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**REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE  
AEWA INTERNATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES PLAN  
2003-2007**

**INTRODUCTION**

The implementation of the International Implementation Priorities for AEWA 2003-2007 (IIP 2003-2007) is fully dependent on voluntary contributions from Contracting Parties. Although most Parties are confronted with the impact of the economic recession on their budget, the Secretariat has been able to secure some funding for the implementation of the IIP 2003-2007. For 2005, most of the funds that might be accrued have to be allocated for the MOP3. The support secured for 2004 was approximately US \$ 150,000.

The fact that the US dollar has lost around 25 percent of its purchasing power is worth mentioning, for it means that the figures as laid down in the IIP 2003-2007 no longer suffice to cover the real costs of the projects that have been contracted out. Up to the end of 2003, it was possible to cover these gaps with the leftover of previous years. For 2004, there was a total shortfall of US \$ 50,000; caused particularly by the increased costs of salaries. So the Secretariat is no longer in a position to compensate for the shortfall in funds needed for a project from its own resources.

The following overview shows progress made so far.

**ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM THE TC**

The Technical Committee is requested to review the current situation regarding the implementation of the IIP 2003-2007.

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| No. | Name of project  | Funded by:           | Executed by:              | Remarks:   |
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| 1.  | Implementation of existing international single species action plans (SSAP)  |                      |                           |  |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of migration route of the Northern Bald Ibis (NBI) population in Syria</li> </ul>  | AEWA                 | RSPB                      | Project could not be successfully executed due to no permission being granted to use transmitters.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey of possible breeding areas of the Bald Ibis in Somalia/ survey of wintering areas of the Moroccan population of NBI</li> </ul>             | AEWA                 | SEO/ RSPB                 | Due to the political situation, the project could not be executed, so that funds were used instead to install satellite transmitters on NBI in Morocco.                                      |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying the factor determining the breeding habitat requirements and breeding success of Sociable Lapwing in 3 sites in Kazakhstan</li> </ul> | AEWA                 | BirdLife-European Div.    | Study was carried out in 2004, BirdLife submitted a fieldwork report in December 2004. Final report is due in 2005.  |
| 2   | Development of new international single species action plan (SSAP)   |                      |                           |  |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dark-bellied Brent Goose</li> </ul>   | AEWA,<br>Netherlands | AEWA                      | Finalisation of this SSAP depends on receiving comments from all Key countries.<br><br>Special page on Website on the Dark-bellied Brent Goose Action Plan will be created end of 2005/2006. |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light-bellied Brent Goose (EACHA)</li> </ul>  | WWT                  | WWT                       | Comments received from all Range States and text has been amended accordingly by WWT. SSAP will be submitted to MOP3 for adoption.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Bald Ibis</li> </ul>   | AEWA                 | SEO                       | Finalisation of the SSAP is foreseen to take place in due course. SSAP will be submitted to MOP3 for adoption.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corncrake</li> </ul>  | EU, CMS,<br>AEWA     | BirdLife<br>International | Finalisation of the SSAP is foreseen to take place in due course. SSAP will be submitted to MOP3 for adoption.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White-headed Duck</li> </ul>  | EU, CMS,<br>AEWA     | BirdLife<br>International | Finalisation of the SSAP is foreseen to take place in due course. SSAP will be submitted to MOP3 for adoption.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ferruginous Duck</li> </ul>   | EU, CMS,<br>AEWA     | BirdLife<br>International | Finalisation of the SSAP is foreseen to take place in due course. SSAP will be submitted to MOP3 for adoption.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maccoa Duck</li> </ul>  | Switzerland,         |                           | Contract for drafting SSAP released in   |

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|     |   | AEWA   |   | January 2005.  |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi Species Action Plan for southern African coastal seabirds</li> </ul>               | AEWA   | ADU   | Contract for drafting of this multi species action plan released in August 2004.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sociable Lapwing</li> <li>Great Snipe</li> <li>Black-winged Pratincole</li> </ul>        |  | BirdLife International                                | Action Plans for the Sociable Lapwing, Black-winged Pratincole and Great Snipe were published and launched in November 2004. |
| 3.  | Identifying all sites of international importance to AEWA species   |  |   | Will be part of the GEF project  |
| 4.  | Creating an interactive tool to present information on important sites for migratory waterbirds                                 |  |   | Will be part of the GEF project  |
| 5.  | Identifying priority areas for further survey work  |  |   | Will be part of the GEF project  |
| 6.  | Identifying priority areas for improved protection  |  |   | Will be part of the GEF project  |
| 7.  | Habitat priorities for Waterbirds, particularly in Africa and South-west Asia   |  |   |  |
| 8.  | Restoration and rehabilitation techniques for waterbird habitats, particularly in Africa  |  |   |  |
| 9.  | Evaluation of waterbird harvest in the Agreement Area   |  |   |  |
| 10. | Review of the use of non-toxic shot for waterbird hunting   |  |   | Regular update (every three years) of the report on phasing out lead shot is not seen as a high priority.                    |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting the use of non-toxic shot in southern Europe</li> </ul>                        | Ill Nibbio, CIC and AEWA Secretariat         |   | Workshop was planned to take place in Italy late 2003. However, no response has been received from counterparts.             |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting sustainable hunting in western Africa</li> </ul>                               | ONCFS, CIC, Switzerland and AEWA Secretariat | Wetlands International and ONCFS and AEWA Secretariat | Successful AEWA workshop took place in Bango, Senegal from 22-27 October 2004.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop to promote the use of non-toxic shot in Portugal</li> </ul>                     | Portugal                                     | Portugal  | A workshop will take place on 25 June 2005 to promote the use of non-toxic shot.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop to promote sustainable hunting in Middle-East</li> </ul>                        | EU Life Fund, AEWA                           | AEWA/ RSPB  | An AEWA workshop is planned for late 2005 to take place in Lebanon.  |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop to promote sustainable hunting in North Africa</li> </ul>                       | EU Life Fund, AEWA                           | AEWA/ RSPB  | An AEWA Workshop is planned for late 2006 to take place in Tunisia.  |
| 11. | Evaluation of socio-economic impacts of waterbird hunting   |  |   |  |
| 12. | Evaluation of waterbirds as agricultural pests in Africa  |  |   |  |
| 13. | Guidelines on minimising/ mitigating the impacts of infrastructural (and disturbance-related) developments affecting waterbirds |  |   |  |

