



Convention on the Conservation
of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats

Standing Committee

**Recommendation No. 150 (2010) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 9 December 2010,
on the European Charter on Recreational fishing and Biodiversity**

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

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

Noting that integrated ecosystem management and habitat protection have great advantages for the preservation of biodiversity and should go hand in hand with species protection efforts;

Aware that the identification of processes and categories of activities which have or are likely to have significant adverse impact on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (as stated in Article 7 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, CBD) are also of utmost importance for the preservation of threatened species;

Recalling Decision V/6 of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD on the Ecosystem Approach, adopted in 2000, and including the 12 principles of the Ecosystem Approach;

Recalling the 2003 Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity, which includes the commitment to ‘halt the loss of biodiversity by 2010’, as adopted by Environment Ministers and Heads of delegation from 51 countries in the Pan-European region;

Recalling Decision VII/12 of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD on Sustainable Use, adopted in 2004, and including the Addis Abeba Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity;

Recalling the 2010 Bern Declaration on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Europe: 2010 and beyond;

Recalling its Recommendation N°128(2007) on the European Charter on Hunting and Biodiversity;

Recognising that the 2010 biodiversity target has not been achieved;

Desirous to avoid a further loss of biological diversity in Europe;

Having regard to the EIFAC (European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission) Code of practice for recreational fisheries, to the FAO Code of conduct for responsible fisheries and other relevant policy regarding fishing;

Acknowledging the complementarity of these different instruments;

Desirous to ensure that all forms of recreational fishing in Europe are practiced in a sustainable manner, avoiding negative impacts on biodiversity and making a positive contribution to the conservation of species and habitats;

Referring to the principles and guidelines included in the European Charter on Recreational Fishing and Biodiversity (document T-PVS/Inf(2010)3 revised);

Considering this Charter as guidelines for competent national authorities and relevant stakeholders as appropriate;

RECOMMENDS Contracting Parties to the Convention, and INVITES Observer States and Organisations, to take into consideration the European Charter on Recreational Fishing and Biodiversity and apply its principles in the elaboration and implementation of their policy on recreational fishing so as to ensure that recreational fishing is carried out in a sustainable way.

INVITES Contracting Parties to the Convention, Observers States and Organisations to take into consideration the Charter also in recreational fishing in coastal and maritime areas where appropriate.