



7th MEETING OF THE AEWA STANDING COMMITTEE
26 – 27 November 2011, Bergen, Norway

DRAFT RESOLUTION 5.XX

REVISION AND ADOPTION OF CONSERVATION GUIDELINES

Recalling Article IV paragraph 4 of the Agreement, and paragraph 7.3 of the Agreement's Action Plan, which require the development and review of conservation guidelines so as to assist Contracting Parties with their implementation of the Agreement,

Further recalling Resolutions 1.10, 2.3 and 4.13, which adopted 13 conservation guidelines focusing on various aspects of waterbird conservation practice,

Noting that these conservation guidelines provide a common framework for action, which aids the coherent implementation of the Agreement by the Contracting Parties to the Agreement, as well as other Range States and interested parties,

Recognizing the work of the Secretariat and the Technical Committee over the past triennium to review previously adopted conservation guidelines and develop additional ones, also in collaboration with the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the CMS MoU on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Birds of Prey,

Acknowledging the voluntary contribution by the Government of Switzerland and the funds provided by RWE Rhein-Ruhr Netzservice GmbH, which enabled the development of additional guidelines,

Recalling Resolution 4.3 which requested the Technical Committee to review the periods during which huntable bird populations of conservation concern covered by the Agreement return to their breeding grounds and, if needed, to provide further guidance on the implementation of paragraph 2.1.2 (a) AEWA Action Plan,

Recognizing the work of the Technical Committee over the past triennium towards developing guidance on the definition of periods of breeding and pre-nuptial migration for migratory African-Eurasian waterbirds (document AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.XX).

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Adopts* the following newly developed conservation guidelines:

- a) Guidelines for mitigating/avoiding the conflict between migratory birds and electricity power grids (document AEWA/MOP 5.XX), and
- b) Guidelines on re-establishment of AEWA waterbird species (document AEWA/MOP 5.XX)

in the sense of Article IV of the Agreement, as guidance for the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Agreement and its Action Plan;

2. *Adopts* the revised versions of the following previously adopted conservation guidelines:
 - a) Guidelines on identifying and tackling emergency situations for migratory waterbirds (document AEWA/MOP 5.XX),
 - b) Guidelines on regulating trade in migratory waterbirds (document AEWA/MOP 5.XX), and
 - c) Guidelines on avoidance of introductions of non-native waterbird species (document AEWA/MOP 5.XX);
3. *Calls upon* Contracting Parties, as before, to utilize these guidelines in a practical way that leads to a minimum of additional bureaucracy and that recognizes the different social, economic and environmental conditions within the Agreement area;
4. *Instructs* the Secretariat to disseminate these guidelines to all Range States, and relevant international governmental and non-governmental organisations, and to monitor their use to the extent that this is possible;
5. *Encourages* Contracting Parties to utilize the guidance on defining periods of breeding and pre-nuptial migration for migratory African-Eurasian waterbirds with respect to the implementation of paragraph 2.1.2 (a) AEWA Action Plan (document AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.XX);
6. *Requests* the Technical Committee and the Secretariat to integrate this guidance in a future revised version of the Conservation Guidelines on sustainable harvest of migratory waterbirds.