

**Crocodile Specialist Group Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Double Tree Hilton, Darwin, Australia**  
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**Convention on Migratory Species**

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1. CoP14 of the Convention on Migratory Species (Bonn Convention) took place on 12-17 February 2024 (<https://www.cms.int/en/parties-range-states>).
2. At 1 March 2022, CMS on had 133 Parties.
3. For the purpose of this Convention: “Migratory species” means the entire population or any geographically separate part of the population of any species or lower taxon of wild animals, a significant proportion of whose members cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries.
4. Two crocodylian species are currently listed on CMS - *Crocodylus porosus* (CMS App II; 1979) and *Gavialis gangeticus* (CMS App I; 1979).
5. At CMS CoP14, the Parties:
  - adopted the “Action Plan to Address Aquatic Wild Meat Harvests in West Africa” with the goal of making tangible progress towards the sustainable management of aquatic wild meat harvesting across West Africa and securing the conservation status of all impacted CMS-listed species (UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.30.1.2/Rev.3).
  - directed the Scientific Council, through its Aquatic Wild Meat Working Group, to collaborate with the relevant IUCN Specialist Groups to present a case to the Scientific Council for the assessment of the migratory nature of crocodylians (Genera: *Gavialis*, *Crocodylus*, *Mecistops*, *Caiman*, *Melanosuchus*) and freshwater chelonians, and the relevance of CMS to their conservation and management, including whether or not they may fit the criteria for inclusion in the CMS Appendices.

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