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**DRAFT SINGLE SPECIES ACTION PLAN FOR THE  
FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca***

**INTRODUCTION**

The Single Species Action Plan for the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* has been initiated as a joint initiative of AEW and CMS. The plan covers the global range of the species. The drafting of the plan has been contracted out to BirdLife International and has been compiled by Dr. James Robinson & Dr. Baz Hughes (WWT, UK).

This draft represents a version that had been circulated amongst expert organisations within the species' range, and all amendments have been incorporated. It was afterwards sent out to the Range States to which the plan applies, and their feedback was sought until 15 May 2005. The European Commission was approached to coordinate the review within the EU through the Ornis Committee and communicate later on a unified feedback to the AEW and CMS secretariats.

The Technical Committee reviewed the present latest draft at its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2005 and made a few minor technical comments. They were transmitted by the Secretariat to the compilers of the SSAP, along with comments received from several of the Range States, to be incorporated. The final draft will be communicated by e-mail to the Technical Committee for approval upon its receipt from the compilers.

**ACTION REQUESTED FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

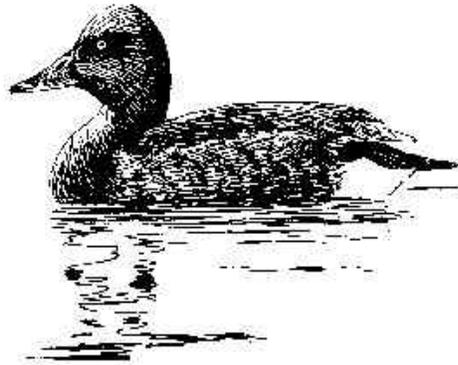
The Standing Committee is requested to principally approve the SSAP to be submitted to MOP3 with the provision that approval of the final draft by the Technical Committee is pending, but should be provided prior to MOP3.



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**International Single Species Action Plan for the  
Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*  
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Final draft: April 2005

### **Geographical Scope**

This International Single Species Action Plan requires implementation in the following countries regularly supporting *Aythya nyroca*: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic of), Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Moldova (Republic of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, and Yemen.

### **Reviews**

This International Single Species Action Plan should be revised in 2015. An emergency review will be undertaken if there are sudden major changes liable to affect the population.

### **Credits**

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## Executive Summary

The Ferruginous Duck is a little studied, partial migrant, widely distributed in Europe, Asia and Africa. During the first quarter of this century, it was described as one of the most plentiful Anatidae species over a great part of its range. Since then, it has undergone a large, long-term decline globally. The species is regularly recorded in 77 countries and in at least 22 others as a vagrant.

The most important known countries for breeding birds are Romania (5,500-6,500 pairs), Azerbaijan (1,000-3,000 pairs), and Croatia (2,000-3,000 pairs). In winter, significant numbers of birds have been counted in Bangladesh (70,000 birds), Mongolia (>30,000 birds), Turkmenistan (21,000 birds), Mali (up to 14,300 birds), Kazakhstan (>7,500 birds), Uzbekistan (>7,000 birds), Sudan (>5,000 birds), Egypt (7,500 birds), and Azerbaijan (1,000-9,000 birds).

Simply adding the national population estimates for the 35 countries with data on numbers of breeding pairs resulted in an estimated global breeding population of 14,000-21,000 pairs. Assuming winter numbers = breeding pairs x 3, this would equate to a wintering population of 42,000-63,000. Such calculations are fraught with difficulty, and taking into account recent winter counts of 70,000 birds in Pakistan, 30,000 in Mongolia, 21,000 in Turkmenistan, and 14,000 in Mali, it does seem that the global population is somewhat higher than the previous estimate of 50,000 birds. A minimum of at least 100,000 birds seems likely, but the true value may be even higher.

The Ferruginous Duck is thought to breed in 45 countries worldwide. Of those countries with trend data, no estimate of population trend was available for 16 (37%) countries. Most (13 or 48%) of the remaining 27 countries had decreasing numbers of breeding Ferruginous Ducks over the last seven year period and only two (Greece and Italy) had increasing numbers. Six countries (22%) experienced declines of at least 50%, and seven (26%) declines of 20-49%. In eight countries (30%) breeding numbers were stable and in four (15%) numbers fluctuated with changes of at least 20%, but with no clear trend since 1995. Trends in wintering numbers are unclear. Of 74 countries thought to hold wintering Ferruginous Ducks, no estimate of population trend was available for 56 (76%) countries. Of the 18 countries for which data were available, 11 countries (61%) had fluctuating numbers. Of the seven remaining countries, two experienced declines of at least 50%, three declines of 20-49% and two an increase of 20-49%.

The Ferruginous Duck is listed as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Animals. The species nearly qualifies for listing under criteria A1c and A2c. It is also listed on Annex I of the European Union Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds (79/409/EEC) (Birds Directive), on Appendix III of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention), on Appendix I of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention), and in Table 1, Column A of the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement action plan. The principal known threats to the Ferruginous Duck are habitat loss and degradation, climate change/drought, and over-hunting. Others include lead poisoning, drowning in fishing nets, pollution, introduction of non-native species (particularly Grass Carp *Ctenopharyngodon idella*), and human disturbance.

This International Single Species Action Plan provides a framework for the conservation for the Ferruginous Duck and is based on the format for the AEWI International Single Species Action Plan prepared by BirdLife International. Successful implementation of this plan will require effective international co-ordination of organisation and action. The broad aim of this

Action Plan will be to remove the Ferruginous Duck from the IUCN Red List of Threatened animals. In the short-term, the aim of the plan is to maintain the current population and range of the species throughout its range, and in the medium to long-term to promote increase in population size and range. The plan has been developed using internationally agreed standards for identifying actions and has been prepared specifically to facilitate the monitoring and evaluation of subsequent implementation, linking threats, actions and measurable activities.

This plan will need implementation in 77 countries. The 30 activities identified in this Action Plan focus on measures to prevent further habitat loss and degradation; to reduce direct mortality of adults and improve reproductive success; and to increase knowledge on the Ferruginous Duck. These measures include protecting the Ferruginous Duck and its habitats, appropriate management of key sites, and increasing public awareness of the need to conserve the Ferruginous Duck. Each country within the range of the Ferruginous Duck should be committed to implement this plan and to develop National Action Plans and establish Ferruginous Duck Working Groups to help facilitate this.

## 1. Biological Assessment

<p><b>General Information</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ferruginous Duck <i>Aythya nyroca</i> is a little studied, partial migrant, widely distributed in Europe, Asia and Africa. The species is regularly recorded in 77 countries and in at least 22 others as a vagrant. It breeds in at least 45 countries. It is listed as Near Threatened by the IUCN because its global population has declined markedly over recent decades (BirdLife International 2000, IUCN 2004).</li> <li>• An International Species Review by Robinson &amp; Hughes (2003) has been produced which provides detailed information on abundance, trends, population delimitation, ecology and threats across the range of this species. It is an essential companion document to this International Single Species Action Plan.</li> <li>• The first international workshop held for this species was convened in Tokaj (Hungary) in October 1996 and resulted in the production of a European Species Action Plan (Callaghan 1999). A second meeting was convened in Sofia, Bulgaria, in October 2002. Experts attended from throughout the range of the Ferruginous Duck and gave various presentations on the biology of the species and its conservation needs. The proceedings of this meeting have been published (Petkov <i>et al.</i> 2003), the content of which have been drawn upon extensively during the production of the International Species Review and this Action Plan.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Taxonomy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phylum: <i>Chordata</i></li> <li>• Class: <i>Aves</i></li> <li>• Order: <i>Anseriformes</i></li> <li>• Family: <i>Anatidae</i></li> <li>• Species: <i>Aythya nyroca</i> (Güldenstädt 1770)</li> <li>• Synonym: <i>Nyroca nyroca</i></li> <li>• Monotypic. Considered by some to form superspecies with <i>A. australis</i>, <i>A. baeri</i> and <i>A. innotata</i>. Hybridisation recorded with various species of <i>Aythya</i>, <i>Anas</i> and <i>Netta</i>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Population Development</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ferruginous Duck is a little studied, partial migrant, widely distributed in Europe, Asia and Africa. During the first quarter of this century, it was described as one of the most plentiful Anatidae species over a great part of its range. Since then, it has undergone a large, long-term decline globally. The species is regularly recorded in 77 countries and in at least 22 others as a vagrant.</li> <li>• The most important known countries for breeding birds are Romania (5,500-6,500 pairs), Azerbaijan (1,000-3,000 pairs), and Croatia (2,000-3,000 pairs). In winter, significant numbers of birds have been counted in Bangladesh (70,000 birds), Mongolia (&gt;30,000 birds), Turkmenistan (21,000 birds), Mali (up to 14,300 birds), Kazakhstan (&gt;7,500 birds), Uzbekistan (&gt;7,000 birds), Sudan (&gt;5,000 birds), Egypt (7,500 birds), and</li> </ul>

	<p>Azerbaijan (1,000-9,000 birds).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simply adding the national population estimates for the 35 countries with data on numbers of breeding pairs resulted in an estimated global breeding population of 14,000-21,000 pairs. Assuming winter numbers = breeding pairs x 3, this would equate to a wintering population of 42,000-63,000. Such calculations are fraught with difficulty, and taking into account recent winter counts of 70,000 birds in Pakistan, 30,000 in Mongolia, 21,000 in Turkmenistan, and 14,000 in Mali, it does seem that the global population is somewhat higher than the previous estimate of 50,000 birds. A minimum of at least 100,000 birds seems likely, but the true value may be even higher.</li> <li>The Ferruginous Duck is thought to breed in 45 countries worldwide. Of those countries with trend data, no estimate of population trend was available for 16 (37%) countries. Most (13 or 48%) of the remaining 27 countries had decreasing numbers of breeding Ferruginous Ducks over the last seven year period and only two (Greece and Italy) had increasing numbers. Six countries (22%) experienced declines of at least 50%, and seven (26%) declines of 20-49%. In eight countries (30%) breeding numbers were stable and in four (15%) numbers fluctuated with changes of at least 20%, but with no clear trend since 1995. Trends in wintering numbers are unclear. Of 74 countries thought to hold wintering Ferruginous Ducks, no estimate of population trend was available for 56 (76%) countries. Of the 18 countries for which data were available, 11 countries (61%) had fluctuating numbers. Of the seven remaining countries, two experienced declines of at least 50%, three declines of 20-49% and two an increase of 20-49%.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Distribution Throughout The Annual Cycle</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palaearctic, with a fragmented breeding distribution extending east from western Europe to western China (Xinjiang and northern Szechuan) and western Mongolia, and north from Iran to Lithuania (Figure 1).</li> <li>It is primarily a migratory species, although some southern breeding birds are thought to be resident. An accurate list of the countries used by the species through the annual cycle is presented in Table 1.</li> <li></li> </ul>		
<p><b>Survival and Productivity</b></p>	<p>Given the paucity of ringing information there are no known data on survival rates. Productivity data are also sparse.</p>		
<p><b>Life History</b></p>	<p><b>Breeding:</b> The species forms monogamous pair bonds of seasonal duration. The nest is usually located on the ground close to water, or above water or on floating rafts of dense reeds and other aquatic vegetation. A single clutch is laid containing 7-10 eggs. Incubation begins from late May to late June in southern Europe, and up to a month later further north. Eggs hatch after 25-28 days. Only one brood is reared</p>	<p><b>Feeding:</b> The species is omnivorous, but plant material predominates in analyses of stomach contents. Areas of shallow water close to dense littoral vegetation are</p>	<p><b>Post-breeding:</b> Moult movements are poorly understood, but large flocks of moulting individuals gather regularly, often in several larger deltas of eastern Europe (e.g. Volga, Dnestr and Danube). A number of Croatian fishponds support post-breeding flocks of several</p>

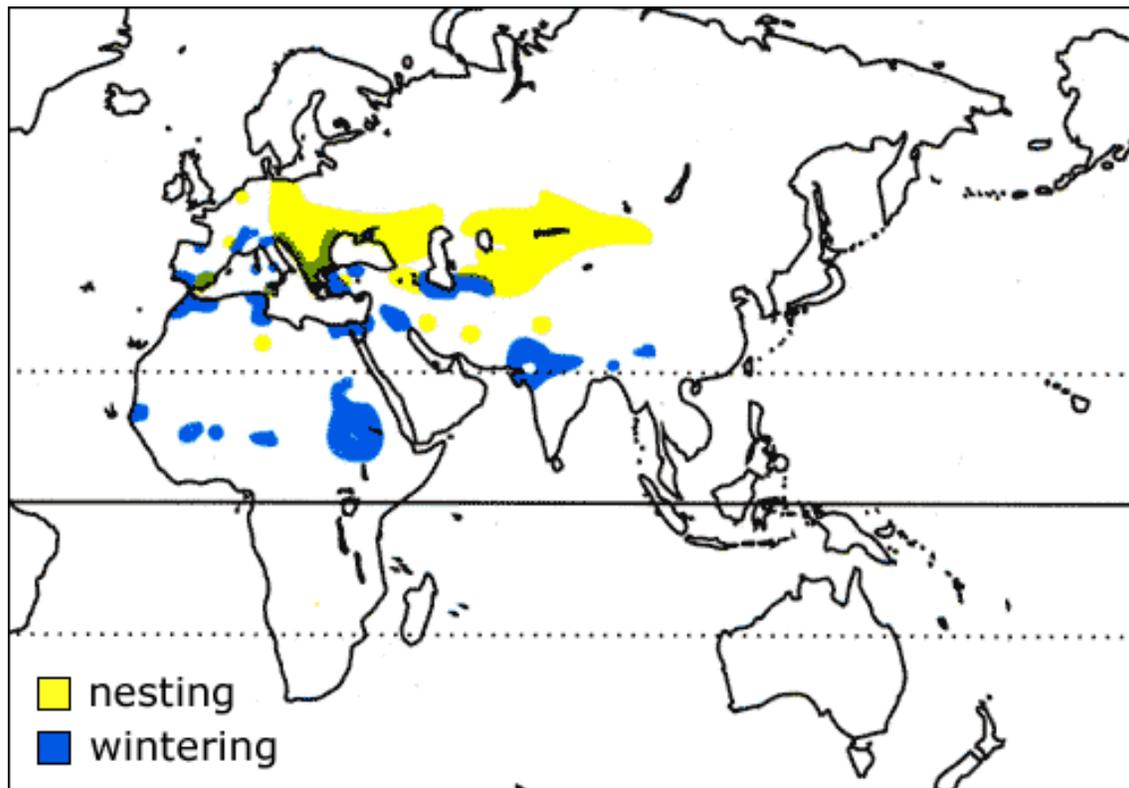
	per year. Brood size varies from 3-12 ducklings. Fledging takes 55-60 days.	favoured feeding areas.	hundred to thousands of birds. Departure from breeding localities begins in September and peaks in October. The first birds arrive back in the wintering areas south of the Sahara in late October.
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Habitat Requirements	Habitat Type*	Breeding	Non-breeding
	<b>5. Wetlands (inland)</b>		
	5.1. Permanent Rivers/Streams/Creeks [includes waterfalls]	■	■
	5.2. Seasonal/Intermittent/Irregular Rivers/Streams/Creeks	■	■
	5.3. Shrub Dominated Wetlands	■	■
	5.4.2. Marsh Wetland	■	■
	5.5. Permanent Freshwater Lakes [<8ha]	■	■
	5.6. Seasonal/Intermittent Freshwater Lakes [<8ha]	■	■
	5.7. Permanent Freshwater Marshes/Pools [<8ha]	■	■
	5.8. Seasonal/Intermittent Freshwater Marshes/Pools [<8ha]	■	■
	5.9. Freshwater Springs and Oases	■	■
	5.13. Permanent Inland Deltas	■	■
	5.14. Permanent Saline, Brackish or Alkaline Lakes	■	■
	5.15. Seasonal/Intermittent Saline, Brackish or Alkaline Lakes and Flats	■	■
	5.16. Permanent Saline, Brackish or Alkaline Marshes/Pools	■	■
	5.17. Seasonal/Intermittent Saline, Brackish or Alkaline Marshes/Pools	■	■
	<b>9. Sea</b>		
	9.2. Shallow [usually <6m deep at low tide; includes sea bays and straits]		■
	<b>10. Coastline</b>		
	10.3. Estuarine Waters	■	■
	10.6. Coastal Brackish/Saline Lagoons	■	■
	10.7. Coastal Freshwater Lagoons	■	■
	<b>12. Artificial – Aquatic</b>		
	12.1. Water Storage Areas (over 8ha)	■	■

12.2. Ponds (below 8ha)	■	■
12.3. Aquaculture Ponds	■	■
12.4. Salt Exploitation Sites	■	■
12.6. Wastewater Treatment Areas	■	■
12.9. Canals and Drainage Channels, Ditches	■	■

\* The number preceding each descriptor is the GLCC classification number, see:  
<http://edcdaac.usgs.gov/glcc/glcc.html>

Figure 1. Global distribution of the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*. Reproduced with kind permission from del Hoyo *et al.* (1992).



