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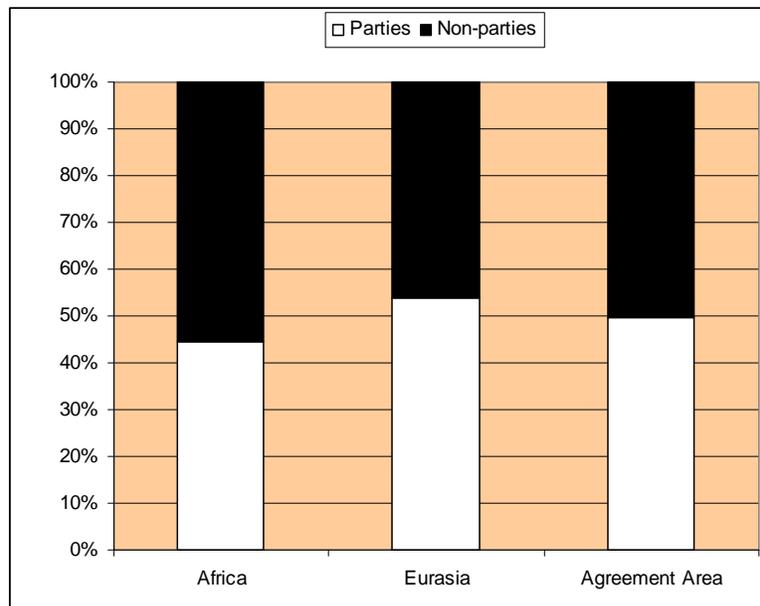
**SYNTHESIS OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AEW A PARTIES ON  
PHASING OUT OF LEAD SHOT USE FOR HUNTING IN WETLANDS**

*Prepared by the Secretariat*

**AEW A Contracting Parties (as of 1 August 2008) (59; 49% of the AEW A range states)**

**Africa (24; 44% of the AEW A range states in Africa):** Algeria, Benin, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda

**Eurasia (35; 54% of the AEW A range states in Eurasia):** Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, the European Community\*, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia the FYR, Moldova, Monaco, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan



*Figure 1. Proportion of Contracting Parties against Non-Contracting Parties (n=54 for Africa; n=65 for Eurasia; n=119 for the Agreement Area)*

\* Due to the reporting of the individual EU Member States, the European Commission was not required to report on behalf of the European Community

**AEWA Parties that have provided reports on the phasing out of lead shot (as of 22 August 2008) (46; 79% of due reports)**

**Africa (16; 67% of due reports):** Algeria, Benin, Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia

**Eurasia (30; 88% of due reports):** Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Ukraine, United Kingdom

**AEWA Parties that have not provided reports on the phasing out of lead shot (as of 22 August 2008) (12; 21% of due reports) (the parties which have not provided reports to two consecutive Meetings of the Parties are underlined)**

**Africa (8; 33% of due reports):** Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Niger, Uganda

**Eurasia (4; 12% of due reports):** Ireland, Macedonia the FYR, Monaco, Uzbekistan

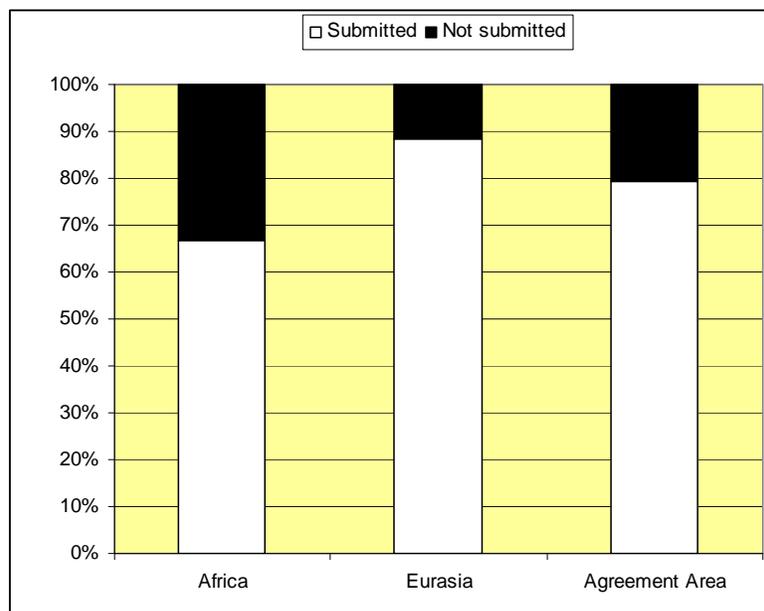


Figure 2. Rate of submission by Contracting Parties of reports on the progress in phasing out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands (n=24 for Africa; n=34 for Eurasia; n=58 for the Agreement Area)

