

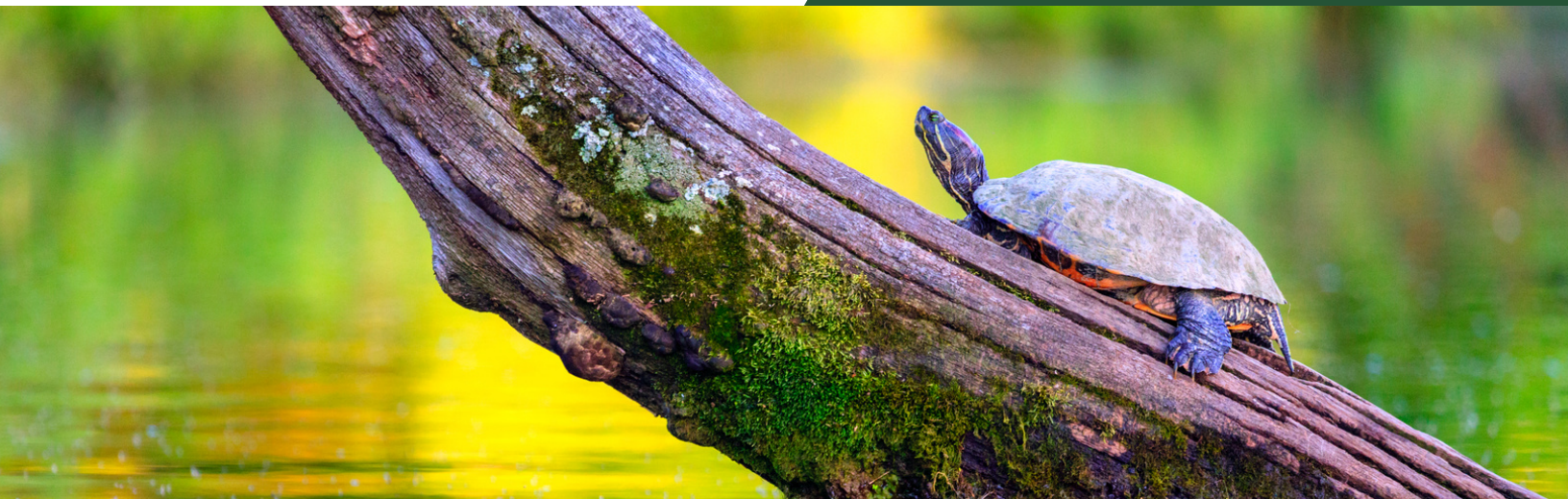
# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



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Updates



## COMMUNICATIONS

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT:

You can provide input on AFWA positions and recommendations for the CMS CoP. We have contacted other committees; and state, Provincial, and Territorial staff that have expertise on key issues (see next page). You can email [Deb Hahn](#) your input and/or attend the January 8th meeting.

### ACTIONS:

Committee members and partners are invited to [REGISTER HERE](#) for the virtual Committee meeting.

### RECENT/UPCOMING MEETINGS AND DATES OF INTEREST:

- CITES Workshop on Non-Detriment Findings (NDFs), December 4th to 8th, 2024
- CITES Technical workshop on songbird trade and conservation management, December 11th to 14th, 2024
- **Virtual AFWA International Relations Committee meeting: January 8th 2024, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm EST**
- Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) Conference of the Parties (CoP): February 12th to 17th, 2024

## Updates

### International Relations Committee Meeting

#### Draft Agenda

- **Social Acceptance of Hunting:** Share information about [FACE's](#) efforts to assess and promote the social acceptance of hunting across Europe/ Share ideas and information.
- **Convention on Migratory Species Conference of the Parties:** (continued next page)

### CMS

The 14th Conference of the Parties of CMS will finalize decisions on several topics of interest. Even though the US and Canada are not signatories to CMS, decisions influence the work of CITES and IUCN and therefore can influence domestic policy. The Committee will engage with the US State Department, the Canadian Wildlife Service, other partners. (continued next page)

### CITES

We attended the November Standing Committee. Topics that are on our radar include American eel discussions, the nexus between reducing the risk of future pandemics and CITES, how to use available data to identify species at risk of extinction from international trade, and the development of guidance on Non-detriment Findings. The next meeting is the Animals Committee. It will be in July 2024.

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The Committee continues to explore what integrating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) into its work looks like. How do we ensure that all voices are heard? How do we ensure that our products are informed by diverse input? How do we create an environment where everyone feels welcome and that is inclusive?

The International Relations Committee guides involvement in and/or engages on international conventions, initiatives, agreements, and policies that impact U.S. state and Canadian provincial and territorial fish and wildlife agencies.

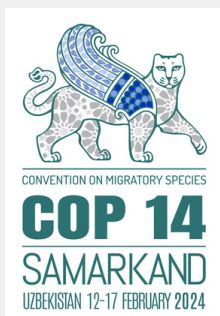
# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Provide information about the topics that are up for discussion at the February 2024 CMS CoP. Discuss potential positions/recommendations.

- CITES NDF Workshop Update
- Partner Updates/Issues
  - SCI (elephant and rhino imports), Jeremy Clare
  - CIC updates, Sebastian Winkler

Don't forget to [REGISTER HERE](#) for the January 8th, 2024 virtual meeting.

For additional Committee information the following documents are available the [2023-2024 Work Plan](#), the September Committee [meeting summary](#), and the Committee purpose is available [here](#).



Topics of interest that the Committee will review and consider developing recommendations for include the following:

1. [New Strategic Plan for Migratory Species](#)
2. [Atlas of Animal Migration](#)
3. [Assessment of the risk posed to CMS Appendix I-listed species by direct use and trade](#)
4. [Prevention of illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds](#)
5. [Preventing poisoning of migratory birds](#)
6. [Initiative for the Jaguar](#)
7. [Priorities for addressing illegal and unsustainable intentional take](#)
8. [Terrestrial and avian wild meat](#)
9. [Ecological connectivity Policy and ecological connectivity technical](#)
10. [Community participation and livelihoods](#)
11. [Renewable energy and powerlines](#)
12. [Climate change](#)
13. [Wildlife disease](#)
14. [Conservation implications of animal culture](#)



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