**Table 1. Geographical distribution of the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* during the annual cycle (v – vagrant only). Note country names follow those used by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Source: Robinson & Hughes (2003).**

<b>Breeding season (45 countries)</b>	<b>Non-breeding season</b>	
Afghanistan	Afghanistan	Luxembourg (v)
Albania	Albania	Maldives (v)
Algeria	Algeria	Mali
Armenia	Armenia	Malta
Austria	Azerbaijan	Mauritania
Azerbaijan	Bahrain (v)	Mongolia
Belarus	Bangladesh	Morocco
Belgium	Belgium	Myanmar
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Benin (v)	Nepal
Bulgaria	Bhutan	Niger
China	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Nigeria
Croatia	Bulgaria	Norway (v)
Czech Republic	Burkina Faso (v)	Oman
Georgia	Cameroon	Pakistan
Germany	Cape Verde (v)	Poland
Greece	Central African Republic	Portugal
Hungary	Chad	Qatar (v)
India	China	Republic of Moldova
Islamic Republic of Iran	Croatia	Romania
Israel	Cyprus	Russian Federation
Italy	Czech Republic	Saudi Arabia
Kazakhstan	Denmark (v)	Senegal
Latvia	Egypt	Serbia & Montenegro
Lithuania	Eritrea	Seychelles (v)
Mongolia	Ethiopia	Sierra Leone (v)
Morocco	Finland (v)	Slovakia
Poland	France	Slovenia
Portugal	Gambia	Spain
Republic of Moldova	Georgia	Sudan
Romania	Germany	Sweden (v)
Russian Federation	Ghana (v)	Switzerland
Saudi Arabia	Greece	Syrian Arab Republic
Serbia & Montenegro	Hong Kong (v)	Tajikistan
Slovakia	Hungary	Thailand
Slovenia	India	The FYR Macedonia
Spain	Iraq	The Netherlands
Switzerland	Ireland (v)	Togo (v)
Tajikistan	Islamic Republic of Iran	Tunisia
The FYR Macedonia	Israel	Turkey
The Netherlands	Italy	Turkmenistan
Tunisia	Japan (v)	Uganda (v)
Turkey	Jordan	Ukraine
Turkmenistan	Kazakhstan	United Arab Emirates
Ukraine	Kenya	United Kingdom (v)
Uzbekistan	Kuwait (v)	Uzbekistan
	Lebanon	Viet Nam
	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Yemen

<b>Breeding season (45 countries)</b>	<b>Non-breeding season</b>
	Liechtenstein (v)

## **2. Available Key Knowledge**

The most contemporary information on the numbers and trends for the Ferruginous Duck across its range is presented in Table 2. More detailed information on the populations, demography and ecology of the species and gaps in knowledge are presented in Robinson & Hughes (2003).

**Table 2. Numbers and trends for the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* in individual range states (in alphabetical order). (Grey cells represent periods when the species is probably not present in the country). Source: Robinson & Hughes (2003).**

Country	Breeding Season						Winter					
	No. Breeding (pairs)	Quality	Year(s) of Estimate	Trend	Quality	Year(s) of Estimate	No. Migrating or Non-breeding (indivs)	Quality	Year(s) of Estimate	Trend	Quality	
Afghanistan	?	-	-	?	-	-	>100	3	2002	?	-	
Albania	10-30	2	1996-2002	-1	3	1970-90	100-2,000	3	-	?	3	
Algeria	>600	3	1997-2002	?	-	-	<2,000	1	2002	?	-	
Armenia	5-30	1	1985	0	1	1990-2000	>500	1	1990-2000	?	?	
Austria	50-150	1	1998-2002	0	2	1970-90	0-5	1	1992-93	?	-	
Azerbaijan	1,000-3,000	2	1996-2000	0	2		1,000-9,000	-	1996	?	-	
Bangladesh							70,000	2	2002	?	-	
Belarus	50-200	2	1997-2001	0	2	1970-90						
Belgium							0-1	1	1985	F	2	
Bhutan							1-3	2	1996-2002	?	-	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8-10	3	1999-2000	0	3	-	0-500	2	1997	?	-	
Bulgaria	125-225	2	1998-2002	-1	2	1990-2000	0-100	2	1998-2002	F	2	
Cameroon							<100	3	2002	?	-	
Central African Republic							<100	3	2002	?	-	
Chad							8,530	2	2003	?	-	
China	?	-	-	?	-	-	>2,000	3	2002	?	-	
Croatia	2,000-3,000	2	2002	-2	2	1970-90	0-200	2		F	2	
Cyprus							1-100	1	1992-93	?	-	
Czech Republic	0-3	1	2000	?	1	2000	5-10	1	2000	?	-	
Egypt							7,500	3	1996	?	-	
Eritrea							<100	3	1996	?	-	
Ethiopia							<100	3	1996	?	-	
France							5	1	1989	F	1	
Gambia							<100	3	2002	?	-	
Georgia	10-1,000	3	1997	?	-	-	100-200	3	1997	?	-	
Germany	0-3	2	1995-1999	-2	3	1970-90	20-100	2	1992-93	F	2	
Greece	130-250	2	2002	+1	3	2002	50-300	2	1987-91	F	2	
Hungary	550-1,000	2	1997-2002	0	2	1997-2002	1	1	1991	?	-	
India	?	-	-	?	-	-	>3,000	3	2002	?	-	
Iraq							>1,000	3	2002	?	-	
Islamic Republic of Iran	<5	?	1998-2002	?	-	-	1,000-1,300	2	1998-2002	?	-	
Israel							150-300	2	2002	?	-	
Italy	70-100	2	2003	+1	2	2003	100-400	2	1983-2002	2	2	
Jordan							?	-	-	?	-	
Kazakhstan	>500	3	2002	?	-	-	>7,500	3	2002	?	-	
Kenya							<50	-	1996	?	-	
Latvia	0-5	1	1999-2000	?	1	1999-2000						

Country	Breeding Season						Winter				
	No. Breeding (pairs)	Quality	Year(s) of Estimate	Trend	Quality	Year(s) of Estimate	No. Migrating or Non-breeding (indivs)	Quality	Year(s) of Estimate	Trend	Quality
Lebanon							<100	3	2002	?	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya							?	-	-	?	-
Lithuania	10-30	2	1999-2001	F	2	1999-2001					
Mali							7,800-14,300	2	1999-2001	?	-
Malta							<100	3	2002	?	-
Mauritania							30-80	2	1998-2001	?	-
Mongolia	?	-	-	?	-	-	>30,000	2	1999	?	-
Morocco	?	-	-	?	-	-	>30	3	2002	?	-
Myanmar							>1,000	2	1995	?	-
Nepal							?	-	-	?	-
Niger							200-300	-	-	?	-
Nigeria							>2,000	2	1999-2000	?	-
Oman							10-40	3	1995-96	?	-
Pakistan							1,000-2,000	2	?	?	-
Poland	30-40	2	2000-2003	-2	2	2000-2003	5-300	2	1980-98	F	2
Portugal	0-2	2	2002	?	?	?	1-10	1	1991	?	-
Republic of Moldova	70-150	2	1999-2000	-2	2	1999-2000	300-1,000	2	1997	?	-
Romania	5,500-6,500	3	1996-2002	-1	3	1996-2002	1,000-4,000	2	1992-93	-1	2
Russian Federation	500-1,150	2	1990-2000	-1	3	1990-2000	350-570	2	2002	?	-
Saudi Arabia	1-3	3	1994	?	?	-	95	2	1991	?	-
Senegal							10-50	2	1999-2001	?	-
Serbia & Montenegro	450-600	2	1998-2003	-1	2	1995-2003	20-50	1	1998-2003	F	2
Slovakia	5-20	1	1980-1999	-2	2	1980-1999	5-15	2	2002	F	2
Slovenia	0-10	3	1999-2000	F	3	1999-2000	0-5	2	1992-93	?	-
Spain	1-10	2	1998-2002	F	3	1998-2002	1-40	2	1992-93	-2	2
Sudan							>5,000	3	1990s	?	-
Switzerland	0-1	1	1990-2000	0	1	1990-2000	10-30	1	1981-91	F	1
Syrian Arab Republic							>320	2	2002	?	?
Tajikistan	?	-	-	?	-	-	?	-	-	?	-
Thailand							<100	3	2002	?	-
The FYR Macedonia	20-50	2	1999-2000	-1	3	1999-2000	?	-	-	?	-
The Netherlands				F	2	1970-90	12-55	1	1989-1998	F	1
Tunisia	80	-	1998-2002	?	-	-	2,500-3,000	2	1998-2005	1	2
Turkey	800-1,200	2	2001	-1	2	2001	1,000-1,500	2	2002	-1	2
Turkmenistan	?	-	-	?	-	-	21,000	3	2002	?	-
Ukraine	300-600	2	1999-2000	0	2	1999-2000	15-20	2	1988	-2	2
United Arab Emirates							<10	3	2002	?	-
Uzbekistan	>30	2-	1997	-2	2	1997	>7,000	3	1992	?	-
Viet Nam							?	-	-	?	?
Yemen							40-60	1	1995-2002	-1	3

**Quality:** Data quality is assessed by assigning one of the following categories: **1** Reliable quantitative data (e.g. atlas data or monitoring data) are available for the whole period and region in question; **2** Species generally well known, but only poor or incomplete quantitative data available; and **3** Species poorly known, with no quantitative data available.

**Trend:** Trend in numbers is assessed by assigning to one of the following categories: **+2** Large increase of at least 50% between 1995 and 2002; **+1** Small increase of 20-49% between 1995 and 2002; **0** Stable, with overall change less than 20% between 1995 and 2002; **-1** Small decrease of 20-49% between 1995 and 2002; **-2** Large decrease of at least 50% between 1995 and 2002; and **F** Fluctuating with changes of at least 20%, but no clear trend since 1995.

### 3. Threats

The Ferruginous Duck faces various threats throughout its range. In this section, a comprehensive description of the threats facing the Ferruginous Duck at a global scale, together with information on special cases, and the relative importance of each threat for the global population, is presented. In addition, a complete list of the threats facing the species in the breeding and non-breeding seasons, and their relative importance, is presented in Table 3. Annex 1 states these threats according to categories listed in the IUCN Species Survival Commission Species Information System Threats Authority file.

The criteria used to assess threats in this review are:

<b>Critical</b>	a factor causing or likely to cause <b>very rapid declines</b> (>30% over 10 years);
<b>High</b>	a factor causing or likely to cause <b>rapid declines</b> (20-30% over 10 years);
<b>Medium</b>	a factor causing or likely to cause relatively <b>slow, but significant, declines</b> (10-20% over 10 years);
<b>Low</b>	a factor causing or likely to cause <b>fluctuations</b> ;
<b>Local</b>	a factor causing or likely to cause <b>negligible declines</b> ;
<b>Unknown</b>	a factor that is likely to affect the species but is not known to what extent.

#### 3.1. Description of Threats

Source: Robinson & Hughes (2003).

##### *Habitat Loss/Degradation*

*Importance: Critical*

Together with habitat degradation, the loss of wetland habitat from human developments is probably the most significant factor in the decline of the Ferruginous Duck. For example, 60% of wetlands in Greece and over 90% in Bulgaria have been drained since 1900, most of which would have been prime habitat for the species. In particular, canalisation of rivers and flood defence works has caused the loss of most European floodplain wetlands, most of which were prime habitat for the Ferruginous Duck. To some extent, this has been compensated by the creation of extensively managed fishponds, for example on the Danube Floodplain in Bulgaria. Increased aridity in the climate of central Europe may also have caused widespread loss of some important wetlands. In contrast, irrigation projects in the Middle East appear to be creating suitable habitat.

Many wetlands important for the Ferruginous Duck have been degraded without being destroyed. The species' dependence on highly structured wetlands with rich macrophyte and emergent plant growth makes it particularly sensitive to habitat alterations. The most important negative alterations include degradation of emergent vegetation, disruption of water regimes (when this causes a reversion to a less structured wetland or succession to scrub), siltation, and increased turbidity (causing loss of macrophytes). Agents of these changes include intensification of agriculture/fisheries, over-grazing, general development, recreation (particularly water-based), inadequate sewage treatment, dam and barrage constructions, and excessive water abstraction. In Serbia, the abundance and range of the Ferruginous Duck have decreased in natural marsh habitats due to accelerated overgrowth and eutrophication.

Of particular note, however, is the degradation of extensively managed fishponds by abandonment (causing succession to scrub) or intensification (causing reversion to open water with little or no plant growth). For example, about 60% of the Ferruginous Ducks in Romania breed on fishponds where >50% of fishponds have been abandoned since 1989.

Similar, large-scale abandonment has occurred in Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Russia, Lithuania and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Intensification is also a major problem in some countries, and is often subsidised by foreign aid. For example, a complex of over 70 fishponds in south-east Germany was formerly an important breeding area, but following intensification only 1-2 pairs nest annually. In Croatia and Serbia, nesting habitat is destroyed by mowing or burning of emergent vegetation.