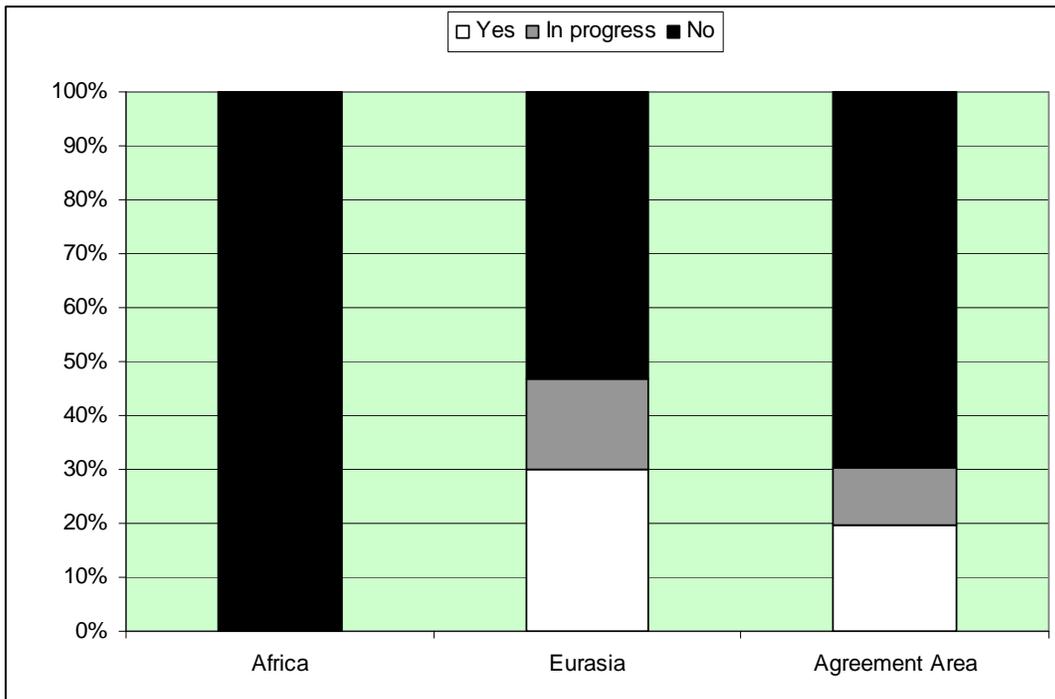
**AEWA Parties as of 1 September 2008 or later that were not required to provide reports on the phasing out of lead shot (3)**

**Eurasia (3):** Cyprus, Estonia, Norway

**Introduction:** MOP2 in Resolution 2.2 called upon Parties, *inter alia*, to report to each ordinary MOP on the progress they have made on phasing out lead shot use for hunting in wetlands. This synthesis is based on the reports provided by Contracting Parties by 20 August 2008. The high rate of response (79% of due reports compared to only 37% at MOP3 in 2005) is due to the dedicated lead shot use study undertaken by the Secretariat over the past triennium whereby the majority of the Contracting Parties submitted questionnaires (for this comprehensive study please see document AEWA/MOP 4.7). From the 13 Parties, which did not submit questionnaires, one reported on the progress in phasing out lead shot for hunting in wetlands through its National Report to MOP4.

This paper presents an interpretation of information provided by Contracting Parties, by the Secretariat. If any discrepancies are noticed, please inform the Secretariat.

**Summary:** Only one fifth of the reporting countries (9; 20%; only Eurasian countries) have already fully banned the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands (*Figure 1*). In several Eurasian countries (5; 10%) phasing out of the use of lead shot in wetlands is still in progress (i.e. a date for introducing a full ban is set or a full ban already introduced in part of the country’s territory). More than two thirds of the reporting Parties (32; 70%) have reported that no action on banning lead shot has been taken so far, amongst which are 16 Eurasian countries and all the 16 reporting African countries.



*Figure 3. Proportion of Contracting Parties by category reporting on the progress in phasing out of lead shot use for hunting in wetlands (n=16 for Africa; n=30 for Eurasia; n=46 for the Agreement Area)*

**Conclusions:** With 30% of full or partial bans in place the group of reporting countries has made moderate progress in phasing out the use of lead shot in wetlands. However, the lack of any action to date in a large proportion of reporting countries should be noted, particularly the complete lack of any action in all the reporting African Contracting Parties which represent 2/3 of the current AEWA Parties in Africa.

**Priorities:** All Parties should endeavor to declare a ban on the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands as soon as possible in accordance with the requirement of the Agreement (the deadline for completion of this action as currently stated in the AEWA Action Plan is year 2000). They should announce self-imposed deadlines and regularly report to the Secretariat.

**List of reporting countries by category:**

*Lead shot use in wetlands phased out*

**Eurasia:** Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland

*Phasing out lead shot use in wetlands in progress (ban already introduced in part of country's territory)*

**Eurasia:** Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Spain, United Kingdom

*Lead shot use in wetlands not yet phased out (no action)*

**Africa:** Algeria, Benin, Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia

**Eurasia:** Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Syria, Ukraine