



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

### INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRAL ASIA INITIATIVE

The Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) is pleased to announce that the Central Asia Initiative targeting the conservation of large mammals in the wider central Asian region is taking shape following decisions at meetings of both the Scientific Council and the Conference of the Parties (e.g., [ScC17](#), [Recommendation 9.1](#)).

A stakeholder survey is currently being launched in collaboration with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH to develop a Gap Analysis and a Programme of Work for the Central Asia Initiative. Both documents will be discussed at the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CMS Scientific Council (ScC18) (1-3 July 2014, Bonn, Germany) and at a regional meeting of National Focal Points and experts, which is tentatively scheduled for September 2014. The Programme of Work will be put forward for adoption at the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP11) (4-9 November 2014, Ecuador).

The Secretariat would like to invite interested Parties and other stakeholders to review drafts of the Gap Analysis and Programme of Work, which will be available in May and July 2014 respectively. Parties and other stakeholders willing to review relevant documents and/or interested in receiving further information about the Central Asia Initiative should inform the Secretariat by 31 March 2014.

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