*Climate Change/Drought*

*Importance: Critical*

Reduced precipitation, and over the last three years a serious drought, in central Europe, central and southwest Asia, has caused widespread loss and reduction of wetland habitats. This has probably caused a corresponding decline in Ferruginous Duck numbers. Central and Southwest Asia represents the largest region of persistent drought over the past three years anywhere in the world. Significant shortfalls in precipitation have led to widespread social and economic impacts, particularly in Iran, Afghanistan, Western Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. Agriculture, animal husbandry, water resources, and public health have been particularly stressed throughout the region. Preliminary analysis suggests that the drought is related to large-scale variations in the climate across the Indian and Pacific Oceans, including the recent "La Niña" in the eastern Pacific.

Conditions on the wintering grounds in north and west Africa are determined by the amount of late summer rain. For almost thirty years, from the 1960s to 1990s, this region experienced a very dry period, with nearly all annual rainfalls below average. Although rainfall was higher in 1998 and 1999, drought conditions are expected to increase in severity over the longer term with significant decreases in rainfall predicted.

The potential long-term effects of climate change on the distribution and behaviour of the Ferruginous Duck remain unclear, but potentially catastrophic. Any positive effects also remain unclear.

*Over-hunting*

*Importance: High*

Earlier this century, it was reported that large bags of Ferruginous Ducks were easily obtained. Presently, large numbers (between 1,500 and 2,500) are shot on autumn passage through the Volga delta, while on the wintering grounds in Africa and southern Asia the Ferruginous Duck is a common quarry of native and foreign hunters.

In most European countries, the species is now protected, but illegal hunting is an important problem. Law enforcement is often poor. Also, this species nests relatively late and many broods are not independent before the onset of the hunting season in most European countries (which generally begins in August). For example, approximately 50% of young in Croatia have not fledged by 15 August, when the hunting season begins. This could reduce significantly productivity in hunted areas owing to, for example, mortality of brooding females. Illegal hunting mortality can be very high – at one fish farm in Croatia, 458 Ferruginous Ducks were killed in one season, despite the fact that fines for illegal hunting in Croatia are high (about 500 Euro per duck). There are also reports of at least 100 birds being killed by Italian hunters in Bosnia and 65 birds being killed illegally in Albania.

*Lead Poisoning*

*Importance: Medium*

Diving ducks are prone to lead shot ingestion, which is still used legally in gun shot cartridges in most European countries and probably elsewhere. Although there are no recorded instances of lead poisoning in the Ferruginous Duck, it undoubtedly occurs. Accidental hunting mortality owing to confusion with other ducks, particularly *A. fuligula* and *A. ferina*, is a common problem. The latter problem is accentuated by the fact that Ferruginous Ducks commonly mix with other *Aythya* species during the non-breeding season.

*Drowning in Fishing Nets*

*Importance: Medium*

Diving ducks are prone to becoming trapped in fishing nets, which in some instances can cause significant mortality. Although this has only been noted as a problem for the Ferruginous Duck in Romania and Bulgaria (Srebarna Lake), it is, no doubt, a more widespread problem.

*Pollution*

*Importance: Medium*

Although the effects of eutrophication on the Ferruginous Duck have never been measured quantitatively, the species is regarded as a good indicator of trophic status and acute eutrophication is an acknowledged threat. For example, rapid succession as a result of continued input of nutrient and sediment rich water from agricultural areas neighbouring the Göksu Delta (Turkey) is seriously threatening the site’s continued international importance for the Ferruginous Duck.

*Competition with Invasive Alien Species*

*Importance: Medium*

Introduction and stocking of the Grass Carp *Ctenopharyngodon idella* across Europe has probably fuelled the decline of the Ferruginous Duck, for example in north-east Slovenia. Introduction of the fish usually causes substantial reductions in macrophyte biomass and corresponding declines in species dependent on these plant communities. However, although these fish caused a massive reduction of macrophyte biomass at Lake Neusiedl (Austria/Hungary), a substantial breeding population of the Ferruginous Duck remains, although effects on productivity and long-term viability are unknown. In Bulgaria, the introduced shrub Desert False Indigo *Amorpha fruticosa* has invaded wetlands used by Ferruginous Duck, changing their ecological character.

*Human Disturbance*

*Importance: Medium*

Disturbance from human activities on and around wetlands can, for example, reduce waterbird productivity, habitat availability and even cause local extinctions. Although it is commonly perceived to be a problem facing the Ferruginous Duck, particularly during the breeding period, the effects and impacts of recreational disturbance are notoriously difficult to measure. However, at Lake Constance, Germany, a moulting group of about 20 birds has developed since reductions in disturbance during the post-breeding period (together with increasing numbers of other species). At two key sites in Bulgaria, the species has become extinct in recent years with the only change apparent being more intensive use of sites by anglers and water-sports. In Serbia, where more than 60% of population situated on fishponds, human disturbance is a major problem on intensive carp fishponds. Disturbance from boats and fishermen is a common problem for Ferruginous Ducks at Tanguar Haor in Bangladesh.

*Competition with Native Species*

*Importance: Unknown*

Declines in the numbers and range of the Ferruginous Duck in some countries, such as Poland and Slovakia, have been accompanied by increases in the numbers of other *Aythya* species that use similar habitats. The role of interspecific competition has, however, yet to be investigated.

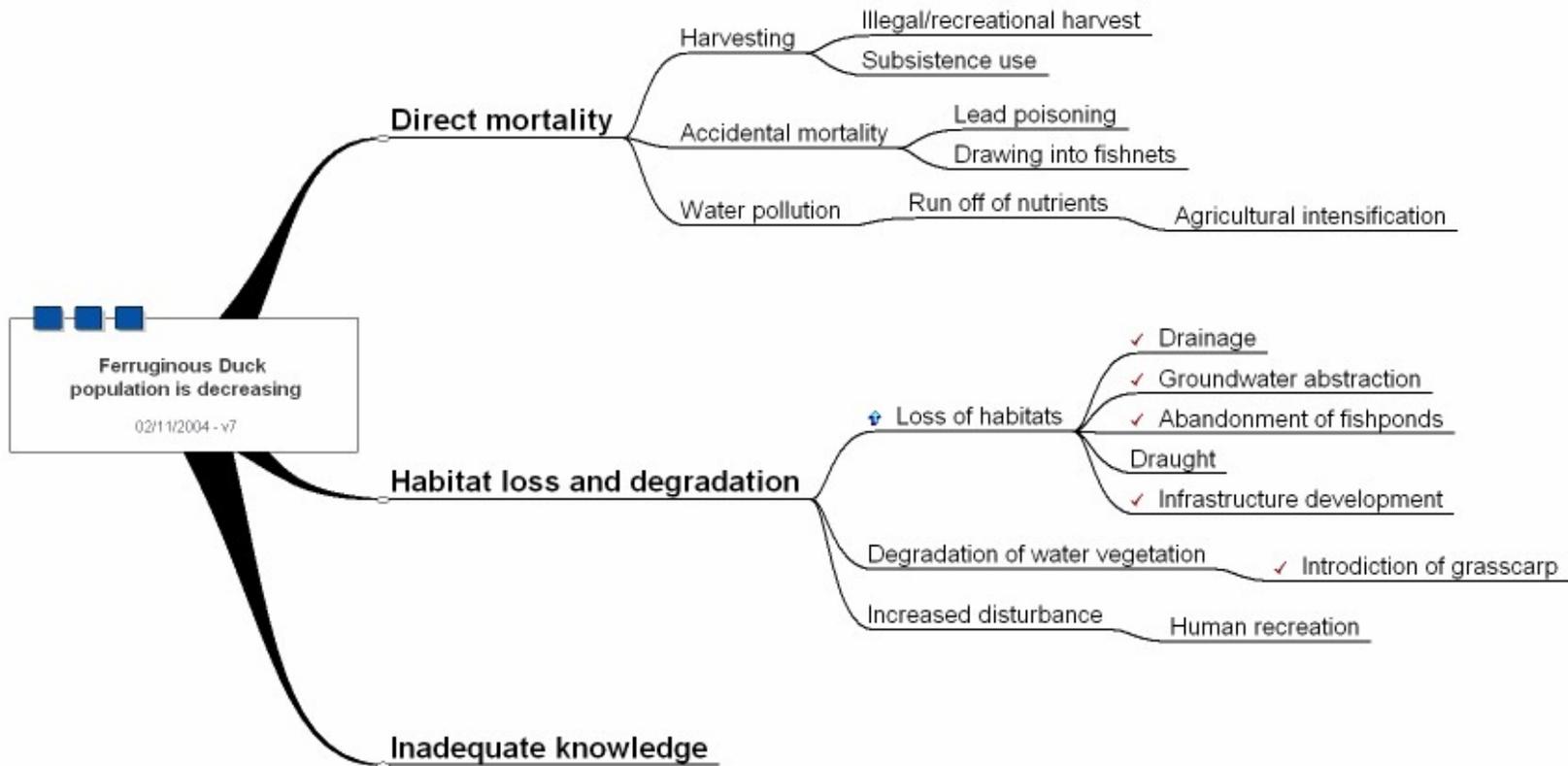
**Table 3. Relative importance of threats to the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* in the breeding and non-breeding season. High and Critical threats in bold type. Source: Robinson & Hughes (2003).**

Threat	Global Importance	Breeding Season	Non-breeding Season
Habitat Loss/Degradation	<b>Critical</b>	<b>Critical</b>	<b>Critical</b>

<b>Threat</b>	<b>Global Importance</b>	<b>Breeding Season</b>	<b>Non-breeding Season</b>
Climate change/drought	<b>Critical</b>	<b>Critical</b>	<b>Critical</b>
Over-hunting	<b>High</b>	Medium	<b>High</b>
Lead poisoning	Medium	Low	<b>High</b>
Drowning in fishing nets	Medium	Medium	Medium
Pollution	Medium	Medium	Medium
Competition with Invasive Alien Species	Medium	Medium	Medium
Human disturbance	Medium	Local	Medium
Competition with native species	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

A ‘Problem tree’ for the Ferruginous Duck is shown in Fig. 2. It has been produced to explain how the threats affect the population and how they are related. The root causes of the problems facing the species are shown on the right hand side of the tree.

Figure 2. Problem tree for the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* (thick bold frame – CRITICAL; bold frame – HIGH, normal frame – MEDIUM, dashed frame – LOW; no frame – LOCAL. [Note – final version still to be produced]



## 4. Policies and Legislation Relevant for Management

### 4.1. International Conservation and Legal Status of the Species

Table 4 shows the status of the Ferruginous Duck under the main international legislative instruments for conservation.

**Table 4. International conservation and legal status of the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* (Note: Headers in grey relate to measures relevant to European countries only). Source: Robinson & Hughes (2003).**

World Status (IUCN)	Europe Status	SPEC Cat.	EU Birds Directive Annex	Bern Convention Annex	Bonn Convention Annex	African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement	Convention On International Trade in Endangered Species
LR/nt	Vu	SPEC 1	Annex I	Appendix III	Appendix I (15/07/97) Appendix II (as an Anatidae spp.) (15/07/97)	West Mediterranean/ North & West Africa (A 1a 1c) Eastern Europe/ E Mediterranean & Sahelian Africa (A 1a 3c) Western Asia/ SW Asia & NE Africa (A1a 3c) (01/01/03)	Appendix III Ghana (26/02/76) (Originally listed as Anatidae spp.)

### 4.2. Member States/Contracting Parties Obligations

The obligations/commitments of Member States/Contracting Parties under various Directives/Conventions are presented in Annex 2.

*EU Directive (79/409/EEC) on the Conservation of Wild Birds (Birds Directive)*

As the Ferruginous Duck listed on Annex I of the EU Directive (79/409/EEC) on the Conservation of Wild Birds (Birds Directive), the species should be the subject of special conservation measures concerning their habitat in order to ensure their survival and reproduction in their area of distribution. Member States should classify in particular the most suitable territories in number and size as special protection areas for the conservation of these species.

*Convention on Biological Diversity (Biodiversity Convention)*

Article 8 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Biodiversity Convention) states that “Each Contracting Party shall, as far as possible and as appropriate:

- (a) Establish a system of protected areas or areas where special measures need to be taken to conserve biological diversity;

- (c) Regulate or manage biological resources important for the conservation of biological diversity whether within or outside protected areas, with a view to ensuring their conservation and sustainable use;
- (d) Promote the protection of ecosystems, natural habitats and the maintenance of viable populations of species in natural surroundings;
- (f) Rehabilitate and restore degraded ecosystems and promote the recovery of threatened species, inter alia, through the development and implementation of plans or other management strategies”.

*Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats  
(Bern Convention)*

As the Ferruginous Duck listed on Appendix III of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention), Contracting Parties should take appropriate and necessary legislative and administrative measures to ensure the protection of the Ferruginous Duck. Any exploitation of wild fauna specified in Appendix III shall be regulated in order to keep the populations out of danger, taking into account the requirements of Article 2. Measures to be taken should include: a) closed seasons and/or other procedures regulating exploitation; b) the temporary or local prohibition of exploitation, as appropriate, in order to restore satisfactory population levels; c) the regulation as appropriate of sale, keeping for sale, transport for sale or offering for sale of live and dead wild animals.

*Convention on Migratory Species (Bonn Convention)*

As the Ferruginous Duck is listed on Appendix I of the Convention on Migratory Species (Bonn Convention), Range States should endeavour: a) to conserve and, where feasible and appropriate, restore those habitats of the species which are of importance in removing the species from danger of extinction; b) to prevent, remove, compensate for or minimize, as appropriate, the adverse effects of activities or obstacles that seriously impede or prevent the migration of the species; and c) to the extent feasible and appropriate, to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger the species, including strictly controlling the introduction of, or controlling or eliminating, already introduced exotic species.

*African Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (under the Bonn Convention)*

As the Ferruginous Duck is listed in Table 1, Column A of the action plan to the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement, Parties should: a) prohibit the taking of birds and eggs of those populations occurring in their territory; b) prohibit deliberate disturbance in so far as such disturbance would be significant for the conservation of the population concerned; c) prohibit the possession or utilization of, and trade in, birds or eggs, or any readily recognizable parts or derivatives of such birds and their eggs, d) cooperate with a view to developing and implementing international single species action plans; e) prepare and implement national single species action plans; and f) phase out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands.

*Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and  
Flora (CITES)*

The Ferruginous Duck is listed on Appendix III of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The export of any Ferruginous Duck from Ghana shall require the prior grant and presentation of an export permit. An export permit shall only be granted when the following conditions have been met: (a) a Management Authority of the State of export is satisfied that the specimen was not obtained in contravention of the laws of that State for the protection of fauna and flora; and (b) a Management Authority of the State of export is satisfied that any living specimen will be so prepared and shipped as to minimize the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment.

### **4.3. National Policies, Legislation and Ongoing Activities**

The legally protected status of the Ferruginous Duck in the 77 countries where it regularly occurs is shown in Table 5.

