



FOURTH OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE
CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS (AEWA)
12-13 May 2003, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening

The representative of the Host country will open the meeting at 9.30 hrs

2. Welcome addresses

The Depositary and the Secretariat may make some initial welcoming remarks.

3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure (doc. 4.3) will be proposed for adoption.

4. Adoption of the agenda and work programme

The agenda (doc.4.2) as well as the work programme (doc. 4.4) will be proposed for adoption.

5. Admission of Observers

The Chairman will orally inform the members about the international inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations which have been invited to participate at this Technical Committee Meeting.

6. Adoption of the minutes of the third Meeting of the Technical Committee

The minutes (doc.4.5) of the previous meeting will be proposed for adoption.

7. Report by the Chairman

The Chairman will orally report on its activities since the last meeting of the Technical Committee.

8. Report by the Secretariat:

The Secretariat will report briefly on outcomes of MOP2 and particularly instructions given by MOP2 to the TC (doc. 4.6). Furthermore the Secretariat will introduce a brief report (doc.4.7) regarding its activities since the last meeting of the Technical Committee and will report on the following issues:

- a. *Personnel matters*
- b. *On any other issue*

9. Report on the activities of the working group:

The Chairman/ members of the following working groups will orally report on progress made since May 2002

- a. *Brent Goose Management Plan*
- b. *GROMS*

10. Update on the GEF Flyway project

The representative of Wetlands International will orally report on the progress made on the AEWA GEF project.

11. Implementation of the International Implementation Priorities 2003-2007

The Secretariat will report on the current situation of the International Implementation Priorities 2003-2007 (doc.4.8) In addition the Secretariat will seek some guidance and/ or advice of the Technical Committee regarding the following project proposals:

- a. Pilot Study/ review of potential from waterbird ringing recovery analyses for the Agreement Area (doc. 4.9)*
- b. Coordination of waterbird ringing schemes, particularly in Africa (doc. 4.10)*
- c. Publication of data on long-tailed duck and additional research (doc. 4.11)*
- d. Development of communication strategy for AEWA (doc. 4.12).*
- e. Report on status and trends of Populations for MOP3 (doc.4.13)*

12. Review and approval of new projects for inclusion in the Register of International Projects

The participants are requested to submit proposals for inclusion of new projects of international importance in the Register (doc. 4.14), which could be reviewed and approved during this meeting.

13. Amendments to the Action Plan

As laid down in Resolution 2.1(doc. 4.15) the TC is requested to:

- a. review the conservation status of four populations of *Anas platyrhynchos*, *Anas acuta* and *Somateria mollissima* as indicated in Resolution 2.1. para 4;*
- b. review further development of the Agreement by including additional species of wetland birds and species traditionally considered as seabirds;*
- c. develop guidelines for the interpretation of long-term decline in the context of Table 1 of the Action Plan;*
- d. provide clarification on the procedures used to delimit bio-geographical populations of waterbirds.*

14. Review of the Conservation Guidelines

The meeting will be requested to review the following guidelines:

- a. Guideline on avoidance of introduction of non-native species of Waterbirds (doc. 4.16) and the draft of the special brochure on this issue (doc 4.17);*
- b. Guideline on national legislation on the protection of waterbirds and their habitat (doc. 4.18);*
- c. Draft Guideline on international emergency situations.*

15. Development of the Action Plan for the Central Asian-South Asian Flyway

The Secretariat will orally inform the Technical Committee on progress made regarding the development of the Action Plan for the Central Asian-South Asian Flyway. The participants will be requested to provide the Secretariat with scientific and technical advice on pros and cons of inclusion of CASAF into AEWA.

16. Developments on International Species Action Plans

The Technical Committee is requested to review the latest version of the Draft Action Plan for the Dark-bellied Brent Goose (doc. 4.19) and to draft a recommendation for adoption of this plan by the Standing Committee.

17. Date and venue of the next meeting of the Technical Committee

18. Any other business

19. Closure