



CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD
ANIMALS

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PROGRAMME OF WORK (POW)
FOR
THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS WORKING GROUP
ON
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS ACTION PLAN (AEMLAP)

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1. INTRODUCTION

1. The priority actions in this Programme of Work (POW) were identified during the second meeting of the African Eurasian Migratory Land birds Working Group (AEML-WG) which took place in Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan in November, 2015.
2. The activities were arrived at taking into consideration, the: a) thematic areas and priority actions in the African Eurasian Migratory Land Birds Action Plan (AEMLAP)¹; b) ongoing regional or international efforts contributing to the conservation of migratory landbirds; and c) priority regions within the African Eurasian flyway.
3. The implementation of the POW seeks collaboration with existing programmes for greater impact.
4. This POW contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)² particularly Goal 15 on sustainable management of ecosystems, combating desertification and halting of biodiversity loss. Specifically, the actions of POW are relevant to target 2, 5, 7 and 9c of this goal.
5. The budget estimates are only provisional and are mainly aimed at undertaking preparatory activities to identify cogent actions for conservation of landbirds as per the AEMLAP thematic areas. Voluntary contributions are invited to realize the implementation of this POW.
6. The implementation of the POW will require coordination. A budgetary estimate for the AEML-WG Coordinator is EURO 100,000 per year, including staff time, administrative support and travel.
7. The POW was presented at the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council held the 18-21 April 2016 in Bonn and this version incorporates the comments and suggestions provided by the Sessional Committee.

¹ http://www.cms.int/saiga/sites/default/files/document/CMS-StC41-doc_19_1_aemlap_e.pdf

² <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/biodiversity/>

ACRONYMS

AEWA	African Eurasian Waterbird Agreement
APLORI	Anastasios P. Leventis Ornithological Research Institute (Nigeria)
BLI	BirdLife International
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
DD	Doğa Derneği, the BirdLife partner in Turkey
EU	European Union
EURING	European Union for Bird Ringing
EURO SAP	European Union Species Action Plan
FACE	European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GREPOM	Groupe de Recherche pour la Protection des Oiseaux au Maroc
IAR	Institute of Avian Research “Vogelwarte Helgoland” (Germany)
IUCN	The International Union for Conservation of Nature
IWC	International Waterbird Census
LPO	Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux (France)
LIFE	EU funding instrument for the environment and climate action
MAVA	MAVA Foundation (Maja, André, Vera, and Daria, Luc Hoffmann’s four children)
MME	BirdLife partner in Hungary
MSB	Migratory Soaring Birds Project
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NCF	Nigeria Conservation Foundation
ONCFS	Office National de la Chasse et de la Faune Sauvage (France)
OTOP	Polish Society for the Protection of Birds
RSPB	The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (UK)
SAFRING	South African Bird Ringing Unit
SEO	Spanish Ornithological Society
SPEA	Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds
TBC	To be confirmed
UNCCD	United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nation Environment Programme

2. PROGRAMME OF WORK MATRIX

No.	Thematic Area	Region	Action	Expected Results	Lead organizations	Partners	Time Frame	Budget Estimates
1.	Migratory Land birds habitat conservation	East Atlantic Flyway and West Africa	Hold a workshop on land use change for and in the West African region	Land use change issues versus migratory landbirds conservation advocated to stakeholders including policy makers and actors in the region	RSPB/NCF/CMS Secretariat	FAO/ UNEP/ UNDP/ UNCCD	2016 (Nov)	€40,000
			Seek synergies with relevant regional workshops and meetings (e.g. African Congress for Conservation Biology, Morocco, Sept 2016)	Migratory landbirds' plight and conservation profiled in relevant fora	RSPB/IAR	UNCCD	2016 – 2017	€20,000
			Support the development and implementation of pilot projects in West Africa that address key aspects of sustainable land use	Conservation of migratory landbirds implemented in a set of pilot	TBC	TBC	2017 – 2019	TBC

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2.	Migratory Land birds habitat conservation	Black Sea-Rift Valley/Red Sea-Eastern Africa Flyway	Promote the use of the CMS/ Migratory Soaring Birds Project (MSB) agricultural guidelines (Bird poisoning, agrochemicals and sustainable agriculture) within the region ³ Seek and create synergies with AEWA and the Raptors MOU	Application of available conservation tools beneficial to landbirds promoted Migratory landbirds benefit from ongoing programmes/ interventions from relevant CMS Family organizations and policy frameworks	BLI	International Center for the Study of Bird Migration (Israel), AEWA, Raptors MOU, MSB	2016 - 2017	€5,000
3.	Migratory Land birds habitat conservation	Aquatic Warbler flyway (Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, South	Seek synergies with the Aquatic Warbler MOU Investigate habitat	Migratory landbirds benefit from ongoing programmes/	OTOP	Aquatic Warbler Conservation Team	2016 - 2017	€3,000

