

## Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

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### Why in News?

The 15<sup>th</sup> 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 of 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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