### **4.4. Site (and Habitat) Protection and Research**

The complete list of IBAs identified for the Ferruginous Duck, together with their coordinates, the numbers of birds they support, the season for which they are important and the criteria used to identify the site, are shown in Annex 3.1 (as of July 2002). The protection status of each of these IBAs is shown in Annex 3.2, together with the appropriate designations. If we accept that the global population estimate is roughly 100,000, then the IBA network currently supports 8% during the breeding season, 15% during passage periods and 27% during the winter. Of the 185 IBAs identified for the Ferruginous Duck, only 11% are known to be fully protected and 16% have management plans prepared (Annex 3.2). Table 6 presents a summary of the proportion of Ferruginous Ducks in the IBA suite of each country in the range during the breeding and non-breeding seasons. The proportion of the national total protected by the IBA suite in the breeding and non-breeding seasons is also presented for each country.

Of the 35 countries in the breeding range where IBAs have been fully documented, 46% did not have any IBAs identified for the Ferruginous Duck and 34% had 75-100% of the national total within the IBA suite. Of the 59 countries in the non-breeding range where IBAs have been fully documented, 54% did not have IBAs identified for the Ferruginous Duck and 31% had 75-100% of the national total within the IBA suite. Of the most important countries during the breeding season, 75-100% of the 5,500-6,500 pairs in Romania, 0% of the 1,000-3,000 pairs in Azerbaijan, and <25% of the 2,000-3,000 pairs in Croatia, occurred within each of the IBA suites in those countries. Of the most important countries during the non-breeding season, 50-75% of the 14,300 birds in Mali, 75-100% of the 8,500 birds in Chad, 0% of the 5,000 birds in Sudan, <25% of the 7,500 birds in Egypt, and 0% of the 1,000-9,000 birds in Azerbaijan occurred within each of the IBA suites in those countries. There are no IBAs in Bangladesh, Mongolia, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan or Uzbekistan, yet all these countries have supported >5,000 Ferruginous Duck during the non-breeding season (Table 1). Identification of IBAs in these countries should, therefore, remain a priority for conservation action.

**Table 5. Protection of the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* under national legislation, by country. Source: Robinson & Hughes (2003).**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Legal Protection</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Legal Protection</b>
Afghanistan	Unknown	Lithuania	Unknown
Albania	Unknown	Mali	Unknown
Algeria	Unknown	Malta	Unknown
Armenia	Unknown	Mauritania	Unknown
Austria	Yes	Mongolia	Unknown
Azerbaijan	Unknown	Morocco	Unknown
Bangladesh	Yes	Myanmar	Yes
Belarus	Yes	Nepal	Unknown
Belgium	Yes	Niger	Unknown
Bhutan	Yes	Nigeria	Unknown
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No	Oman	Unknown
Bulgaria	Yes	Pakistan	Unknown
Cameroon	Yes	Poland	Yes
Central African Republic	Unknown	Portugal	Unknown
Chad	Unknown	Republic of Moldova	Yes
China	Unknown	Romania	Yes
Croatia	Unknown	Russian Federation	Yes
Cyprus	Unknown	Saudi Arabia	Unknown
Czech Republic	Yes	Senegal	Unknown
Egypt	Unknown	Serbia & Montenegro	Yes
Eritrea	Unknown	Slovakia	Yes
Ethiopia	Unknown	Slovenia	Yes
France	Yes	Spain	Yes
Gambia	Yes	Sudan	Unknown
Georgia	No	Switzerland	Yes
Germany	Yes	Syrian Arab Republic	Unknown
Greece	Yes	Tajikistan	Unknown
Hungary	Yes	Thailand	Unknown
India	Unknown	The FYR Macedonia	Partial (1 March-31 July)
Iraq	Unknown	The Netherlands	Yes
Islamic Republic of Iran	Yes	Tunisia	Yes
Israel	Unknown	Turkey	Yes
Italy	Yes	Turkmenistan	Unknown
Jordan	Unknown	Ukraine	Yes
Kazakhstan	Unknown	United Arab Emirates	Unknown
Kenya	Unknown	Uzbekistan	Unknown
Latvia	Unknown	Viet Nam	Unknown
Lebanon	Yes	Yemen	No
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Unknown		

**Table 6. Knowledge on occurrence of the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* in Important Bird Areas (Grey cells represent periods when the species is probably not present in the country. The breeding season includes estimates of breeding and resident bird numbers and the non-breeding season includes estimates of passage and wintering bird numbers).**

	Number of IBAs where the species breeds <sup>1</sup>	Estimated % of national popn. in IBAs <sup>2</sup>	Estimated % of popn. in protected IBAs during the breeding season <sup>3</sup>	Number of IBAs where the species occurs in the non-breeding season <sup>1</sup>	Estimated % of national popn. in IBAs <sup>2</sup>	Estimated % of popn. in protected IBAs during non-breeding season <sup>3</sup>
Afghanistan	0	0	0	1	75-100	0
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0
Algeria	2	75-100	75-100	4	75-100	?
Armenia	1	75-100	?	2	75-100	<25
Austria	2	75-100	75-100	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh				-	-	-
Belarus	2	75-100	75-100 (Partial)			
Belgium				0	0	0
Bhutan				-	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	12	50-75	25-50	30	75-100	25-50
Cameroon				0	0	0
Central African Republic				0	0	0
Chad				1	75-100	75-100
China	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia	9	<25	<25 (Partial)	3	75-100	75-100
Cyprus				0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt				5	<25	?
Eritrea				0	0	0
Ethiopia				4	50-75	?
France				0	0	0
Gambia				0	0	0
Georgia	2	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greece	9	75-100	75-100 (Partial)	8	75-100	75-100 (Partial)
Hungary	10	75-100	25-50 (Full) 25-50 (Partial)	1	75-100	75-100 (Partial)
India	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iraq				5	75-100	0
Islamic Republic of Iran	9	75-100	?	12	75-100	?
Israel				2	<25	?
Italy	3	25-50	<25 (Full) 25-50 (Partial)	11	75-100	75-100
Jordan				0	0	0
Kazakhstan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kenya				0	0	0
Latvia	0	0	0			
Lebanon				1	<25	?
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya				0	0	0
Lithuania	0	0	0			

	Number of IBAs where the species breeds <sup>1</sup>	Estimated % of national popn. in IBAs <sup>2</sup>	Estimated % of popn. in protected IBAs during the breeding season <sup>3</sup>	Number of IBAs where the species occurs in the non-breeding season <sup>1</sup>	Estimated % of national popn. in IBAs <sup>2</sup>	Estimated % of popn. in protected IBAs during non-breeding season <sup>3</sup>
Mali				5	50-75	?
Malta				0	0	0
Mauritania				2	75-100	?
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	0
Myanmar				-	-	-
Nepal				-	-	-
Niger				0	0	0
Nigeria				1	75-100	?
Oman				4	75-100	?
Pakistan				-	-	-
Poland	5	75-100	75-100	0	0	0
Portugal	1	75-100	0	0	0	0
Republic of Moldova	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	4	75-100	25-50 (Full) <25 (Partial)	3	25-50	25-50
Russian Federation	4	75-100	75-100 (Partial)	3	50-75	25-50 (Partial)
Saudi Arabia	3	75-100	?	2	75-100	?
Senegal				1	50-75	?
Serbia & Montenegro	14	50-75	25-50	15	?	?
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sudan				0	0	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tajikistan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thailand				-	-	-
The FYR Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Netherlands				0	0	0
Tunisia	2	<25	?	7	75-100	?
Turkey	15	50-75	<25 (Full) 45 (Partial)	5	50-75	<25 (Full) 25-50 (Partial)
Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukraine	5	<25	<25	1	75-100	0
United Arab Emirates				0	0	0
Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Viet Nam				-	-	-
Yemen				1	75-100	?

<sup>1</sup> Estimates of the number of IBAs where the species breeds or spends part of the non-breeding season were obtained from data held in the BirdLife International World Bird Database (data extracted July 2002).

<sup>2</sup> Estimates of the % of the population present in the IBA suite of an individual country were calculated using information on maximum population sizes presented in Table 1 and maximum site totals from the BirdLife International World Bird Database (data extracted July 2002) presented in Annex 3.1.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates of the % of the national population present in protected IBAs were calculated using information on maximum population sizes presented in Table 1 and maximum site totals and protection status information from the BirdLife International World Bird Database (data extracted July 2002) presented in Annexes 3.1 and 3.2.

#### 4.5. Recent Conservation Measures

Research and conservation efforts for the Ferruginous Duck over the last ten years are described in Table 7.

**Table 7. Research and conservation efforts for the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* over the last ten years. Source: Robinson & Hughes (2003).**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Conservation Measures</b>
<b>Austria</b>	A study of habitat requirements, food and behaviour of the Ferruginous Duck was conducted at Lake Neusiedl in 1995, and a full census was carried out in 1996.
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	A study to assess the number, distribution and ecology of the Ferruginous Duck in Azerbaijan was undertaken in the late 1990s by the Azerbaijan Ornithological Society. Surveys of threatened waterfowl in Azerbaijan in September 1997 and February - March 1998, conducted by The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (UK) in collaboration with the Azerbaijan International Oil Consortium, and the Azerbaijan Ornithological Society, located the Ferruginous Duck at six sites.
<b>Bangladesh</b>	Management plans have been produced for key sites, such as Tanguar Haor where data has also been collected on behaviour and disturbance.
<b>Bulgaria</b>	National censuses of the species were conducted by BSPB/BirdLife Bulgaria in 1996/97 and 2002. The most important breeding sites (Mechka, Orsoya and Kalimok Fishponds, Srebarna and Durankulak Lakes) are protected. Management plans have been completed for the most important breeding areas, including the most important along the Black Sea coast and Srebarna Lake. A National Action Plan has also been prepared. BSPB have been actively raising public awareness about the species in Bulgaria and counter training is on-going. A PhD study on the distribution and ecology of the species has been carried out revealing important details of the species ecology (Petkov 2004).
<b>Croatia</b>	The status and ecology of the Ferruginous Duck was studied at Draganić Fishponds between 1991 and 1994. The German NGO Euronatur has conducted a number of site-based conservation projects on the Ferruginous Duck, including lobbying for greater protection of their fishpond habitat, and has investigated the distribution and ecology of the species and the impact of hunting in Croatia. A research project on the Ferruginous Duck has just begun on fishponds in Donji Miholjac, near the Drava River.
<b>France</b>	An unsuccessful re-introduction was carried out in the 1970s in Villars des Dombes. Currently, a re-introduction is being attempted at Le Marais de Ganne (Saint Andre des Eaux), where an open enclosure of pinioned birds is used to breed fully-winged juveniles. If 50 wild breeding pairs are not established within ten years of the start of this project, it will be terminated. In 1996, ten pinioned birds raised ten fully-winged individuals.
<b>Germany</b>	The small German breeding population of the Ferruginous Duck is monitored annually by the "Ornithologische Arbeitsgemeinschaft (Ornithological Working Group) Bodensee".
<b>Greece</b>	A census of the Ferruginous Duck in Crete is currently being undertaken by the Natural History Museum of Crete. Ecology and habitat use were investigated at Amvrakikos in 2001 during a Life-Nature Project.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Conservation Measures</b>
<b>Hungary</b>	The first full census of breeding numbers and research was undertaken by the Hungarian Waterbird Specialist Group in the late 1990s. More recently, there have been censuses undertaken since 1997. A national action plan was published in 2003.
<b>India</b>	An effort to monitor the Ferruginous Duck in the Brahmaputra valley in Assam was initiated in 1990 by Gauhati University.
<b>Italy</b>	Ecological research on the species was undertaken in Northern Italy during the late 1990s. There have been around 20 reintroduction programmes in Italy over the past decade. Although most have been unsuccessful, apparently self-sustaining breeding populations were established at the Eastern Bologna Plain and Alviano Lake. Within the framework of the Italian Action Plan for the species, a survey was carried out in 2002 to obtain an updated estimate of the Italian breeding population.
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	In collaboration with the National Avian Research Centre (United Arab Emirates) and the Institute of Zoology (Almaty), The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust surveyed six sites in south-east Kazakhstan in July 1999, locating a total of 570 Ferruginous Ducks including 40 broods.
<b>Morocco</b>	A project investigating the ecology of the Ferruginous Duck in Morocco was initiated in the mid 1990s by various Moroccan organisations and the Estación Biológica de Doñana.
<b>Poland</b>	Studies of breeding ecology were undertaken in the 1980s at Milicz Fishponds. Data on habitat selection and population trends have been collected. An national action plan will be prepared shortly.
<b>Russian Federation</b>	Recent censuses and studies of the ecology of the Ferruginous Duck have been undertaken in the Prekavkazye and Daghestan regions. Public awareness schemes, aimed primarily at hunters, have been initiated in these areas.
<b>Serbia &amp; Montenegro</b>	In recent times, habitat conditions have been improved in important areas such as Obedska bara, Carska bara and Ludaško jezero (Ramsar sites), including sanitation, habitat restoration projects and simprovement to the hydrological regime. In 2001, the Society for Protection and Study of Birds of Vojvodina began a project to educate fishponds workers and managers throughout Vojvodina in order to improve the protection of birds, particularly the Ferruginous Duck.
<b>Slovenia</b>	Censuses have been conducted by The Bird Watching and Bird Study Association of Slovenia (DOPPS).
<b>Spain</b>	A re-introduction programme was launched by the Instituto para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (ICONA) in south-west Spain in 1992. In the Acebuche-Huerto-Pajasarea of the Guadalquivir Marshes, 49 individuals were released in 1992 and 1993, from which three pairs bred in 1993. A further 45 were released in south-west Spain during 1994 and 1995, and over 30 in 1996.
<b>Tunisia</b>	The breeding and wintering population of the Ferruginous Duck is monitored annually by the "Groupe Tunisien d'Ornithologie (Association "les Amis des Oiseaux").
<b>Turkey</b>	A study of the ecology of the Ferruginous Duck was made at the Gösku Delta in the mid 1990.
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	Surveys of the Bukhara and Kashkadarya regions of south-west Uzbekistan were undertaken by the Uzbekistan Zoological Society in 1997.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Conservation Measures</b>
<b>West and Central Africa</b>	Aerial counts of the Ferruginous Duck were undertaken in the Inner Niger Delta and the Lake Chad Basin between 1970 and 2001.

## 5. Framework for Action

This section of the document identifies and defines the Goal, the Purpose, and Results of the action plan and describes Objectively Verifiable Indicators, and Means of Verification made in its implementation. The Goal is the higher level of objective to which the action plan will contribute in the longer term. The Purpose is the objective or effect of the plan by 2015. The Results are the changes that will need to have been brought about by the plan if the Purpose is to be realised. The Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVIs) are the targets by which the impact of the Results will be measured. Means of Verification are the means of justification of the OVIs. The Goal, Purpose, and Results of this plan have been designed to be Specific, Measurable, Agreed, Realistic and Time-bound following internationally agreed process.

