

**Convention
on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals**

Bonn, 23 June 1979

Entry into force: 1 November 1983 in accordance with Article XVIII thereof

“This Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the date of deposit of the fifteenth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Depositary.

For each State or each regional economic integration organization which ratifies, accepts or approves this Convention or accedes thereto after the deposit of the fifteenth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, this Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit by such State or such organization of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.”

Amended by: Decision of 22 September 1989

Entry into force on 1 Apr 1994 according to the provisions of Art 16 (2) of the Agreement that provides “Such an amendment shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the Depositary Government has received notifications of approval from all Contracting Parties.”

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Contracting Party	Date of signature	Deposit of the Instrument of Ratification (1) or Accession (2)	Entry into force
Albania			01.09.2001
Algeria			01.12.2005
Angola			01.12.2006
Antigua and Barbuda			01.10.2007
Argentina ¹			01.01.1992
Armenia		29.12.2010	01.03.2011
Australia ²			01.09.1991
Austria			01.07.2005
Bangladesh			01.12.2005
Belarus			01.09.2003
Belgium			01.10.1990
Benin			01.04.1986
Bolivia, the Plurinational State of ³			01.03.2003
Bulgaria			01.11.1999

Burkina Faso			01.01.1990
Burundi		29.12.2010	01.07.2011
Cameroon			01.11.1983
Cape Verde			01.04.2006
Chad			01.09.1997
Chile			01.11.1983
China ⁴	--	--	01.07.1997
Congo, the Democratic Republic of the			01.09.1990
Costa Rica			01.08.2007
Côte d'Ivoire			01.07.2003
Croatia			01.10.2000
Cuba			01.02.2008
Cyprus			01.11.2001
Denmark ^{5 6 7 8}			01.11.1983
Djibouti			01.11.2004
Ecuador			01.02.2004
Egypt			01.11.1983
Equatorial Guinea			01.08.2010
Eritrea			01.02.2005
Estonia			01.10.2008
Ethiopia			01.01.2010
European Union ^{9 10 11}			01.11.1983
Fiji		24.01.2013	01.04.2013
Finland			01.01.1989
France ¹²			01.07.1990
Gabon			01.08.2008
Gambia			01.08.2001
Georgia			01.06.2000
Germany			01.10.1984
Ghana			01.04.1988
Greece			01.10.1999
Guinea			01.08.1993
Guinea-Bissau			01.09.1995
Honduras			01.04.2007
Hungary			01.11.1983
India			01.11.1983
Iran			01.02.2008
Ireland			01.11.1983
Israel			01.11.1983
Italy			01.11.1983
Jordan			01.03.2001
Kazakhstan			01.05.2006
Kenya			01.05.1999
Latvia			01.07.1999
Liberia			01.12.2004
Libya			01.09.2002
Liechtenstein			01.11.1997
Lithuania			01.02.2002
Luxembourg			01.11.1983
Macedonia, the former			01.11.1999

Yugoslav Republic		
Mali		01.10.1987
Malta		01.06.2001
Mauritania		01.04.1998
Mauritius		01.06.2004
Moldova, the Republic of		01.04.2001
Monaco		01.06.1993
Mongolia		01.11.1999
Montenegro		01.03.2009
Morocco		01.11.1993
Mozambique		01.08.2009
New Zealand		01.10.2000
Nigeria		01.01.1987
Norway ^{13 14 15 16}		01.08.1985
Pakistan		01.12.1987
Palau		01.02.2008
Panama		01.05.1989
Paraguay		01.01.1999
Peru		01.06.1997
Poland		01.05.1996
Portugal		01.11.1983
Romania		01.07.1998
Rwanda		01.06.2005
Samoa		01.11.2005
Sao Tome and Principe		01.12.2001
Saudi Arabia		01.03.1991
Senegal		01.06.1988
Serbia		01.03.2008
Seychelles		01.08.2005
Simbabwe	01.03.2012	01.06.2011
Slovakia		01.03.1995
Slovenia		01.02.1999
Somalia		01.02.1986
South Africa		01.12.1991
Spain		01.05.1985
Sri Lanka		01.09.1990
Swaziland	26.10.2012	01.01.2013
Sweden		01.11.1983
Switzerland		01.07.1995
Tajikistan		01.02.2001
Tanzania, the United Republic of		01.07.1999
the Congo		01.01.2000
the Cook Islands		01.08.2006
the Czech Republic		01.05.1994
the Netherlands ¹		01.11.1983
the Niger		01.11.1983
the Philippines		01.02.1994
the Syrian Arab Republic		01.06.2003

