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**Recommendation**  
**on the implementation of an Action Plan**  
**for the conservation of the White-tailed Sea Eagle**  
**(*Haliaeetus albicilla*) along the Danube**

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of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats

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**Recommendation No. 156 (2011) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 2 December 2011, on the implementation of an Action Plan for the conservation of the White-tailed Sea Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) along the Danube**

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under Article 14 of the Convention;

Having regard to the aims of the Convention, which are to conserve wild flora and fauna and their natural habitats;

Recalling that the Convention gives particular emphasis to the conservation of endangered and vulnerable species;

Recalling that Article 3 of the Convention requires Parties to take steps to promote national policies for the conservation of wild flora, wild fauna and natural habitats, with particular attention to endangered and vulnerable species, especially endemic ones, and endangered habitats;

Recalling that Article 4.1 of the Convention requires Parties to take appropriate and necessary legislative and administrative measures to ensure the conservation of the habitats of the wild flora and fauna species, especially those specified in Appendices I and II, and the conservation of endangered natural habitats;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 92 (2002) on sixteen new Action Plans for most threatened birds in the Convention's area which invites Parties to carry out (or, if appropriate, reinforce) National Action Plans for sixteen bird species, including the White-tailed Sea Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) ;

Aware that the design and implementation of recovery plans may be a useful tool to redress the situation of European globally threatened birds and recalling in this context its Recommendation No. 59 (1997) on the drafting and implementation of action plans of wild fauna species;

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia;

Referring to the Action Plan submitted by DANUBEPARKS – The Danube River Network of Protected Areas, and presented in the following document: T-PVS/Inf(2011)28 on the conservation of the White-tailed Sea Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) along the Danube;

Emphasising that the White Tailed Sea Eagle is an excellent European flagship species for biodiversity conservation that highlights the need for cross-border conservation efforts;

Noting that Protected Areas play a pivotal role as breeding sites for the White-tailed Sea Eagle in the Danube region;

Recommends that relevant Contracting Parties to the Convention:

1. Draw-up and implement national action plans or other relevant measures, as appropriate, on the White-tailed Sea Eagle, taking into account the international action plan mentioned above;
2. Keep the Standing Committee informed of measures taken to implement this recommendation.