### 5.1 Ferruginous Duck Action Plan Goal, Purpose, and Results

A **Priority** for each Result is given, according to the following scale:

- Essential:** a Result that is needed to prevent a large decline in the population which could lead to extinction.
- High:** a Result that is needed to prevent a decline of more than 20% of the population in 20 years or less.
- Medium:** a Result that is needed to prevent a decline of less than 20% of the population in 20 years or less.
- Low:** a Result that is needed to prevent local population declines or which is likely to have only a small impact on the population across the range.

**Timescales** are attached to each Result using the following criteria:

- Immediate:** completed within the next year.
- Short:** completed within the next 1-3 years.
- Medium:** completed within the next 1-5 years.
- Long:** completed within the next 1-10 years.

Summary of Objectives / Activities	Objectively Verifiable Indicator	Means of Verification
<p><b>Goal</b> Restoration of the Ferruginous Duck to favourable conservation status</p>	<p>Ferruginous Duck removed from the IUCN red list by 2050</p>	<p>IUCN Red List World Bird Database</p>
<p><b>Project Purpose</b> Maintain global population and range of the Ferruginous Duck.</p>	<p>Ferruginous Duck global population stable by 2020  Ferruginous Duck global range stable by 2020</p>	<p>IUCN Red List World Bird Database  Wetlands International Waterbird Population Estimates</p>
<p><b>Results</b></p>		
<p>1. Further habitat loss and degradation prevented <b>Priority: Essential</b> <b>Timescale: Long</b></p>	<p>All key Ferruginous Duck sites protected and maintained in favourable conservation status by 2020</p>	<p>Natura 2000, Ramsar and Emerald Network databases  National government reports to the European Commission, the Bonn, Bern, Biodiversity and Ramsar Conventions, and AEWA  International and national Ferruginous Duck working group reports  BirdLife International IBA reports</p>
<p>2. Direct human-induced mortality of adults prevented and reproductive success increased <b>Priority: High</b> <b>Timescale: Long</b></p>	<p>No human-induced adult mortality reported on IBAs by 2020  Mean fledging success on IBAs maintained above 3 chicks per female by 2020  Ferruginous Duck numbers on &gt;70% of IBAs stable or increasing by 2020</p>	<p>National government reports to the European Commission, the Bonn, Bern, Biodiversity and Ramsar Conventions, and AEWA  International and national Ferruginous Duck working group reports  NGO reports and scientific papers  BirdLife International IBA monitoring reports  Monitoring reports from key sites published in TWSG News</p>

<b>Summary of Objectives / Activities</b>	<b>Objectively Verifiable Indicator</b>	<b>Means of Verification</b>
3. Knowledge gaps filled <b>Priority: Essential</b> <b>Timescale: Long</b>	Key knowledge gaps filled by 2020	Papers in internationally refereed journals International and national Ferruginous Duck working group reports

## 6. Activities by Country

This section identifies Activities needed to implement the Results of this Ferruginous Duck action plan. Activities are given at the generic level (to address the threats identified in the Problem Tree) whilst specific Activities are also identified at the individual Range State level. Where possible, Responsible Organisations are also identified for each Activity.

A **Priority** for each Activity is given, according to the following scale:

**Essential:** an Activity that is needed to prevent a large decline in the population which could lead to extinction.

**High:** an Activity that is needed to prevent a decline of more than 20% of the population in 20 years or less.

**Medium:** an Activity that is needed to prevent a decline of less than 20% of the population in 20 years or less.

**Low:** an Activity that is needed to prevent local population declines or which is likely to have only a small impact on the population across the range.

**Timescales** are attached to each Activity using the following criteria:

**Immediate:** completed within the next year.

**Short:** completed within the next 1-3 years.

**Medium:** completed within the next 1-5 years.

**Long:** completed within the next 1-10 years.

**Ongoing:** an action that is currently being implemented and should continue.

**Completed:** an action that was completed during preparation of the action plan.

<b>Result</b>	<b>National Activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Responsible Organisations</b>
1. Further habitat loss and degradation prevented	1.1 Produce and implement national Ferruginous Duck action plan	Essential	Short	National governments/NGOs
	1.2 Form national Ferruginous Duck working group	Essential	Short	National governments/NGOs
	1.3 Designate all key sites for the species (including IBAs) as SPAs in EU member states or as Ramsar Sites or protected areas outside of the EU	High	Short	National governments
	1.4 Protect all Ferruginous Duck IBAs under national legislation and ensure this legislation is enforced	High	Short	National governments

<b>Result</b>	<b>National Activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Responsible Organisations</b>
	1.5 Implement appropriate assessments for all projects and plans affecting these sites, with special attention to agricultural development, drainage, diversion of rivers, abstraction of water and building of dams. In the case of SPAs these assessments shall be carried out according to the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive	Essential	Ongoing	National governments
	1.7 Introduce legislation to prohibit the introduction, and allow the control and eradication of Common Carp and Grass Carp	Low	Long	National governments
	1.8 Identify all key Ferruginous Duck sites where Common Carp and Grass Carp occur and eradicate them	Low	Short	National governments
	1.9 Introduce public awareness schemes to promote conservation of the Ferruginous Duck and its habitat and circulate this information to relevant policy makers, interest groups (e.g. hunters, fishermen, reserve managers) and local people; provide information on identification of protected species	Low	Ongoing	National governments/NGOs
2. Direct mortality of adults prevented and reproductive success increased	2.1 Provide legal protection for Ferruginous Duck including the general protection of its habitat outside of protected areas	Essential	Short	National governments
	2.2 Provide adequate wardening of all key sites	Medium	Long	National governments and regional administrations, NGOs and other landowners
	2.3 Develop management and zonation plans to regulate human activities at key sites, with special regard to hunting, fishing and boating, in order to reduce causes of disturbance and direct mortality, and increase breeding success	Medium	Ongoing	National governments/NGOs/BirdLife International/FACE

<b>Result</b>	<b>National Activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Responsible Organisations</b>
	2.4 Develop national strategies for the management and subsequent use of fishponds by identifying ‘best practice guidelines’, focusing on habitat creation and management. These to include financial subsidy/accreditation schemes for ‘wise use’ of fishponds and incentives for maintaining/ reverting to extensive fishpond management. EU Member States shall cover SPAs selected for the species by aqua-environmental measures proposed in the new Fisheries Fund Regulation	Essential	Short	National governments
	2.5 Create new breeding and wintering habitat for the Ferruginous Duck	Medium	Ongoing	National governments/NGOs
	2.6 Ban use of lead shot for hunting waterfowl and over wetlands, monitor lead shot use by hunters and lead shot ingestion by Ferruginous Ducks	High	Short	National governments
	2.7 Ensure strict enforcement of hunting regulations and policing of foreign hunters	Essential	Ongoing	National governments
	2.8 Promote strict spatial and temporal hunting regulations that reduce the probability of hunting mortality	Essential	Ongoing	National governments and regional administrations, NGOs and other landowners
	2.9 Introduce systems to monitor by-catch and fishing activity in relation to Ferruginous Duck feeding distribution	Medium	Long	National governments/NGOs
	2.10 Develop fishing techniques sympathetic to the conservation of the Ferruginous Duck	Medium	Long	National governments/NGOs
3. Knowledge gaps filled	3.1 Identify all key sites and document their conservation status	Essential	Medium	National governments, NGOs, BirdLife International, Wetlands International
	3.2 Monitor all key sites annually during the winter International Waterbird Census	Essential	Ongoing	National governments, NGOs, Wetlands International
	3.3 Conduct national censuses during the breeding season and migration	Essential	Ongoing	National governments, NGOs
	3.4 Conduct studies of migratory movements	Medium	Long	National governments, NGOs, Universities
	3.5 Conduct studies to determine factors affecting survival and reproductive rates	Medium	Long	National governments, NGOs, Universities

<b>Result</b>	<b>National Activities</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Responsible Organisations</b>
	3.6 Conduct studies of habitat requirements and feeding ecology, especially on the wintering grounds and during periods of migration	Low	Long	National governments, NGOs, Universities
	3.7 Conduct studies on the effects of Carp and Grass Carp on the Ferruginous Duck and its habitat	Medium	Medium	National governments, NGOs, Universities
	3.8 Quantify the impact of bycatch mortality in fishing nets	High	Short	National governments, NGOs, Universities
	3.9 Conduct studies of the rate of exposure to lead shot and the effect on mortality	Medium	Medium	National governments, NGOs, Universities
	3.10 Conduct studies on the economic and environmental impacts of fishpond management on the Ferruginous Duck	High	Short	National governments, NGOs, Universities
	3.11 Investigate the potential benefits of dam construction in some countries, e.g. in North Africa and the Middle East	Medium	Medium	National governments, NGOs, Universities

## 7. Implementation

This section provides a framework for the implementation of the action plan focusing on the role of the Ferruginous Duck Conservation Team (FDCT), country actions and a timetable for monitoring, evaluation and communication.

### 7.1. BirdLife International Ferruginous Duck Conservation Team

The Ferruginous Duck Conservation Team is the International Species Working Group (ISWG) for implementation of this action plan, endorsed by the AEWAs Technical Committee. This group comprises representatives of each National Species Working Group (NSWG), governmental representatives (where NSWGs have not yet been created) and representatives of relevant international interest groups, including each of the relevant treaties (e.g. AEWAs Technical Committee) and several technical advisors.

AEWA Range States have a responsibility to monitor the national populations of the species and its habitat, as well as the actions taken, including their impact on the species/habitat, successes and problems. This should be done by NSWG as recommended by the AEWAs Conservation Guidelines No. 1 (National Single Species Action Plans). To ensure lessons are learnt and shared internationally, this information then needs to be communicated to the Ferruginous Duck Conservation Team and thus to other Range States, including via the relevant international treaties.

To improve action for the species, the Ferruginous Duck Conservation Team aims to catalyse and co-ordinate the collection of improved conservation-relevant information on the species, including on population biology (e.g. details of breeding population size and range, migration habits, wintering range) and ecology (e.g. habitat use and diet).

Thus, the role of the Ferruginous Duck Conservation Team will include work to:

- Develop guidelines for population censusing and monitoring.
- Develop guidelines for habitat management practices.
- Assist in and co-ordinate the process of National Action Plan preparation.
- Co-ordinate and facilitate information exchange between Range States (NSWG) and between the AEWAs and the Range States.
- Collect country data and annual reports on the implementation of the Action Plan from the NSWGs.
- Monitor implementation of the Action Plan through the preparation of an annual international report by the ISWG.
- Organise intermediate meetings with groups of Range States (training, emergency measures, etc.).
- Prepare and organise the triennial review meeting with Range States.
- Prepare and submit a review of the Action Plan to the triennial Range States' meeting and to the AEWAs.

Detailed Terms of Reference based on the above description of activities will be prepared by the AEWAs Technical Committee, and endorsed by the Range States to assist the Ferruginous Duck Conservation Team with its work.

### 7.2. Country Actions

To assist implementation of the Action Plan, the Range States should commit themselves to, at least:

- Establish a National Species Working Group (a member will be selected as national representative of the Ferruginous Duck Conservation Team; in the absence of a selected member the FDCT will co-opt a member for the country).
- Report to the AEWAs Secretariat, via its member on the Ferruginous Duck Conservation Team, about relevant issues in the country, at least through contributing information for the preparation of the annual report by the ISWG.

- Prepare within one year a National Action Plan, in co-operation with the NSWG, based on this International Action Plan (see AEWAs Conservation Guidelines No. 1).
- Prepare a review of National Action Plans every three to five years.
- Maintain and further develop adequately-funded conservation, research and monitoring programmes to deliver key data in accordance with Section 6 of the action plan.

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## 9. Annexes

**Annex 1. Relative importance of threats to the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* in the breeding and non-breeding season scored according to categories listed in the IUCN Species Survival Commission Species Information Service Threats Authority files. Source: Robinson & Hughes (2003).**

Threat Category	Breeding Season	Non-breeding Season
<b>1. Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)</b>		
1.1. Agriculture		
1.1.1. Crops		
1.1.1.1. Shifting agriculture	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
1.1.1.3. Agro-industry farming	<b>CRITICAL</b>	<b>CRITICAL</b>
1.1.7. Freshwater aquaculture	<b>CRITICAL</b>	<b>CRITICAL</b>
1.3. Extraction		
1.3.6. Groundwater extraction	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
1.4. Infrastructure development		
1.4.2. Human settlement	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
1.4.3. Tourism/recreation	<b>HIGH</b>	UNKNOWN (potentially <b>HIGH</b> )
1.4.5. Transport – water	UNKNOWN (potentially <b>HIGH</b> )	UNKNOWN (potentially <b>HIGH</b> )
1.4.6. Dams	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
1.5. Invasive alien species (directly impacting habitat)	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
<b>3. Harvesting [hunting/gathering]</b>		
3.1. Food		
3.1.1. Subsistence use/local trade	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
3.6. Other (Illegal recreational harvesting)	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>4. Accidental mortality</b>		
4.1. Bycatch		
4.1.1. Fisheries-related		
4.1.1.3. Entanglement	UNKNOWN (potentially MEDIUM)	UNKNOWN (potentially MEDIUM)
4.1.1.5. Poisoning	UNKNOWN (potentially <b>HIGH</b> )	UNKNOWN (potentially <b>HIGH</b> )
4.1.2. Terrestrial		
4.1.2.2. Shooting	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
4.1.2.3. Poisoning	UNKNOWN (potentially LOW)	UNKNOWN (potentially LOW)
<b>6. Pollution (affecting habitat and/or species)</b>		
6.3. Water pollution	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>7. Natural disasters</b>		
7.1. Drought	<b>CRITICAL</b>	<b>CRITICAL</b>
<b>8. Changes in native species dynamics</b>		
8.1 Competitors	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
<b>10. Human disturbance</b>		
10.1. Recreation/tourism	UNKNOWN (potentially MEDIUM)	UNKNOWN (potentially MEDIUM)



**Annex 2. Contracting parties to international conventions, agreements and directives that are relevant for conservation of the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* (acc. – accession only; sig. – signatory only; app. – approved only). Source: Robinson & Hughes (2003).**

Country	Ramsar	CMS	AEWA	Bern	EU	CBD	CITES
Afghanistan						•	•
Albania	•	•	•	•		(•) acc.	
Algeria	•					•	•
Armenia	•					(•) acc.	
Austria	•			•	•	•	•
Azerbaijan	•			•		(•) app.	•
Bangladesh	•					•	•
Belarus	•	•				•	•
Belgium	•	•	(•) sig.	•	•	•	•
Bhutan						•	•
Bosnia and Herzegovina	•					(•) acc.	
Bulgaria	•	•	•	•		•	•
Cameroon		•				•	•
Central African Republic		•				•	•
Chad	•	•				•	•
China	•					•	•
Croatia	•	•	•	•		•	•
Cyprus	•	•		•		•	•
Czech Republic	•	•		•		(•) app.	•
Egypt	•	•	•			•	•
Eritrea						(•) acc.	•
Ethiopia						•	•
France	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gambia	•	•	•			•	•
Georgia	•	•	•			(•) acc.	•
Germany	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Greece	•	•	(•) sig.	•	•	•	•
Hungary	•	•	•	•		•	•
India	•	•				•	•
Iraq							

