



Dr Borja Heredia was appointed Scientific and Technical Officer at the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) in January 2010. Borja is well known to many in CMS circles as he has been Spain's representative on the Scientific Council, and has participated in several CMS COPs and MOU meetings, as well as being involved in other MEAs such as CBD and CITES.

Borja is a biologist with a PhD in Ecology from the University of Madrid. Since 1986 he has worked at the Spanish Ministry of Environment focussing on the conservation of threatened species, planning research, drawing up strategies and organising projects in the field. He has been involved in the conservation of several CMS Appendix I species including the Spanish Imperial Eagle, the White-headed Duck and the Mediterranean Monk Seal. The recovery of the Iberian Lynx has also been one of his main occupations in recent years, with a special emphasis on diseases that affect the Lynx and its main prey, the Mediterranean Rabbit. He also has experience of conflict resolution among different interest groups and has addressed many other factors affecting migratory species such as electrocution and invasive alien species.

From 1992 to 1995 he worked for BirdLife International in Cambridge, developing action plans for globally threatened birds in Europe.

At the CMS Secretariat Borja is responsible of the Science Unit where he deals with a number of cross cutting issues that affect migratory species, including climate change. Together with FAO he is co-convenor of the Task Force on Wildlife and Ecosystem Health that was created at the CMS Conference of the Parties in 2010, as an extension of the very successful Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza that CMS and other partners established in 2005.

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