

Resolution 27 concerning the implementation of the Bern Convention

First of all, i did not receive any information on implementation of this resolution from members.

Re operative paragraph 1:

The Bern Convention would definitely deserve greater international awareness.

Re operative paragraph 2:

I am not aware of any monitoring of implementation of the Berne Convention (neither the CMS by the way).

Re operative paragraph 3:

I am not aware of any specific cooperation of IUCN members not at the same time members of the Bern Convention, but I am quite convinced that many NGO members of IUCN cooperate actively in implementing the Bern Convention issues.

Re operative paragraph 4:

Many IUCN State members do support the implementation of the CMS African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan, including through the Bern Convention, notably its Group of Experts on Birds.

Re operative paragraph 5:

This is the crucial point: in nearly all resolutions, recommendations and decisions passed and adopted by the parties to biodiversity related intergovernmental treaties, including the Bern Convention and CMS there is a strong appeal to parties to support their implementation. However, in negotiating the budget of these conventions, most parties and especially the parties “with the greater capacity to provide economic and technical support” fight for “zero increase” in the budget or worse.

Re operative paragraph 6:

Nonetheless and in spite of the poor means and the low willingness to provide the necessary means, there is an astonishingly fruitful cooperation between conventions dealing with migratory animals; one of the striking examples of this is the collaboration of the Bern Convention with the CMS with respect to fighting illegal killing of birds in Europe, the whole Mediterranean and worldwide.

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