

EUROPEAN EELS AND CMS

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Convention on Migratory Species



CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

- ✓ Global Treaty
 - ✓ 130 Parties
 - ✓ Framework Convention
 - ✓ High seas – inland areas
 - ✓ Secretariat Bonn, Germany
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- ✓ Overall Goal: Conservation of migratory species and their habitats throughout their entire range



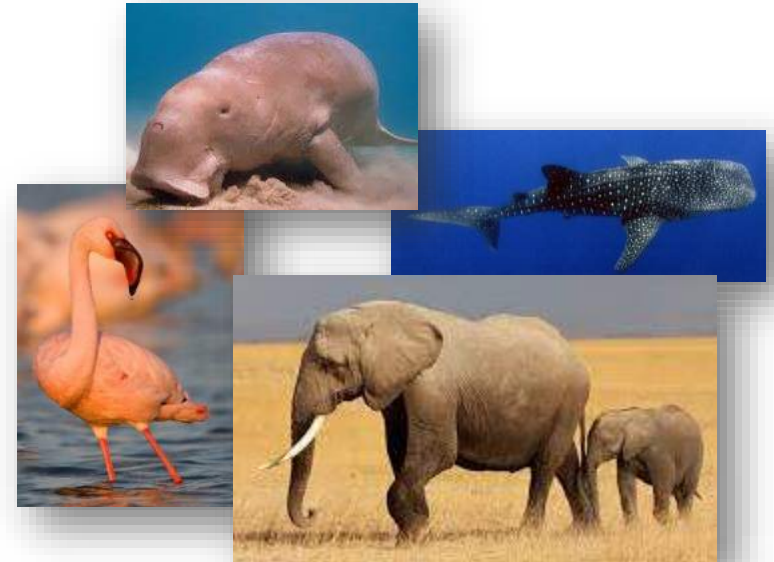
Appendix I

Migratory species threatened with extinction



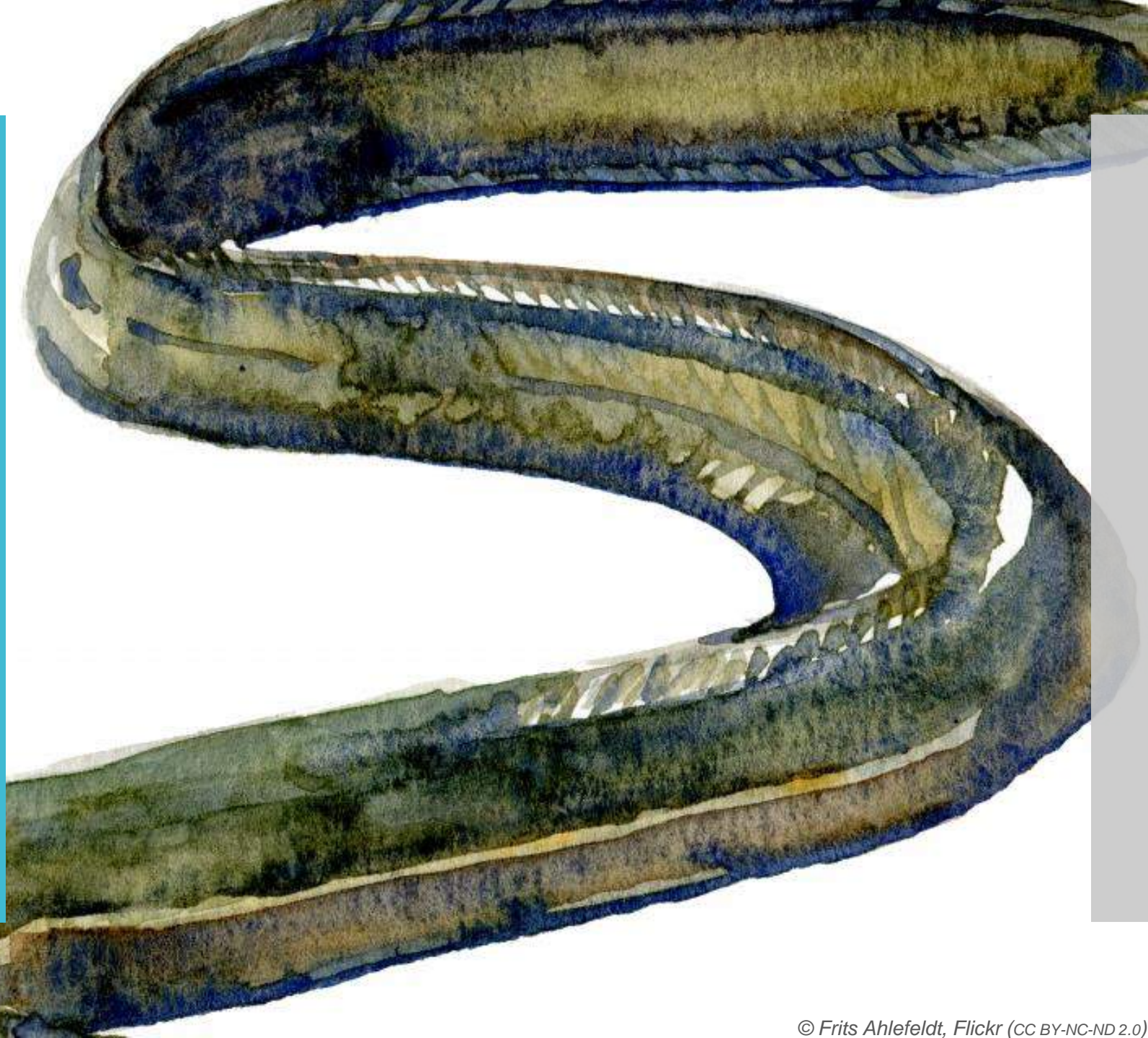
Appendix II

Migratory species whose conservation requires international cooperation



EUROPEAN EEL (*ANGUILLA ANGUILLA*) UNDER CMS

The European Eel was
added to Appendix II of
CMS in 2014, at COP11



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Range States to the European Eel (CMS Parties in green)



MEETINGS OF RANGE STATES OF THE EUROPEAN EEL

- 1st meeting of European Eel Range States and global experts October 2016 in Galway Ireland.
