March 2026					
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
12:45-13:30					
Title	Accelerating Conservation Action for the Ocean: Marine Flyways and Other COP15 Seabird Proposals	Prioritizing Area-Based Conservation for Marine Turtles: Connectivity, Important Marine Turtle Areas and Achieving 30x30 and BBNJ Outcomes	Climate-Smart Tools for Landscape Management: Eco-Corridors	Advancing One Health Implementation in CMS: Connectivity and Sentinel Species as Tools for Integrated Conservation	Enhancing Seagrass Ecosystem Conservation: Connecting Regions Across the Dugong Range
Lead organizer(s)	<i>Australian Government DCCEEW</i>	<i>WWF</i>	<i>UNEP & GRID Arendal</i>	<i>Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MMA) of Brazil</i>	<i>CMS Dugong MOU, IKI, EAD, The Princess Foundation, YAS Research and Rescue Center</i>
13:45-14:30					
Title	A New Phase for Conserving and Managing the Saker Populations	Self-Monitoring in Artisanal Fisheries: a Scalable Tool for the Conservation of Migratory Species and the Implementation of the CMS	Cross Border Protection for Cheetahs	Climate Change and Migratory Species: From Victims to Allies	Strengthening Transboundary Cooperation for the Conservation of the Balkan Lynx under CMS
Lead organizer(s)	<i>Raptors MOU</i>	<i>Secretaria Nacional de Pesca Artesanal, Ministério da Pesca (Brazil)</i>	<i>Cheetah Conservation Fund</i>	<i>International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)</i>	<i>Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of North Macedonia</i>

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TUESDAY, 24 March 2026						
Campo Grande Room	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	
12:45- 14:30	12:45-13:30					
<i>Special Event: Migratory Species: Role of Law and Judges</i>	Title	One Species, 69 Range States: Launching the Global Action Plan for the Conservation of the Iconic Steppe Eagle	Advancing CMS Protection for Threatened Sharks	From Local Action to Regional Impact: Strategies for Implementing a Range-wide Plan for Jaguar Landscape Conservation	Conserving Earth's Oldest and Wisest Animals: Why It Matters for Migration And Connectivity	Restoring the Night: For Nature and Beyond
	Lead organizer(s)	<i>The Forestry and Wildlife Committee of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i>	<i>Ministry of Environment of Panama</i>	<i>ICMBio and Panthera (on behalf of Jaguar 2030 Coordination Committee)</i>	<i>Born Free Foundation</i>	<i>EU Horizon Europe PLAN-B project (UGent (Belgium), UEMG (Brazil), and UFMG (Brazil))</i>
	13:45-14:30					
	Title	Electrocution of Migratory Soaring Birds and Best Conservation Practices Across De Mediterranean	Spotted Sorubim (<i>Pseudoplatystoma Corruscans</i>) Recovery: Threats, Policy Integration, and International Cooperation for the Conservation of a High-Value Migratory Fish	Central Asian Mammals Initiative: Strengthening Terrestrial Mammal Conservation in the IYRP	Securing the Future for Jaguars in the Americas: Transboundary Conservation, Connectivity and Coexistence	Soaring Together: Lessons from the African Eurasian Vulture Multi-species Action Plan (MsAP) and the Strategic Launch of the Americas Vulture MsAP initiative
	Lead organizer(s)	<i>Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security of Italy</i>	<i>Instituto Chico Mendes para Conservação da Biodiversidade</i>	<i>National Committee of Ecology and Climate Change of Uzbekistan</i>	<i>International Big Cat Alliance</i>	<i>Raptors MOU Coordinating Unit</i>

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BioParque		Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
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<i>Special Event: Launch of the Global Assessment of Migratory Freshwater Fishes</i>	Title	Wildlife Academy Experience: Building Skills to Combat Illegal Killing of Migratory Birds	Southern Hemisphere Blue Corridors: Global Collaboration, Regional Opportunities for Whale Conservation	One Continent, One Jaguar: Building Transboundary Connectivity Across South America	Nature Positive Infrastructure - Avoiding and Mitigating Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Migratory Species and Ecological Connectivity	Mountain Rangelands: Climate Change, Effective Pasture Management and Migratory Species
<i>CMS Secretariat, WWF, Brazil, [others TBC]</i>	Lead organizer(s)	<i>CMS Secretariat</i>	<i>WWF</i>	<i>French Biodiversity Agency (OFB) & WWF-Bolivia & Panthera</i>	<i>Center for Large Landscape Conservation (CLLC)</i>	<i>UNEP & GRID Arendal</i>