Country	Ramsar	CMS	AEWA	Bern	EU	CBD	CITES
Islamic Republic of Iran	•					•	•
Israel	•	•	•			•	•
Italy	•	•		•	•	•	•
Jordan	•	•	•			•	•
Kazakhstan						•	•
Kenya	•	•	•			•	•
Latvia	•	•		•		•	•
Lebanon	•		•			•	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	•	•				•	
Lithuania	•	•	•	•		•	•
Mali	•	•	•			•	•
Malta	•	•		•		•	•
Mauritania	•	•				•	•
Mongolia	•	•				•	•
Morocco	•	•	(•) sig.			•	•
Myanmar						•	•
Nepal	•					•	•
Niger	•	•	•			•	•
Nigeria	•	•	•			•	•
Oman						•	
Pakistan	•	•				•	•
Poland	•	•		•		•	•
Portugal	•	•		•	•	•	•
Republic Of Moldova	•	•	•	•		•	•
Romania	•	•	•	•		•	•
Russian Federation	•					•	•
Saudi Arabia		•				(•) acc.	•
Senegal	•	•	•	•		•	•
Serbia & Montenegro	•					•	•
Slovakia	•	•	•	•		(•) app.	•
Slovenia	•	•	•	•		•	•
Spain	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sudan			•			•	•
Switzerland	•	•	•	•		•	•

Country	Ramsar	CMS	AEWA	Bern	EU	CBD	CITES
Syrian Arab Republic	•	•	•			•	
Tajikistan	•	•				(•) acc.	
Thailand	•					•	•
The FYR Macedonia	•	•	•	•		(•) acc.	•
The Netherlands	•	•	•	•	•	(•) acc.	•
Tunisia	•	•	(•) sig.	•		•	•
Turkey	•			•		•	•
Turkmenistan						(•) acc.	
Ukraine	•	•	•	•		•	•
United Arab Emirates						•	•
Uzbekistan	•	•	•			(•) acc.	•
Viet Nam	•					•	•
Yemen						•	•

**Annex 3. Important Bird Areas of relevance for the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*.**

**Annex 3.1. Data from the BirdLife International World Bird database (July 2002).**

Country	International name	Area (ha)	Location		Population		Year	Season	Criteria
			Lat (N)	Long (E)	Min	Max			
<b>Afghanistan</b>	Hamun-i-Puzak	35000	31.60	61.80	100		1976	winter	A1, B2
<b>Algeria</b>	Complexe de zones humides de la plaine de Guerbes-Sanhadja	42100	36.88	7.27	35	35	1987	winter	A1, A4i
	Lac des Oiseaux--Garaet et Touyour	70	36.78	8.12			2001	winter	A1
	Lac Oubeira	2200	36.83	8.38	15	15	1992	winter	A1
	Lac Tonga	2700	36.85	8.50	600	600	1992	breeding	C6
	Lac Tonga	2700	36.85	8.50	717	717	1997	non-breeding	A1
	Marais de Mekhada	8900	36.80	8.00			2001	breeding	A1
<b>Armenia</b>	Armash fish-farm	2795	39.75	44.77	25	30	0	breeding	A1, B2
	Armash fish-farm	2795	39.75	44.77	1	700	1995	non-breeding	A1, B2
	Lake Sevan	150000	40.33	45.33	0	60	1995	non-breeding	B2
<b>Austria</b>	Neusiedler See	23272	47.82	16.77	150	200	1996	resident	A1, B2
	Southern Seewinkel and Zitzmannsdorfer Wiesen	14000	47.75	16.83	10	15	1996	breeding	A1, C1, C6
<b>Belarus</b>	Beloe fish-farm	5700	52.28	27.73	0	22	1991	breeding	A1, C1, C6
	Mid-Prityat	100000	52.15	27.00	50	150	1995	breeding	A1, C1
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	Bardaca	700	45.12	17.45	0	0	0	breeding	A1, B2
	Hutovo blato	6144	43.05	17.77	0	0	0	breeding	B2
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Atanasovo lake	1950	42.57	27.48	2	88	1996	passage	B2
	Durankulak lake	2000	43.67	28.55	60	0	2001	unknown	B2
	Kalimok complex	1000	44.00	26.47	6	20	1996	breeding	B2
	Mandra-Poda complex	2270	42.42	27.38	60	0	2001	unknown	B2, C6
	Mechka fish-ponds	800	43.73	25.82	10	30	1996	breeding	A1
	Mechka fish-ponds	800	43.73	25.82	100	3,000	1996	passage	A1, A4i, B1i, B2
	Orsoya fish-ponds	360	43.78	23.12	20	20	1996	breeding	A1
	Orsoya fish-ponds	360	43.78	23.12	48	79	1996	passage	A1

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			Lat (N)	Long (E)	Min	Max			
	Shabla lake complex	3100	43.57	28.57	10	88	1996	passage	A1
	Srebarna lake	1445	44.12	27.07	60	0	2001	unknown	A1
<b>Chad</b>	Lake Fitri	195000	12.83	17.50	3,800	3,800	1999	winter	A1
<b>Croatia</b>	Alluvial wetlands of the River Danube	37111	45.67	18.83	1,000	1,000	1994	passage	A1
	Alluvial wetlands of the River Danube	37111	45.67	18.83	50	50	1991	breeding	A1
	Alluvial wetlands of the River Drava	68002	45.92	17.25	100	200	0	breeding	A1
	Alluvial wetlands of the River Sava	210000	45.50	17.00	20	0	2001	breeding	A1, B2
	Donji Miholjac fish-ponds	981	45.75	18.20	10	40	1993	breeding	A1, B2
	Grudnjak fish-ponds	1020	45.67	18.05	20	50	1993	breeding	A1
	Jelas field	10000	45.08	17.75	11	52	1996	winter	A1, A4i, B1i, B2
	Jelas field	10000	45.08	17.75	120	160	0	breeding	A1
	Koncanica fish-ponds and surrounding area	10000	45.67	17.07	10	50	0	breeding	B2
	Nasicka Breznica fish-ponds	1345	45.58	18.22	20	50	1993	breeding	B2
	Pokupsko depression	10000	45.62	15.70	3,200	5,200	0	passage	A1, B2
	Pokupsko depression	10000	45.62	15.70	70	120	0	breeding	A1
<b>Egypt</b>	Aswan reservoir	1500	24.00	32.90				winter	A1
	Lake Burullus Protected Area	46000	31.48	30.83				winter	A1
	Lake Nasser	540000	23.10	32.73				winter	A1, B2
	Upper Nile	15000	25.15	32.72	730	730		winter	A1, A4i, B1i, B2
	Wadi El Rayan Protected Area	71000	29.22	30.37				winter	A1
<b>Ethiopia</b>	Bishoftu lake	93	8.80	39.00	3	5		winter	A1, B2
	Chelekleka lake and swamp		8.85	38.97	3	5		winter	A1, B2
	Green Lake	54	8.85	39.10	4	5		winter	A1, B1i, B2
	Lake Ashenge		12.58	39.50	30		1995	winter	A1, B2
<b>Georgia</b>	Javakheti Plateau	200000	41.50	43.67	0	0	1996	breeding	B2
	Kolkheti	150000	42.17	41.83	0	0	1996	passage	A1
<b>Greece</b>	Amvrakikos gulf	25000	39.00	21.00	25	100	1996	breeding	A1, B2
	Lake Chimaditis and Lake Zazaris	5390	40.62	21.55	30	60	1996	breeding	A1, B2
	Lake Distos	2600	38.35	24.13	10	0	1988	breeding	B2
	Lake Kalodiki, Margariti and Karteri marshes	1650	39.33	20.45	10	15	1997	breeding	A1, B2
	Lake Kastoria (Orestiada)	3400	40.52	21.30	0	30	1993	breeding	B2
	Lake Kerkini	12000	41.20	23.15	0	0	1995	resident	A1, B2
	Lake Mitrikou (Ismarida)	6500	40.97	25.28	0	0	0	resident	A1
	Lake Stymphalia	1309	37.85	22.47	2	10	1996	breeding	A1, B2
	Lakes Trichonida and Lysimachia	14279	38.57	21.47	0	225	1989	winter	A1
	Nestou delta and coastal lagoons	22000	40.97	24.80	0	0	0	passage	A1
	North, east and south Kithira island	18000	36.23	23.05	5	70	1996	passage	A1, B2
	Porto Lagos, Lake Vistonis, and coastal lagoons (Lakes of Thrace)	15300	41.02	25.08	0	0	0	resident	A1
	Reservoirs of former Lake Karla	1200	39.53	22.70	40	0	1996	passage	A1
	Sperchios valley and delta-Maliakos gulf	34000	38.85	22.53	0	0	0	passage	A1, B2
<b>Hungary</b>	Biharugra fish-ponds	16000	46.97	21.57	30	0	1994	breeding	A1, B2
	Bodrog flood-plain	10000	48.25	21.33	15	0	1993	breeding	A1, B2
	Hortobágy	136300	47.62	21.07	50	70	1996	breeding	A1
	Inner Somogy	216300	46.22	17.30	50	0	1996	breeding	A1, B2
	Kis-balaton	14745	46.67	17.22	100	200	1996	breeding	A1, B2
	Nagyberek	19400	46.73	17.55	27	30	1995	breeding	B1i
	Pacsmag fish-ponds	487	46.58	18.38	50	60	1996	breeding	B1i
	Pusztaszer Landscape Protection Area	22320	46.25	20.17	60	0	1996	breeding	B1i, B2
	Sárvíz valley	14700	47.00	18.55	80	100	1993	passage	B1i
	Sárvíz valley	14700	47.00	18.55	18	18	1993	breeding	B1i
	Vértes Mountains and Zámoly Basin	29400	47.42	18.33	10	20	1996	breeding	A1, B1i, B2

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			Lat (N)	Long (E)	Min	Max				
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Anzali Mordab complex	15000	37.42	49.47	130		1977	passage	A1	
	Anzali Mordab complex	15000	37.42	49.47	51		1977	winter	A1	
	Cheghakor marsh	1600	31.83	50.83	103		1992	winter	A1, B1i, B2	
	Dasht-e Arjan and Lake Parishan	52800	29.57	51.88	150		1977	winter	A1	
	Dasht-e Arjan and Lake Parishan	52800	29.57	51.88	4		1977	breeding	A1, C1	
	Dez river marshes and plains	20000	31.83	48.63	11		1977	winter	A1, A4i, B1i, C1, C2	
	Gandoman marsh	1500	31.83	51.10	140		1992	winter	A1, C1	
	Gori Gol	120	37.83	46.67	4		1977	breeding	A1, C1	
	Gori Gol	120	37.83	46.67	40		1977	passage	A1, C1	
	Hamoun-i Sabari and Hamoun-i Hirmand	250000	31.17	61.17	5	10	1977	breeding	A1, C1	
	Hashelan marsh and Doh Tappeh plains	10050	34.55	46.92	130		1977	winter	A1, C1	
	Hashelan marsh and Doh Tappeh plains	10050	34.55	46.92	4		1977	resident	C6	
	Lake Kobi	1200	36.95	45.50	4		1977	breeding	A1	
	Lake Uromiyeh	483000	37.50	45.50	4		1977	breeding	A1	
	Lake Zaribar	1550	35.53	46.12	20	50	1977	breeding	A1	
	Lake Zaribar	1550	35.53	46.12	250		1977	passage	A1	
	Seyed Mohalli, Zarin Kola and Larim Sara	1600	36.75	53.00	185		1977	passage	A1	
	Shadegan marshes, Khor-al Amaya, Khor Musa	425140	30.17	48.67	4		1977	breeding	B1i	
	Shadegan marshes, Khor-al Amaya, Khor Musa	425140	30.17	48.67	10		1977	winter	A1, B1i	
	Shur Gol, Yadegarlu and Dorgeh Sangi lakes	2500	37.02	45.52	4		1977	breeding	A1, B1i, B2	
	South end of the Hamoun-i Puzak	14900	31.33	61.75	30		1977	winter	B1i	
	Voshmigr dam	500	37.20	54.75	15		1977	winter	A1, B1i, B2	
	Iraq	Attariya plains	50000	33.42	44.92	13		1979	winter	A1, B1i, B2
		Baquba wetlands	2000	33.92	44.83	515	1,000	1968	winter	B1i
		Haur Al Sa'adiyah	140000	32.17	46.63	30		1967	winter	B1i
		Mahzam and Lake Tharthar	455000	34.33	43.37	10		1992	winter	B1i
		Samara dam	20000	34.25	43.83	25		1992	winter	B1i, B2
Israel	Jeze'el, Harod and Bet She'an valleys	40000	32.53	35.33	9		1991	resident	A1, B1i, B2	
	Jeze'el, Harod and Bet She'an valleys	40000	32.53	35.33	20		1991	winter	B1i, B2	
	Judean foothills	60000	31.75	34.92	20		1991	winter	B1i, B2	
Italy	Biviere and Plain of Gela	28052	37.02	14.33	0	1,500	1986	passage	B1i	
	Brabbia peatland and Lake Varese	2437	45.78	8.75	4	6	1996	breeding	B1i	
	Gargano Promontory and Capitanata Wetlands	207378	41.42	15.92	1,000	1,000	1985	winter	B2	
	Oristano wetlands and Cape San Marco	22595	39.87	8.48	0	210	1995	passage	B1i, B2	
	Ponte Buriano-Lago della Penna	200	43.52	11.75	1	10	1995	passage	A1	
	Pools of Florence plain	1000	43.80	11.07	0	20	1996	passage	A1	
	Punte Alberete and Valle della Canna, Pineta San Vitale and Pialassa della Baiona	4152	44.50	12.25	0	20	1996	breeding	A1	
	Simeto mouth and Biviere di Lentini	3398	37.40	15.10	280	280	1998	passage	A1	
	Simeto mouth and Biviere di Lentini	3398	37.40	15.10	67	67	1995	winter	A1, A4i	
	Simeto mouth and Biviere di Lentini	3398	37.40	15.10	15	20	1997	breeding	A1, A4i, B1i	
	Stagnone di Marsala and Trapani salt pans	4454	37.78	12.50	10	10	1992	winter	A1	
	Valli di Argenta	2000	44.57	11.83	12	12	1989	winter	A1	
	Valli di Comacchio and Bonifica del Mezzano	44013	44.62	12.17	95	95	1976	winter	B2	
	Venice lagoon	68982	45.37	12.47	3	33	1994	winter	A1	
	Vico lake	4000	42.33	12.17	4	4	1995	winter	A1	
	Lebanon	Ammiq swamp	280	33.77	35.77	1	2	1974	non-breeding	B1i, B2
	Mali	Lac Faguibine	45000	16.75	-4.00	300	300	1983	winter	A1, B2
Lac Fati		13500	16.20	-3.68	2,150	2,150	1985	winter	A1, B2	
Lac Horo		18900	16.22	-3.92	5,600	5,600	1987	winter	A1, B2, C1, C6	
Lac Télé		5600	16.55	-3.75	300	300	1984	winter	A1, B2, C1, C6	
	Séri	40000	14.83	-4.67	350	350	1986	winter	C6	