³ Joint actions or partnerships with the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group to be developed as opportunities arise, especially when AEWA and/or Raptor MOU have activities which could also be beneficial to species, sites or habitats used by migratory landbirds

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		East Europe)	requirements of the Aquatic Warbler that could be shared by other species	interventions from relevant CMS Family organizations and policy frameworks				
4.	Migratory Land birds habitat conservation	Central and South Asia	Identify stop-over and wintering sites for migratory landbirds	Sites and habitats with potential for high conservation return for landbirds are identified and conserved	Bombay Natural History Society	CMS Focal points	2016 – 2020	€10,000
5.	Migratory Land birds habitat conservation	Sahara-Sahel	⁴ Identify and enhance conservation of the stop-over sites immediately to the north and south of the Sahara (including through data collection and seeking linkages with relevant stakeholders)	Sites with potential for high conservation return for landbirds are identified and conserved	TBC	Mediterranean Task Force on Illegal Killing of Birds, BLI/MAVA capacity building project, UNCCD, Great Green Wall Initiative, AEWA, Wetlands International (through IWC)	Up to 2017	€30,000
6.	Species conservation	Russia and East Asia	Develop an Action Plan for the Yellow Breasted	AEMLAP flagship species	BirdLife Asia, Russia,	TBC	2016 - 2017	TBC

⁴ These are sites that are used as stop overs by birds before or after crossing the Sahara in Africa

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	actions		Bunting (YBB), including a regional monitoring scheme and addressing illegal killing	conservation road map produced and implemented	China and Japan through bilateral relations			
7.	Species conservation actions	East Atlantic Flyway and West Africa plus Central Asia	Completion and implementation of the European Turtle Dove Action Plan	AEMLAP flagship species conservation road map produced and implemented	RSPB	LIFE+ EURO SAP Project, BLI partners: DD, GREPOM, LPO, RSPB, SEO, SPEA. Other Partners: FACE, ONCFS	2016-2018	€27,900 (SAP planning workshop)
8.	Species conservation actions	East Atlantic Flyway and West Africa plus Central Asia	Completion and implementation of the European Roller Action Plan	AEMLAP flagship species conservation road map produced and implemented	BLI	MME	2016-2017	TBC
9.	Species conservation actions	Cross-cutting theme for the African Eurasian Flyway	Update and review the AEMLAP annexes (reflecting the 2015 IUCN Red List changes and nomenclature)	The AEMLAP annexes reflects the most current conservation status as per IUCN Red List	CMS/BLI	IUCN	July 2016	Zero

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10.	Species conservation actions: monitoring	Cross-cutting theme for the African Eurasian Flyway	Support implementation of existing reporting platforms, data gathering using citizens science, tagging, ringing	Information gathering and reporting on migratory landbirds to support their conservation promoted	TBC	EURING, SAFRING	2016-2020	€ 1,000
11.	Collisions with man-made infrastructure (with priority in the energy sector)	Black Sea-Rift Valley/Red Sea-Eastern Africa	Promote the use of CMS renewable energy and power line guidelines in the region and seek and create synergies with the CMS Energy Task Force	Application of available conservation tools and processes beneficial to landbirds promoted	BLI (Africa and Middle East), CMS Parties/Focal points	Energy Task Force	2016-2017	€ 5,000
12.	Outreach and public awareness	Cross cutting theme for the African Eurasian Flyway	Operationalize the Friends of the Landbirds Action Plan (FLAP) project	Enthusiasts and stakeholders in conservation of migratory landbirds are able to exchange information and knowledge on the various aspects of AEMLAP	BLI	Spring Alive Project of BirdLife International	2016	€10,000

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13.	Outreach and public awareness: education/capacity building for landbirds conservation	Cross cutting theme for the African Eurasian Flyway	⁵ Improve capacity for migratory landbirds conservation within the region	Capacity (policy, research, education, etc) for migratory landbirds conservation enhanced	TBC	APLORI, University of Abidjan	2016 - 2020	€60,000
14.	Outreach and public awareness	Cross cutting theme for the African Eurasian Flyway	Create a workspace for information exchange and an online mechanism/template to undertake regular reporting on AEMLAP implementation	Reporting on progress made by stakeholders to implement AEMLAP supported	CMS Secretariat		2016 – 2017	Zero

⁵ Capacity for migratory landbirds could be through training on monitoring, bird identification provision of ornithological equipment, protected area identification and management, training of policy makers within government