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WEDNESDAY, 25 March 2026						
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	
12:45-13:30						
Title	Restoring Land for the Benefit of Local Livelihoods and Biodiversity, as Part of the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP)	From National Sanctuaries to International Safety: Bridging the Protection Gap for Critically Endangered Hammerhead Sharks	Connecting Landscapes for People and Wildlife: CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative	Ecological Connectivity: a Cross-Cutting Solution for Achieving Multiple Environmental and Socio-Economic Priorities	Integrated Monitoring and Fire Management for Migratory Species and Wetland Conservation in the Paraguay-Paraná Wetland System	
Lead organizer(s)	<i>Swiss Ornithological Institute (AEMLAP Coordination Unit)</i>	<i>Gobierno de Ecuador</i>	<i>IUCN</i>	<i>CMS/GPEC</i>	<i>Instituto Socioambiental da Bacia do Alto Paraguai SOS Pantanal & Mupan/Wetlands International Brazil & Wetlands International LAC/Fundación Humedales</i>	
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Title	<i>Special Event: Launch of the Global Initiative on the Taking of Migratory Species (GTI)</i>	Innovative Financing and Invasive Alien Species Management in Federal Protected Areas: Brazil's Leadership in Conserving Migratory Seabirds and Island Ecosystems	Large Amazonian Catfish: Fisheries Data, Migratory Routes, and Environmental Challenges in the Amazon Basin	Promoting Migratory Bat Conservation in Sustainable Energy Planning: Bridging Policy, Wind Energy, and Migration Knowledge Gaps	From Partnerships to Practice: Advancing Ecological Connectivity Action on the Ground	What the Tech?! Digital Innovation for Migratory Species and Protected Area Conservation
Lead organizer(s)	<i>CMS Secretariat</i>	<i>Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMbio)</i>	<i>Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture of Brazil</i>	<i>Bat Conservation International & Laboratório de Ciência em Biodiversidade - UFLA</i>	<i>CMS/GPEC</i>	<i>IUCN Centre for Conservation Action – Protected and Conserved Areas (PCA) & Species Conservation Action (SCA)</i>

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Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5		
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Title	Together Along Flyways- Delivery of the CMS Americas Flyways Framework	Strengthening the Science - Policy Interface: Explaining the Ecological Connectivity of Scalloped Hammerhead Sharks in the Eastern Tropical Pacific (ETP) region	The Atlas of Ungulate Migration: Updates, new insights and partner perspectives	Multiple Threats Facing Migratory Marine Species: Climate Change, Pollution and Habitat Loss & From the Deep Sea to the Shores: Restoring Essential Marine Habitats for Migratory Species	The Role of Long-Distance Trails as Landscape Connectors: The Case of The Brazilian Trails Network	
Lead organizer(s)	<i>BirdLife International</i>	<i>Charles Darwin Foundation</i>	<i>Global Initiative on Ungulate Migration</i>	<i>Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (UAE)</i>	<i>Ministry for the Environment and Climate Change of Brazil</i>	