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			Lat (N)	Long (E)	Min	Max				
<b>Mauritania</b>	Lac d'Aleg	4275	17.10	-13.98	120	120	1999	winter	B2, C6	
	Sawana--Oum Lellé	1200	16.33	-9.28	85	85	2000	winter	A1, B2, C1, C6	
<b>Nigeria</b>	Hadejia-Nguru wetlands	300000	12.65	10.55	1,594	1,594	1988	winter	C6	
<b>Oman</b>	Khawr ad Dahariz	150	17.02	54.18	16			passage	B2	
	Khawr Dhirif	100	18.93	57.35	15			passage	B1i, B2	
	Khawr Rawri	1100	17.03	54.43	30			winter	B1i, B2	
	Wadi Darbat	78000	17.10	54.45	17			winter	B1i, B2	
<b>Poland</b>	Barycz river valley	25700	51.53	17.42	40	130	1994	breeding	A1, A4i, B1i	
	Przemków ponds	1046	51.57	15.82	4	6	1990	breeding	A1	
	Solska Forest Landscape Park	28980	50.38	23.13	4	6	1995	breeding	A1	
	Tysmienica river valley	14500	51.60	22.82	3	8	1993	breeding	A1, A4i	
	Woniesc reservoir	900	51.98	16.73	5	11	1988	breeding	A1, A4i, B1i, B2	
<b>Portugal</b>	Pera marsh	170	37.10	-8.33	2	2	2001	breeding	A1, C1	
<b>Romania</b>	Balta Alba, Amara and Jirlau lakes	2680	45.25	27.25	0	1,000	1995	passage	A1, C1	
	Cefa fish-ponds and Radvani wood	1000	46.92	21.68	2	20	1996	breeding	A1	
	Danube Delta and Razelm-Sinoe complex	442000	44.93	29.20	3,000	0	1996	breeding	A1, B1i, C1, C2	
	Lake Comana	800	44.17	26.10	20	30	1993	breeding	A1, B1i, C1, C2	
	Lake Strachina	1050	44.67	27.60	20	0	1993	breeding	C6	
	Mehedinti fish-ponds-Izvoarele	210	44.35	22.67	20	0	1996	breeding	A1, C1	
	Murani lake and Pischia forest	1500	45.92	21.33	6	41	1997	breeding	A1, B1i, C1, C2	
	Portile de Fier reservoir	32000	44.57	22.20	2	850	1996	passage	A1, A4i, B1i	
	Satchinez marsh	236	45.97	21.07	40	50	1996	breeding	A1, A4i, B1i	
	The Little Island of Braila	14862	44.92	27.92	46	50	1993	breeding	A1	
<b>Russian Federation</b>	Vadeni-Mata-Cârja-Radeanu wetlands	380	46.07	28.12	19	40	1996	breeding	A1	
	Achikol'skiye lakes	20000	43.78	47.17	250	300	1982	breeding	A1	
	Dadynskiye lake	45000	45.27	45.07	70	0	1996	non-breeding	A1, B1i, B2	
	Delta of the River Don	53800	47.17	39.42	100	150	1997	passage	B1i	
	Delta of the River Don	53800	47.17	39.42	25	30	1997	breeding	A1, B1i, B2	
	Lake Adzhi	2000	42.32	48.08	17	25	1997	breeding	A1, B1i, B2	
	Mouth of Samur river	7000	41.87	48.50	10	100	1989	passage	B1i, B2	
	Volga Delta	1150000	46.00	48.50	0	1,000	1996	breeding	B1i, B2	
	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Al-Ha'ir	2500	24.50	46.83				resident	A1, B1i, B2
		Al-Ha'ir	2500	24.50	46.83	36	69	1991	winter	A1, B1i, B2
Al-Hasa lagoons		7500	25.50	50.00				breeding	B2	
King Faisal Airbase, Tabuk			28.38	36.63	4	9		breeding	A1, B1i, B2	
<b>Senegal</b>	Malaki dam	2500	17.05	42.97	45	83	1992	winter	A1	
	Djoudj wetlands	56000	16.33	-16.25	12	50	1992	winter	A1, B2	
<b>Serbia &amp; Montenegro</b>	Carska bara	9300	45.27	20.42	30	50	1997	breeding	A1, A4i	
	Dubovac-Ram	12000	44.82	21.27	30	40	1996	breeding	A1, A4i	
	Gornje Podunavlje	30000	45.62	18.97	30	50	1997	resident	A1, A4i	
	Jegricka	5400	45.33	20.17	50	70	1997	breeding	A1, A4i	
	Lake Skadar	40000	42.18	19.25	20	30	1998	breeding	A1, A4i	
	Subotica lakes and sandy terrain	20000	46.07	19.82	15	25	1997	breeding	A1	
	Uzdin fish-pond	5500	45.22	20.63	100	150	1997	breeding	A1, A4i	
	Mala Vrbica fish-pond	2000	44.36	22.39	7	10	2001	breeding		
	Durmitor (mountain lakes)	33000	43.07	19.01	10	15	2001	breeding		
	<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>	Bahrat Homs	5300	34.62	36.53	250	300	1982	passage	A1
Bahrat Homs		5300	34.62	36.53				winter	A1	
Tual al-'Abba		30000	36.42	39.33	20			passage	A1	
<b>Tunisia</b>	Douz Laâla	100	33.47	8.97	5	10	1996	breeding	B2	
	Ghidma	100	33.43	8.80				winter	A1, B2	

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			Lat (N)	Long (E)	Min	Max			
	Ichkeul	12600	37.17	9.67	20	90	1991	winter	A1
	Lebna reservoir	1000	36.70	10.93	200	300		passage	A1, B2
<b>Turkey</b>	Akdogan lake	2000	41.73	39.15	20	20	2001	breeding	A1, B1i, B2
	Aksehir and Eber lakes	53600	38.60	31.30	10	10		breeding	B1i, B2
	Çorak lake	1150	37.68	29.77	100	100	1970	winter	A1, B1i, B2
	Eregli marshes	37000	37.53	33.75	10	10		breeding	A1
	Göksu delta	14480	36.30	33.97	30	30	1995	breeding	A1, C1
	Hotamis marshes	16500	37.58	33.05	89	89	1994	unknown	A1, C1
	Isikli lake	7300	38.23	29.92	97	97	1992	winter	A1, A4i, B1i, C1, C2, C6
	Karakaya Reservoir	30000	38.33	38.56	60	100	1997	winter	C6
	Karakuyu Marshes	800	38.08	30.16	20	0	1996	breeding	B2, C6
	Karamik marshes	4500	38.43	30.83	10	10		breeding	C6
	Kesikköprü Reservoir	1500	39.37	33.33	20	0	1997	breeding	A1, B2
	Kizilirmak delta	16110	41.60	36.08	150	150		breeding	B1i
	Kocaçay delta	4200	40.38	28.48	70	70		breeding	B1i, B2
	Kulu lake	860	39.08	33.15	10	10		breeding	A1, B1i, B2
	Marmara lake	6800	38.62	28.00	25	25	0	breeding	A1
	Mogan lake	1500	39.77	32.80	150	200	1994	winter	A1
	Mogan lake	1500	39.77	32.80	10	10		breeding	A1
	Salda lake	4370	37.55	29.67	400	400	1990	winter	A1
	Sultansazligi	39000	38.33	35.27	20	20		breeding	A1
	Terkos lake	5850	41.32	28.53	20	0	2000	breeding	A1
	Uluabat lake	13500	40.17	28.58	0	32	1998	breeding	A1, A4i
<b>Ukraine</b>	Kagul lake	10500	45.22	28.43	30	50	1999	breeding	A1, A4i
	Kugurluj and Kartal lakes	19200	45.28	28.65	30	60	1999	breeding	A1
	Latorytsya river valley near Chop	7000	48.47	22.30	40	60	1997	breeding	A1
	River Danube	2500	45.38	29.12	10	30	1999	breeding	A1
	Shats'ki lakes	32850	51.55	23.82	20	0	1994	breeding	A1
	Snake island	17	45.25	30.20	50	100	1999	passage	A1, A4i
<b>Yemen</b>	Ta'izz wadis	11000	13.65	44.00	72			passage	A1
	Ta'izz wadis	11000	13.65	44.00	10	150	1992	winter	A1

**Criteria:** the following criteria were used to identify IBAs for *Aythya nyroca*:

*Category A1* Species of global conservation concern: The site regularly holds significant numbers of a globally threatened species, or other species of global conservation concern.

*Category A4* Congregations: i) The site is known or thought to hold, on a regular basis,  $\geq 1\%$  of a biogeographic population of a congregatory waterbird species.

*Category B1* Congregations: I) The site is known or thought to hold  $\geq 1\%$  of a flyway or other distinct population of a waterbird species.

*Category B2* Species with an unfavourable conservation status in Europe: The site is one of the 'n' most important in the country for a species with an unfavourable conservation status in Europe (SPEC 2, 3) and for which the site-protection approach is thought to be appropriate.

*Category C1* Species of global conservation concern: The site regularly holds significant numbers of a globally threatened species, or other species of global conservation concern.

*Category C2* Concentrations of a species threatened at the European Union level: The site is known to regularly hold at least 1% of a flyway population or of the EU population of a species threatened at the EU level (listed on Annex 1 and referred to in Article 4.2 of the EC Birds Directive).

*Category C6* Species threatened at the European Union level: The site is one of the five most important in the European region (NUTS region) in question for a species or subspecies considered threatened in the European Union (i.e. listed in Annex 1 of the EC Birds Directive).

Annex 3.2. Protection status of Important Bird Areas for the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*.

Country	International name	Protection status	Protected areas name	Management Plan
Afghanistan	Hamun-i-Puzak	(None)		no
<b>Algeria</b>	Complexe de zones humides de la plaine de Guerbes-Sanhadja	?		no
	Lac des Oiseaux---Garaet et Touyour	(Partial)	Unknown	no
	Lac Oubeïra	(Full)	Unknown	no
	Lac Tonga	(Full)	Unknown	no
	Marais de Mekhada	(None)		no
<b>Armenia</b>	Armash fish-farm	?		no
	Lake Sevan	Full	Lake Sevan (Ramsar)	no
<b>Austria</b>	Neusiedler See	Full	Neusiedler See-Seewinkel (National Park, Special Protection Area (SPA)), Neusiedlersee, Seewinkle & Hansag (Ramsar)	no
	Southern Seewinkel and Zitzmannsdorfer Wiesen	Full	Neusiedler See-Seewinkel (National Park, SPA), Neusiedlersee, Seewinkle & Hansag (Ramsar), Neusiedler See (National Park)	no
<b>Belarus</b>	Beloe fish-farm	None		no
	Mid-Pripyat	Partial	Mid-Pripyat State Landscape Zakaznik (Ramsar), Nizovie Jaseldy (Zakaznik), Nizovie Sluchi (Zakaznik), Prostyr (Zakaznik), Ustie Lani (Zakaznik)	no
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	Bardaca	Partial	IBA BA003 (Ornithological reserve)	no
	Hutovo blato	Full	Hutavo Blato (Ramsar), IBA BA001 (Ornithological reserve)	no
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Atanasovo lake	Partial	Atanasovo Lake (Buffer zone, Ramsar, Reserve)	no
	Durankulak lake	Partial	Durankulak lake (National Monument, Ramsar)	no
	Kalimok complex	Partial	Bezimenen Island (Protected Landscape)	no
	Mandra-Poda complex	Partial	Izovorska Mouth (Protected Landscape), Poda Lagoon (Protected Landscape)	no
	Mechka fish-ponds	None		no
	Orsoya fish-ponds	None		no
	Shabla lake complex	Partial	Shabla Lake (Protected Landscape, Ramsar)	no
	Srebarna lake	Partial	Srebarna (Ramsar, Reserve, World Heritage Site)	no
<b>Chad</b>	Lake Fitri	(Full)	Unknown	no
<b>Croatia</b>	Alluvial wetlands of the River Danube	Partial	Kopacki Rit (Nature Park, Ramsar, Special Reserve), Repas Nature Park (Nature Park), Veliki Pazut (Special Reserve), Krapje Dol (Other), Lonjsko Polje and Mokro Poljje (Ramsar), Rakita (other), Vrazje Blato (Other)	no
	Alluvial wetlands of the River Drava	Partial	Kopacki Rit (Nature Park, Ramsar, Special Reserve), Repas Nature Park (Nature Park), Veliki Pazut (Special Reserve), Krapje Dol (Other), Lonjsko Polje and Mokro Poljje (Ramsar), Rakita (other), Vrazje Blato (Other)	no
	Alluvial wetlands of the River Sava	Partial	Kopacki Rit (Nature Park, Ramsar, Special Reserve), Repas Nature Park (Nature Park), Veliki Pazut (Special Reserve), Krapje Dol (Other), Lonjsko Polje and Mokro Poljje (Ramsar), Rakita (other), Vrazje Blato (Other)	no
	Donji Miholjac fish-ponds	None		no
	Grudnjak fish-ponds	None		no
	Jelas field	None		no
	Koncanica fish-ponds and surrounding area	None		no
	Nasicka Breznica fish-ponds	None		no
	Pokupsko depression	Partial	Crna Mlaka (Ramsar, Special Reserve)	no
<b>Egypt</b>	Aswan reservoir	(Partial)	Unknown	yes
	Lake Burullus Protected Area	(Full)	Unknown	yes
	Lake Nasser	(None)		no
	Upper Nile	?		yes
	Wadi El Rayan Protected Area	(None)		no
<b>Ethiopia</b>	Bishoftu lake	?		no
	Chelekleka lake and swamp	?		no
	Green Lake	?		no
	Lake Ashenge	?		yes