- 2nd Range State Workshop on the European Eel, Malmö, Sweden, May 2018.
- 3rd Range State Meeting on the European Eel, Malmö, Sweden, June 2019
 - Discuss potential instruments under CMS to conserve the species, including Action Plan
 - Request CMS COP13 to chart a way forward.



EUROPEAN EEL AT CMS COP13

FEBRUARY 2020

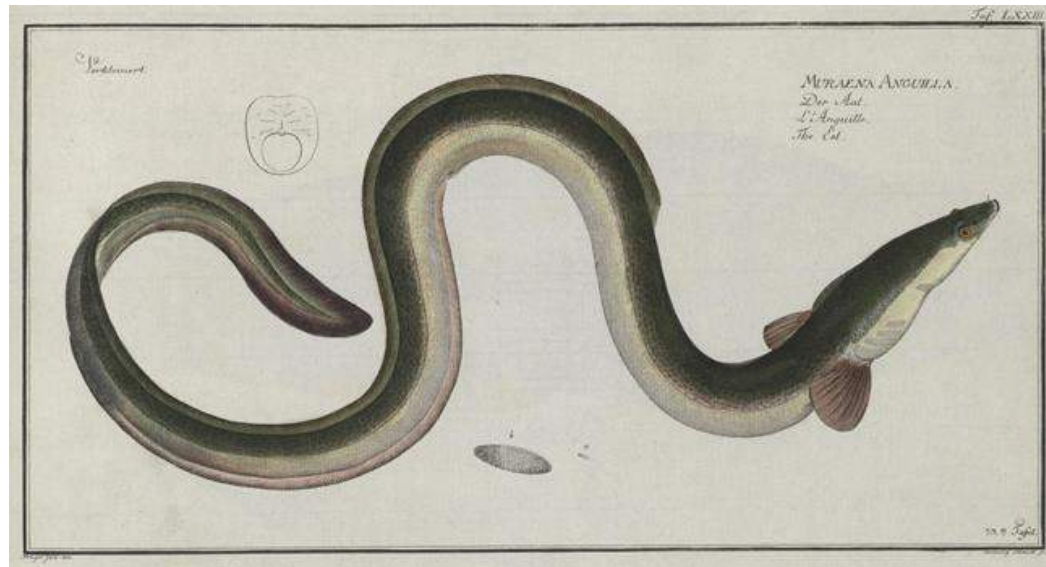
- Considered outline of draft Action Plan and list of threats
- Requested Secretariat to continue consultations with Range States.
- Anticipated adoption of Action Plan before COP 14.



ONGOING
CONSULTATIONS
WITH RANGE
STATES AND
OTHER
STAKEHOLDERS

Single Species Action Plan for the European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*)

- Zero draft for comments on structure and direction (June 2020)
- Sub-Regional consultations with Range States (3rd quarter, 2020)
- Comments on drafts
- NGOs and IGOs encouraged to engage
- Meeting to finalize draft Action Plan (Sweden, *date tbc*)
- To be adoption by CMS Standing Committee 2021-22





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