Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

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Why in News?

The 15th Meeting of the COP15 to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) will take place in Brazil from 23 to 29 March 2026.

- **CMS** – It is an *international environmental treaty that* provides a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory animals and their habitats.
- **Under the** – Agies of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- **Also known as** – The CMS of Wild Animals is popularly known as *the Bonn Convention*.
- **Conception** – It began at the *1972 Stockholm Conference* on the Human Environment.
- **Launched in** – Signed in 1979 in Bonn, Germany, while it entered into force in 1983.
- **Secretariat** – Provided by UNEP, based in Bonn, Germany.
- **Purpose & Scope**
  - Brings together range states—countries through which migratory animals pass.
  - Establishes cooperative conservation measures to protect migratory species and their habitats.
- **Members** – There are 133 (as of 2022). Jamaica has signed but not ratified to become a party yet.
- **India's Role** – India is a Party to the CMS and actively participates in conservation efforts.
- **Not Party** – Major countries not party to the Convention include China, Russia, the United States, Canada, and Japan.
- **Appendices of the Convention**
  - **Appendix I** – Lists migratory species threatened with extinction.
  - Parties commit to strict protection, habitat conservation, and removal of obstacles to migration.
  - **Appendix II** – Includes species that require or would benefit from international cooperation.

> *CMS is the only global convention specialising in the conservation of migratory species, their habitats and migration routes.*

Quick Fact

COP 15 0f CMS

• **Location** – Campo Grande, Brazil, this is the first time CMS COP is hosted in Brazil.
• **Theme** – Connecting Nature to Sustain Life.
• **Organisers** – UNEP & CMS Secretariat, hosted by the Government of Brazil
• **Participants** – Governments, conservation organisations, Indigenous peoples, local communities, scientists, and other stakeholders.
• **COP15 Logo** – Features the Jaguar, Amazonian Catfish, and sea birds, representing Brazil's rich biodiversity and the wide range of species under discussion.



Reference

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