



CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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ACTION PLANS FOR BIRDS

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 14th Meeting (Samarkand, February 2024)

Recalling Resolution 11.14¹ *Programme of Work for Migratory Birds and Flyways*, which recommended the development, adoption and implementation of species action plans for priority species in line with CMS priorities for Concerted and Cooperative Action, including the Yellow-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza aureola*), Baer's Pochard (*Aythya baeri*) and Far Eastern Curlew (*Numenius madagascariensis*),

Further recalling Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP12)² *Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region*, which requests the Landbirds Working Group and the Scientific Council, with the support of the CMS Secretariat, to develop as an emerging issue Action Plans for the Yellow-breasted Bunting, European Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) and European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*),

Further noting that the Baer's Pochard Action Plan was adopted by the 8th Meeting of Partners of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) in Japan in 2015; that the Far Eastern Curlew Action Plan was adopted by the 9th Meeting of Partners of EAAFP in Singapore in 2017, that the Dalmatian Pelican Action Plan was adopted by the 10th Meeting of Partners (MOP10) of EAAFP in Changjiang, China in 2018, that the Action Plans for the White-headed Duck and for the Dalmatian Pelican were adopted by the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) in Durban, South Africa, in 2018, and that the Christmas Island Frigatebird Action Plan was adopted by EAAFP MOP11, in Brisbane, Australia, in 2023,

Further noting the EuroSAP project, sponsored by the European Commission and coordinated by BirdLife International, under which the action plans for the European Turtle Dove, for the Dalmatian Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*) and for the White-headed Duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*), were finalized in early 2018,

Additionally noting that the CMS Standing Committee adopted the Action Plans for the European Turtle Dove, White-headed Duck and Dalmatian Pelican at its 48th meeting,

Acknowledging the progress made in the development of the Action Plan for the Yellow-breasted Bunting, including the sound scientific and participatory process towards its successful finalization and implementation,

Concerned about the conservation status of the Indian Skimmer (*Rynchops albicollis*) and its riverine and coastal habitats and noting the possible extinction of the species in South-East Asia as well as the severe population decline in South Asia detected in early 2020, and welcoming the initiative of the Governments of India and Bangladesh to develop a proposal for listing of the species under CMS as well as to lead on the development of an international

¹ The Resolution was repealed and consolidated into Resolution 12.11 *Flyways*, which was amended at COP14.

² The Resolution was amended by COP14.

single species action plan for the species together with other relevant Range States and stakeholders,

Noting that at the Raptors Memorandum of Understanding Third Meeting of Signatories, the Steppe Eagle was identified as a high priority species for the development of an International Single Species Action Plan in line with the 'Letter of proposal on the need to create a global action plan for the steppe eagle' sent to the Raptors MOU from the II International Scientific and Practical Conference 'Eagles of Palearctic: Study and Conservation' in September 2018, which called on CMS to progress action for the conservation of the Steppe Eagle, and

Noting the importance of species action plans to contribute to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to halt and reverse biodiversity loss and in particular halt human-induced extinctions and significantly reduce species extinction risk, as well as to maintain and restore genetic diversity within and between populations of wild species,

*The Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Adopts* the following species action plans as submitted to COP12:
UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.7.- Action Plan for the Far Eastern Curlew;
UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.8.- Action Plan for the Baer's Pochard;
UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.9.- Action Plan for the European Roller;
2. *Adopts* the following species action plans as submitted to COP14:
UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.28.5.2/Rev.1 - *International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Christmas Island Frigatebird*;
UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.28.5.3/Rev.1 - *Action Plan for the Great Bustard in Asia*;
3. *Acknowledges* the adoption of the Action Plans for the White-headed Duck, the European Turtle Dove and the Dalmatian Pelican by the 48th Meeting of the Standing Committee, as submitted in documents, pursuant to its mandate from the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
UNEP/CMS/StC48/Doc.18 *Adoption of Bird Species Action Plans*;
UNEP/CMS/StC48/Doc.18/Annex 1 *International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the White-headed Duck*;
UNEP/CMS/StC48/Doc.18/Annex 2/Rev.1 *International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the European Turtle Dove*;
UNEP/CMS/StC48/Doc.18/Annex 3 *International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Dalmatian Pelican*;
4. *Urges* Parties and *invites* non-Party Range States to implement relevant provisions of all of the action plans for birds that have been adopted by the Conference of the Parties to date;
5. *Encourages* other Parties to provide technical and/or financial support to activities outlined in the action plans; and

6. *Requests* Parties to report on progress in the implementation of the action plans at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties via their national reports, including with regard to the Yellow-breasted Bunting Action Plan and the Sooty Falcon Action Plan upon its finalization.