¹ The Convention has been declared effective with respect to the Carribian Part of the Netherlands (Bonaire, Saba, Sint Eustatius), Curaçao, and Sint Maarten as of 10th October 2010.

the United Kingdom ¹⁸	01.10.1985
Togo	01.02.1996
Tunisia	01.08.1987
Uganda	01.08.2000
Ukraine	01.11.1999
Uruguay	01.05.1990
Uzbekistan	01.09.1998
Yemen	01.12.2006

(All dates are given in the format dd.mm.yyyy.)

¹ **Argentina** (reservation):

„La REPUBLICA ARGENTINA rechaza la inclusión de la vicuña (lama vicugna) en el Apéndice I de esta Convención, por considerar que esta especie no es migratoria.”

² **Australia** (declaration):

„Australia has a federal constitutional system in which legislative, executive and judicial powers are shared or distributed between its central, State and Territory authorities.
The implementation of the Convention throughout Australia will be effected by the Federal, State and Territory Governments having regard to their respective constitutional powers and arrangements concerning their exercise.”

³ **Bolivia, the Plurinational State of** (reservation):

“Reserva a la inclusión de la vicuña (Vicugna vicugna) de Bolivia en el Apéndice I de la Convención sobre la Conservación de las Especies Migratorias de Animales Silvestres, en razón a que su población se ha incrementado de 1097 ejemplares en 1965 a 56, 383 especímenes como resultado del censo practicado el año 2001. En consecuencia, esta especie debe continuar figurando solamente en el Apéndice II de la Convención (CMS).”

⁴ **China** (territorial application): The Convention applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997. The Convention ceased to apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997.

⁵ **Denmark** (territorial application; declaration effected 5 August 1982) The Convention does not apply to the Faroe Islands and Greeland.

⁶ **Denmark** (territorial application): The Convention applies to the Faroe Islands with effect from 7 April 1989.

⁷ **Denmark** (reservation, effected 20 December 2002):

“The Government of Denmark hereby gives notification in accordance with Article XI, Section 5, of the Convention that it makes a reservation to the effect that the changes to Appendix I and Appendix II of the Convention concerning the whale species mentioned above do not apply to the Faroe Islands and their surrounding waters. The changes will equally not apply to Greenland and its surrounding waters by virtue of the territorial reservation made at the time of the deposit by the Government of Denmark of its instrument of ratification of the Convention in 1982.”

⁸ **Denmark** (reservation, effected 17 February 2006):

“Referring to Article XI, 5 in the Convention, Denmark hereby makes a territorial reservation to the listing of Basking Sharks with regards to the Faroe Islands. The authorities of the Faroe Islands are of the view that matters regarding conservation and management of fishery resources, including sharks, fall under the domain of relevant regional fishery management organisations, as for instance the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), the North Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). On the basis of regional fishery resources, these organisations decide on matters regarding conservation and management at the regional level. Following a proposal by Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) NEAFC at its Annual Meeting in

November 2005 made a recommendation, based upon available advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) prohibiting all directed fishing of Basking Shark in the NEAFC Convention Area in 2006 and asking Contracting Parties to furnish ICES with data, including fisheries data, which could enable ICES to further evaluate the state of the stock.”

⁹ **European Economic Community** (declaration effected 12 July 1983): The Convention does not apply to Greenland.