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<b>Georgia</b>	Javakheti Plateau	Partial	Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park (National Park)	no	
	Kolkheti	Partial	Ispani II Marshes (Ramsar), Kolkheti Nature Reserve (Zapovednik), Wetlands of Central Kolkheti (Ramsar)	no	
<b>Greece</b>	Amvrakikos gulf	Partial	Amvrakikos gulf (Ramsar), Amvrakikos Kolpos (SPA), Limnotherassa Tsoukalio kai Valtos Rodias (Game Refuge)	no	
	Lake Chimaditis and Lake Zazaris	Partial	Hintsko-Heimadi/Limnotheriou (Game Refuge), Limnes Cheimaditida-Zazari (SPA)	no	
	Lake Distos	Partial	Argiro- Pr. Hlias-Panagia/Aliveriou-Argirou-Pra (Game Refuge)	no	
	Lake Kalodiki, Margariti and Karteri marshes	Partial	Elos Kalodiki (Site of conservation importance), Valtos Kalodikiou/Margaritiou-Eleftheriou-Spath (Game Refuge)	no	
	Lake Kastoria (Orestiada)	Partial	Limni, Vouno Kastorias (Game Refuge)	no	
	Lake Kerkini	Partial	Artificial Lake Kerkini (Ramsar), Techniti Limni Kerkinis (SPA)	no	
	Lake Mitrikou (Ismarida)	Full	Lake Mitrikou (Protected area), Lake Vistonis, Porto Lagos, Lake Ismaris & adj. La (SPA, Ramsar), Mavromatiou-Limni Mitrikou/Imerou-Mavromatiou (Game refuge)	no	
	Lake Stymphalia	Partial	Gidomandra/Laukas (Game refuge)	no	
	Lakes Trichonida and Lysimachia	Partial	Limnes Trichonida kai Lysimachia (Site of conservation importance)	no	
	Nestou delta and coastal lagoons	Partial	Dasohoriou (Font tis Amerikis)/Erasmou (Game refuge), Dasos Nestou (Kotza Orman) (Game Refuge), Delta Nestou (SPA), Nestos Delta & adjoining lagoons (Ramsar), Nestou delta and coastal lagoons (Protected area)	no	
	North, east and south Kithira island	Partial	Nisides Kythiron: Prasonisis, Dragonera, Antidragon (SPA), Thalaria Kythiron (Game Refuge)	no	
	Porto Lagos, Lake Vistonis, and coastal lagoons (Lakes of Thrace)	Partial	Fanariou/Porto Lagos (Game Refuge), Lake Vistonis, Porto Lagos, Lake Ismaria & adj. la (Ramsar, SPA), Porto Lagos, Lake Vistonis, and coastal lagoons (Protected area)	no	
	Reservoirs of former Lake Karla	None		yes	
	Sperchios valley and delta-Maliakos gulf	Partial	Ekvoles Sperchiou (Game Refuge), Ygrotos Ekvolon Sperchiou (SPA)	yes	
	<b>Hungary</b>	Biharugra fish-ponds	Partial	Biharugra Fishponds (Ramsar), Koros-Maros (National Park)	yes
		Bodrog flood-plain	Partial	Bodrogzug (Ramsar), Long-erdo (Nature Conservation Area), Tokaj-Bodrogzug (Landscape Protected Area)	no
		Hortobágy	Partial	Hortobagy (National Park, Ramsar), Hortobagy Natyional Park (Biosphere Reserve)	no
	Inner Somogy	Partial	Balata-to (Nature Conservation Area), Boronka melleki (Landscape Protected Area), Csokonyavisontai fas legelo (Nature Conservation Area), Duna-Drava (National Park), Rinyaszentkiralyi erdo (Nature Conservation Area)	no	
	Kis-balaton	Full	Balaton-felvideki (National Park), Kis-Balaton (Ramsar)	no	
	Nagyberek	Partial	Nagyberek Feherviz (Nature Conservation Area)		
	Pacsmag fish-ponds	Full	Pacsmag Fishponds (Ramsar), Pacsmagi-tavak (Nature Conservation Area)	no	
	Pusztaszer Landscape Protection Area	Full	Pusztaszer (Ramsar), Pustaszeri (Landscape Protected Area)	no	
	Sárvíz valley	Partial	Retszilás Fishponds (Ramsar), Retszilasi-tavak (Nature Conservation Area), Sarviz-volgy (Landscape Protected Area)	no	
	Vértes Mountains and Zámoly Basin	Partial	Vertesi (Landscape Protected Area)	no	
<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>	Anzali Mordab complex	(Full)	Unknown	no	
	Cheghakor marsh	?		yes	
	Dasht-e Arjan and Lake Parishan	(None)		no	
	Dez river marshes and plains	(Partial)	Unknown	no	
	Gandoman marsh	(None)		no	
	Gori Gol	(Full)	Unknown	no	
	Hamoun-i Sabari and Hamoun-i Hirmand	(Full)	Unknown	yes	
	Hashelan marsh and Doh Tappeh plains	(None)		no	
	Lake Kobi	(Full)	Unknown	yes	
	Lake Uromiyeh	(Full)	Unknown	no	
	Lake Zaribar	(None)		yes	
	Seyed Mohalli, Zarin Kola and Larim Sara	(None)		no	
	Shadegan marshes, Khor-al Amaya, Khor Musa	(Partial)	Unknown	no	
	Shur Gol, Yadegarlu and Dorgeh Sangi lakes	(Full)	Unknown	yes	
	South end of the Hamoun-i Puzak	(Partial)	Unknown	yes	
	Voshmigr dam	(None)		yes	
<b>Iraq</b>	Attariya plains	(None)		yes	

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	Baquba wetlands	(None)		yes
	Haur Al Sa'adiyah	(None)		yes
	Mahzam and Lake Tharthar	(None)		no
	Samara dam	(None)		yes
<b>Israel</b>	Jezre'el, Harod and Bet She'an valleys	?		no
	Judean foothills	?		no
<b>Italy</b>	Biviere and Plain of Gela	Partial	Biviere and Plain of Gela (SPA), Biviere di gela (Ramsar, Regional Nature Reserve)	no
	Brabbia peatland and Lake Varese	Full	Lago di Biandronno (Regional Nature Reserve), Palude Brabbia (Ramsar, Regional Nature Reserve), V. del Mincio, Paludi di Ostiglia, Torbiere d'Iseo (SPA)	yes
	Gargano Promontory and Capitanata Wetlands	Partial	Saline di Margherita di Savoia (Ramsar)	no
	Oristano wetlands and Cape San Marco	Partial	Stagno di C bras (Ramsar), Stagno di Corru S'Ittiri, Stagni di San Giovanni e (Ramsar), Stagno di Mastras (Ramsar), Stagno di Pauli Maiori (Ramsar), Stagno di S'Elena Arrubia (Ramsar), Stagno di Sale Porcus (Ramsar)	no
	Ponte Buriano-Lago della Penna	Partial	Ponte Buriano-Lago della Penna (Wildlife Reserve)	yes
	Pools of Florence plain	None		yes
	Punte Alberete and Valle della Canna, Pineta San Vitale and Pialassa della Baiona	Partial	Delta del Po (Regional Nature Park), Piassassa della Baiona e Risega (Ramsar), Pineta di Ravenna (San Vitlae) (Nature Reserve), Punta Alberte (Ramsar), Punte Alberte e Valle della Canna (SPA), Valle Gorino, Bertuzzi, Comacchio, Ortazzo, Baiona (SPA)	yes
	Simeto mouth and Biviere di Lentini	Partial	Oasi del Simeto (Regional Nature Reserve), Simeto mouth and Biviere di Lentini (SPA)	yes
	Stagnone di Marsala and Trapani salt pans	Partial	Isole dello Stagnone di Marsala (Regional Nature Reserve), Saline di Trapani e Paceco (Regional Nature Reserve), Stagnone di Marsala and Trapani salt pans (SPA)	no
	Valli di Argenta	Partial	Delta del Po (Regional Nature Park), Valle Campotto e Bassarone (Ramsar), Valle Santa (Ramsar), Valle Santa e Val Campotto (SPA), Valli Argenta e Marmorta (Wildlife Reserve)	yes
	Valli di Comacchio and Bonifica del Mezzano	Partial	Delta del Po (Regional Nature Park), Destra foce fiume Reno (Statae nature Reserve), Foce fiume Reno (Statae Nature Reserve), RN Sacca di Bellocchio e Foce Fiume Reno (SPA), Sacca di Bellocchio (Ramsar), Sacca di Bellocchio I (Nature Reserve), Sacca di Bellocchio II (Nature Reserve), Sacca di Bellocchio III (Nature Reserve), Valle Gorino, Bertuzzi, Comacchio, Ortazzo, Baiona (SPA), Valli residue dell comprensorio di Comacchio (Ramsar)	yes
	Venice lagoon	Partial	Barene di S. Giuliano (Wildlife Reserve), Boschi di Ca Savio-Punta Sabbioni (Wildlife Reserve), Ca Roman (Wildlife Reserve), Casse di Colmata (Wildlife Reserve), Dune delgi Alberoni (Wildlife Reserve), Isolotto petrolchimico e Laguna Viva (Wildlife Reserve), Laghetti Decal (Wildlife Reserve), Laguna di Venezia: Valle Averno (Ramsar), Le Vignole-Le Certosa (Wildlife Reserve), Pineta di Ca Ballarin (Wildlife Reserve), Seca del Bacan (Wildlife Reserve)Valle Averno (SPA), Valle Millecampo (State Nature Reserve)Vallesina-Canale Casson (Wildlife Reserve)	no
	Vico lake	Partial	Lago di Vico (Regional Nature Reserve)	no
<b>Lebanon</b>	Ammiq swamp	?		no
<b>Mali</b>	Lac Faguibine	?		no
	Lac Fati	?		no
	Lac Horo	(Full)	Unknown	no
	Lac Télé	?		no
	Séri	?		no
<b>Mauritania</b>	Lac d'Aleg	?		no
	Sawana--Oum Lellé	?		no
<b>Nigeria</b>	Hadejia-Nguru wetlands	?		no
<b>Oman</b>	Khawr ad Dahariz	?		no
	Khawr Dhirif	?		no
	Khawr Rawri	?		no
	Wadi Darbat	?		no
<b>Poland</b>	Barycz river valley	Full	Dolina Baryczy (Landscape Park), Las Pardolinski (Nature Monument), Stawy Milickie (Nature Reserve), Stawy Milickie Nature Reserve (Ramsar), Wydymacz (Nature Reserve), Wzgorza Ostrzeszowskie I Kotlina	no

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			Odolanowska (Protected Landscape Area), Biebrza National Park (Ramsar), Biebrzanski Park Narodowy (National Park)	
	Przemków ponds	Full	Przamski Park Krajobrazowy (Landscape Park)	no
	Solska Forest Landscape Park	Full	Puszcza Solska (Landscape Park)	no
	Tysmienica river valley	None		no
	Woniesc reservoir	None		no
<b>Portugal</b>	Pera marsh	None		no
<b>Romania</b>	Balta Alba, Amara and Jirlau lakes	Partial	Lake Amara (Nature Reserve), Lake Balata Alba (Nature Reserve), Visani Bird Sanctuary (Nature Reserve)	no
	Cefa fish-ponds and Radvani wood	Partial	Radvani Wood Mixed Heron Colony (Bird Sanctuary)	no
	Danube Delta and Razelm-Sinoe complex	Full	Danube Delta (Ramsar), Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve (Biosphere Reserve, World Heritage Site)	no
	Lake Comana	Partial	Gradinari Wood (Nature Reserve)	no
	Lake Strachina	None		no
	Mehedinti fish-ponds-Izvoarele	None		no
	Murani lake and Pischia forest	Partial	Mlastinile Murani (Nature Reserve)	no
	Portile de Fier reservoir	None		no
	Satchinez marsh	Partial	Satchinez Bird Reserve (Nature Reserve)	no
	The Little Island of Braila	Partial	Little island of Braila (Nature Reserve)	no
	Vadeni-Mata-Cârja-Radeanu wetlands	None		no
<b>Russian Federation</b>	Achikol'skiye lakes	None		no
	Dadynskiye lake	None		no
	Delta of the River Don	Partial	Azovski Uchastok Opytnogo Okhotkhozaystva (Zakaznik), Donskoiiy rybniy (Zapovednik), Girlovskiy (Zakaznik)	yes
	Lake Adzhi	None		yes
	Mouth of Samur river	Partial	Samursky (Zakaznik)	yes
	Volga Delta	Partial	Astrakhanskiy (Zapovednik), Astrakhanskiy Zapovednik (Biosphere Reserve), Volga Delta (Ramsar)	yes
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Al-Ha'ir	(Partial)	Unknown	no
	Al-Hasa lagoons	?		yes
	King Faisal Airbase, Tabuk	(None)		no
	Malaki dam	(None)		no
<b>Senegal</b>	Djoudj wetlands	(Full)	Unknown	no
<b>Serbia &amp; Montenegro</b>	Carska bara	Partial	Stari-Begej-Carska Bara (Special Nature Reserve), Stari Begej/Carska Bara Special Nature Reserve (Ramsar)	no
	Dubovac-Ram	Full	Deliblato Sand (Special Nature Reserve)	no
	Gornje Podunavlje	Partial	Gornje Podunavlje (Regional Nature Park)	no
	Jegricka	Partial	Jegricka (Strict Nature Reserve)	no
	Lake Skadar	Partial	Skadarsko Jezero (National Park, Ramsar)	no
	Subotica lakes and sandy terrain	Partial	Ludasko Jezero (Special Nature Reserve), Ludasko Lake (Ramsar), Palic (Regional Nature Park), Seleveniske pustare (Special Nature Reserve)	no
	Uzdin fish-pond	None		no
	Mala Vrbica fish-pond	None		
	Durmitor	Partial	Durmitor National Park	
<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>	Bahrat Homs	(None)		no
	Tual al-'Abba	(None)		no
<b>Tunisia</b>	Douz Laâla	Full	Zone humide de Douz Laala	no
	Ghidma	Full	Zone humide de Ghidma	no
	Ichkeul	Full	Parc National de l'Ichkeul	no
	Lebna reservoir	Full	Barrage Lebna	no
<b>Turkey</b>	Akdogan lake	None		no
	Aksehir and Eber lakes	Partial	Aksehir & Eber Golu (SIT)	no
	Çorak lake	None		no
	Eregli marshes	Partial	Eregli Sazligi (Nature Reserve, SIT)	no

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	Göksu delta	Full	Gosku Delta Game Reserve (Game Reserve), Gosku Delta Ramsar (Ramsar), Gosku Delta (SIT), Gosku Delta SPA (SPA)	no
	Hotamis marshes	Partial	Hotamis Sazligi SIT (SIT)	no
	Isikli lake	None		no
	Karakaya Reservoir	None		no
	Karakuyu Marshes	None		no
	Karamik Marshes	Partial	Karamik Golu (SIT)	no
	Kesikköprü Reservoir	None		no
	Kizilirmak delta	Partial	Kizilirmak Deltasi (Game Reserve, Ramsar), Kizilirmak Delta SIT (SIT)	no
	Kocaçay delta	None		no
	Kulu lake	Partial	Kulu Golu (SIT)	no
	Marmara lake	None		no
	Mogan lake	Full	Mogan Golu (SPA)	no
	Salda lake	Partial	Salda Lake SIT (SIT)	no
	Sultansazligi	Full	Sultan Sazligi (Game Reserve, Nature Reserve), Sultansazligi (Ramsar, SIT)	no
	Terkos lake	None		no
	Uluabat lake	Partial	Uluabat Golu (Ramsar)	no
<b>Ukraine</b>	Kagul lake	None		no
	Kugurluj and Kartal lakes	Partial	Kartal Lake (Ramsar), Kugurlui Lake (Ramsar)	no
	Latorytsya river valley near Chop	None		no
	River Danube	None		no
	Shats'ki lakes	Partial	Shatsk (National Park), Shatsk Lakes (Ramsar)	no
	Snake island	None		no
<b>Yemen</b>	Ta'izz wadis	?		no

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