

Q How will India's Proposals at UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) help in Sustainable Management and Conservation of Migratory Species? Explain?

The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. It works under the Agency of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). CMS is the only global and UN based intergovernmental organization established exclusively for conservation and management of terrestrial, aquatic, and avian migratory species throughout their range.

"Gandhinagar declaration"

Is ensuring ecological connectivity especially for sustainable management and conservation of migratory species.

India's Proposal

India proposed inclusion of three species
[Indico Elephant, Great Indian Bustard, Bengal Florican]
in to Appendix-1, for their greater conservation.

Motive behind the Move.

1) Indico elephant:- is an endangered species,
and once its range is from west Asia to east
of Yamzhe River but now it will be shrunk to only
13 Asian countries. Then conservation is very very
essential

2) Great Indian Bustard:- already a critically
endangered species, now only 154 individuals
left, and habitat shrunk to 10% from its historical
range, now range spread between India and
Pakistan then mutual cooperation in conservation
needed

3) Bengal Florican: Habitat shrunk now only
1000 individuals left, it is also a critically
endangered species.

Outcomes of Proposals

Major Countries accepted the Proposals especially the Bengladesh, the Carion plays an important role in conservation of South Indian Elephant and Bengal Tiger. But the Silence of Pakistan on this Proposals lags the Conservation, because the Critically Endangered Indian Tiger undergoes threats from Pakistan like Poaching etc. Bilateral Cooperation should accelerate

Way Forward

1) Apart from these three species India also proposed for the conservation of Jaguar, the tiger and some other species, India should again propose the other species for its conservation.

2) India's Conservation and Sustainable management agenda widely accepted, but the lack of Pakistan support it remains as incomplete, then India will take steps for Pakistan's mutual cooperation.