¹⁰ **European Economic Community** (reservation, effected 1 March 2006):

“In accordance with Article XI of the CMS-Bonn Convention, an amendment to the Appendices shall enter into force for all Parties ninety days after the meeting of the Conference of the Parties at which it was adopted, except for those Parties, which make a reservation. The proposal for inclusion of *Cetorhinus maximus* in Appendix I of CMS-Bonn Convention, adopted at the last Conference of the Parties (COP8, November 2005) if accepted by the European Community, would require a change in EC law. Therefore, the European Community would like to hereby introduce a reservation on the inclusion of *Cetorhinus maximus* in Appendix I of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.”

¹¹ **European Union** According to Article 1 (3) of the Treaty on the European Union as amended by the Lisbon Treaty on 1 December 2009 the European Union shall replace and succeed the European Community.

¹² **France** (reservation):

«En déposant son instrument d’Approbation de cette Convention, le Gouvernement de la République française émet une réserve concernant l’annexe I Interprétation et relative à l’espèce ‘Chelonia mydas’ ou ‘tortue verte’.»

¹³ **Norway** (reservation): Reservation according to Article XI (6) of the Convention to the adoption of the white-beaked dolphin and of the Atlantic white-sided dolphin to Annex II of the Convention by the Second COP.

¹⁴ **Norway** (reservation): Reservation according to Article XI (6) of the Convention to the adoption of the orca and of the narwhale to Annex II of the Convention by the Third COP.

¹⁵ **Norway** (reservation, effected 11 December 2002):

“... the Government of Norway hereby lodges a formal reservation, in accordance with Article XI 6 of the Convention, against the amendments adopted at the seventh Conference of the Parties (COP7), held in Bonn, Germany, on 18 – 24 September 2002, regarding the inclusion of the following species in Appendices I and II of the Convention:

1. *Balaenoptera bonaerensis* – Antarctic Minke Whale
(in Appendix II)
2. *Balaenoptera edeni* – Bryde’s Whale
(in Appendix II)
3. *Balaenoptera physalus* – Fin Whale
(in Appendices I and II)
4. *Balaenoptera borealis* – Sei Whale
(in Appendices I and II)
5. *Caperea marginata* – Pygmy Right Whale
(in Appendix II)
6. *Physeter macrocephalus* (syn. catodon)– Sperm Whale
(in Appendices I and II)
7. *Orcinus orca* – Killer Whale
(in Appendix II)
8. *Carcharodon carcharias* – Great WhiteShark
(in Appendices I and II).”

¹⁶ **Norway** (reservation, effected 24 February 2006):

“The Conference of the Parties to the Convention of Migratory Species (CMS) at its 8th meeting in Nairobi, Kenya 21 – 25 November, accepted the inclusion in Appendix I (Article III: Endangered migratory species) and II (Article IV: Migratory species to be the Subject of Agreements) of the following species:

Cetorhinus maximus (Basking shark)

In accordance with Article X, paragraph 6 of the Convention, the Government of Norway hereby notifies the Government of Germany, Depositary Government of the Convention that it has decided to make a reservation to the inclusions mentioned above. With the respect to the inclusion in Appendix I and Appendix II of the above mentioned species, the Norwegian Government considers that the listing of this species does not comply with the criteria for species to be included in Appendix I and Appendix II of the Convention. Also, the Basking shark is within the purview of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), which at its 24th Annual Meeting recommended that no fishery should be undertaken in the Convention Area in 2006. The Commission also called for compilation of data to better assess stock status. The Norwegian Government will closely follow the work carried out in the NEAFC and FAO on this species. Based on the development of the on-going initiatives Norway may review its reservation of Basking shark in Appendix II of the CMS at a later stage.”

¹⁷ **Syrian Arab Republic** (the instrument of accession contained the following declaration)

(Translation)

“Under no circumstances shall the accession of the Syrian Arab republic to this Convention, as amended, imply recognition of Israel or occasion its entry with the latter into any of the transactions regulated by the provisions of the same, as amended.”

¹⁸ **United Kingdom** (territorial application, effected 20 August 1992): The Convention applies to the Isle of Man with effect from 1 November 1992.