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THURSDAY, 26 March 2026						
	Campo Grande Room	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
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Title	<i>Special Event: Launch of the Americas Flyways Atlas</i>	Delivering One Health by Preventing Poisoning from NSAIDs and Lead Ammunition	Fisheries and Connectivity - a regional Action Plan for Amazonian Migratory Catfish	Act Green: a Novel Framework to Dynamically Monitor and Assess Species Habitat and Restoration Opportunities	From Biocultural Corridors to Citizen Science Initiatives: Strengthening Ecological Connectivity for Migratory Species Conservation along the Paraguay–Paraná Wetland System	Co-Developing an Ambitious, Inclusive, and Measurable Definition of “Human–Wildlife Coexistence”
Lead organizer(s)	<i>CMS Secretariat, Cornell Lab of Ornithology</i>	<i>CMS, WOA, IUCN</i>	<i>Ministry of Environment (Brazil), Ministry of Aquaculture and Fisheries (Brazil), Amazon Waters Alliance, Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization</i>	<i>Wildlife Conservation Society</i>	<i>Wetlands International Brazil/Mupan & Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente & Wetlands International LAC/Fundación Humedales</i>	<i>University of St. Andrews</i>
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13:45-14:30						
Title	Bustard Multi-species Action Plan: a Global Framework for Coordinated Bustard Conservation	From Global Frameworks to Regional Action: Strengthening BBNJ–CMS Synergies for Marine Migratory Species Conservation	Keeping the Cat Moving: Restoring Habitats and Securing Transboundary Movement for Big Cats in Central and South Asia	Strengthening Cooperation for Coastal Connectivity to Conserve the World’s Migratory Species	Human-Wildlife Conflict under CMS: Strengthening Alignment across Initiatives	
Lead organizer(s)	<i>Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary</i>	<i>French Biodiversity Agency (OFB)</i>	<i>International Snow Leopard Trust & International Big Cat Alliance</i>	<i>Eco-Foundation Global</i>	<i>IUCN SSC Human-Wildlife Conflict & Coexistence Specialist Group</i>	

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Title	Conserving Migratory Grassland Birds in Southern South America	Reception: Angel Sharks & Friends	Connecting Nature and Energy: Initiative to Promote the Coexistence of Power Lines and Biodiversity	Ecological Connectivity and South–South Cooperation for Migratory Species	Protecting Biodiversity from the Roots: Empowering Communities and Traditional Knowledge in Migratory Species Conservation
Lead organizer(s)	<i>Ministerio de Ambiente (Uruguay)</i>	<i>CMS Secretariat, SSAP Angelshark Med Working Group, Principality of Monaco, WWF Mediterranean</i>	<i>IUCN</i>	<i>Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change of Brazil</i>	<i>Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (UAE)</i>

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FRIDAY, 27 March 2026						
Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5		
12:45-13:30						
Title	CMS Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Task Forces: New Research, regional perspectives and emerging solutions	Ocean Travellers: Using Important Shark and Ray Areas to Deliver Global Biodiversity Targets	Human–Predators Coexistence: Outcomes from the International Workshop on Large Felid Conflict	Integrated Eco-Technological Monitoring System for Migratory Species Conservation: Operationalizing the Samarkand Strategic Plan Through the Reserva Araras Paradigm	Mitigating Small Cetacean Bycatch: Strengthening Cooperation within the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic (ZOPACAS)	
Lead organizer(s)	<i>CMS Secretariat</i>	<i>IUCN Species Survival Commission Shark Specialist Group</i>	<i>Instituto Socioambiental da Bacia do Alto Paraguai SOS Pantanal</i>	<i>University of Brasília (Universidade de Brasília - UnB)</i>	<i>Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture of Brazil</i>	
13:45-14:30						
Title	Multistakeholder Collaboration for a Nature Positive Renewable Energy Transition	Manta and Devil Rays at a Crossroads: Aligning Science and Policy for Conservation	Strengthening Cross-Regional Cooperation through Intelligence-Led Enforcement to Protect Migratory Species	Bridging the gap: Leveraging Animal Movement and Mapped Migration Corridors to Inform National Conservation Policy	Parque Nacional da Lagoa do Peixe: conservação de espécies migratórias e governança participativa com comunidades tradicionais	
Lead organizer(s)	<i>Energy Task Force (ETF) of the CMS</i>	<i>The Manta Trust</i>	<i>Go Insight & SAWEN</i>	<i>Global Initiative on Ungulate Migration</i>	<i>Parque Nacional da Lagoa do Peixe & ICMBio</i>	
18:15-19:00						
Title	From Science to Protection: Strengthening Cetacean Area-based Conservation in the Mediterranean Sea	Impacts of the Global Trade in Fish Maw	Conserving Asian Elephants	Routes at Risk: Offshore Wind Power and Marine Migration	Environmental Governance and Litigation: Ecological Connectivity, Rights of Nature, and Wildlife Protection in Brazil	
Lead organizer(s)	<i>ACCOBAMS, Tethys Research Institute</i>	<i>Animal Welfare Institute</i>	<i>Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change of India</i>	<i>Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense</i>	<i>University of Mato Grosso do Sul - UFMS & University of Brasília</i>	