Ref.: SCBD/OIC/BD/RH/86169 20 December 2016

**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**Information on measures adopted to promote ecologically sustainable boat-based
marine wildlife watching**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to a notification issued by the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), requesting Parties to provide information on measures adopted to promote ecologically sustainable boat-based marine wildlife watching, as requested in [CMS Resolution 11.29](http://www.cms.int/en/document/sustainable-boat-based-marine-wildlife-watching). Parties are invited to return the questionnaire contained in Annex 1 of [notification 2016/038](http://www.cms.int/en/news/2016038-request-information-steps-taken-implement-resolution-1129-sustainable-boat-based-marine) to the CMS Secretariat **by 15 February 2017**. The questionnaire is annexed to this notification.

Countries that are not a Party to CMS but wish to contribute such information are invited to send their submission to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity so that it can be transmitted to the CMS Secretariat.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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 Executive Secretary

Enclosure

Annex

INFORMATION REQUEST ON STEPS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT CMS RESOLUTION 11.29 ON SUSTAINABLE BOAT-BASED MARINE WILDLIFE WATCHING

**Questionnaire**

(please return to cms.secretariat@cms.int by 15 February 2017)

**Country: [please indicate]**

1. In your country’s area of jurisdiction, do commercial operations involving marine boat-based wildlife watching take place?

Yes ☐ No ☐

1. If yes, has your country adopted measures such as national guidelines, codes of conduct, and if necessary, national legislation, binding regulations or other regulatory tools, to promote ecologically sustainable wildlife watching?

Yes ☐ No ☐

1. If your country has adopted measures, please make available copies to the Secretariat (as attachment of hyperlink) and use the box below to provide an overview of the measures taken by your country, where applicable differentiated by sea area and taxonomic group.

If the documents are not available in English, French or Spanish, please describe the measures in detail.

1. If your country has adopted measures, do these also, insofar as they are applicable, cover opportunistic wildlife watching during other commercial and private boat-based activities?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Please provide details and links as appropriate.

1. If your country has adopted measures, have these undergone periodic review to enable any impacts detected through research and monitoring of the populations to be taken into account as necessary?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Please provide details and links as appropriate.