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| 14. | Improving survey and monitoring capacity for migratory waterbirds                                  |   |                        | Will be part of the GEF project.   |
| 15. | Survey of little-known areas   |   |                        | Will be a part of the GEF project.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey work in Tunisia 2003</li> </ul>                      | AEWA  | AAO                    | Training was organised by the Association “Les Amis des Oiseaux” for this North African country to recognise Slender-billed Curlews and monitor birds in general. Some areas were surveyed in Tunisia. |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey work in Albania and Libya 2005</li> </ul>            | RAC/ SPA;<br>AEWA   | RAC/ SPA               | In 2005 survey work was done in Albania and Libya with a special focus on the Slender-billed Curlew.   |
| 16. | International Waterbird Census: stop-gap survey  |   |                        | Will be part of the GEF project.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Waterbird Census in Africa in 2003</li> </ul> | AEWA  | Wetlands Int.          | To encourage some (particularly African) countries to collect data for the 2003 International Waterbird Census, a small grant was given by the AEWA Secretariat to Wetlands International.             |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Waterbird Census in Africa in 2004</li> </ul> | AEWA  | Wetlands Int.          | See above  |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Waterbird Census 2005</li> </ul>              | AEWA  | Wetlands Int.          | Contract released end 2004/ 2005   |
| 17. | Publication of an Atlas of Wader Populations   | Belgium,<br>The Netherlands,<br>France,<br>AEWA and<br>the EU | Wetlands International | Early in 2003, a voluntary contribution was received and transferred to Wetlands International. It seems that necessary funds are secured and that the Atlas could be finalised in 2005.               |
| 18. | Publication of flyway atlases for gulls, terns, herons, ibises, storks and Rallidae                |   |                        |  |
| 19. | Pilot study/ review of potential from waterbird ringing recovery analyses for the Agreement area   | France and<br>AEWA  | ADU                    |  |
| 20. | Atlas of ringing recoveries  |   |                        |  |
| 21. | Coordination of waterbird ringing schemes, particularly in Africa                                  | France and<br>AEWA  | ADU                    |  |
| 22. | Guideline on the use of satellite tracking for migratory waterbirds                                |   |                        |  |
| 23. | Telemetry in migratory waterbirds  |   |                        |  |
| 24. | Report on status and trends of populations for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parties          |   |                        | The TC is discussing a new format for this report.   |
| 25. | Actions for the conservation of colonial waterbirds  | France and<br>AEWA  | Wetlands International | Contract released early in 2005.   |
| 26. | Population trends in migratory waterbirds  |   |                        |  |
| 27. | Causes of population changes in migratory waterbirds   |   |                        |  |

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| 28. | Migratory waterbirds and climatic changes   |                                     |                        |  |
| 29. | Flyway population catalogue (or register)   | UK                                  | Wetlands International | Contract will be released in due course.   |
| 30. | Field guide for Central Asia and adjacent countries   |                                     |                        | Will be part of the GEF project.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field guide for Uzbekistan</li> </ul>  | Switzerland, World Bank, Uzbekistan |                        | Project has been contracted out to Institute of Zoology and guide will be printed in 2005.   |
| 31. | Compiling flyway information (in digital format) for use in conjunction with existing waterbird count data and site information |                                     |                        | Will be part of the GEF project.   |
| 32. | The use of wetland sites by migratory waterbirds  |                                     |                        | Will be part of the GEF project.   |
| 33. | Migratory waterbirds as indicators  |                                     |                        |  |
| 34. | Development of a density-dependent population model for the Dark-bellied Brent Goose  | UK                                  |                        | <p>A small grant has been received from the UK. The Dark-bellied Brent Goose Working Group is investigating whether this project could be linked to an existing project under the 5<sup>th</sup> Framework of the EU, which could lead to large savings.</p> <p>ALTERRA received a grant for work on Geese and proposed to link the population model to this. Waiting for a concrete proposal.</p> |
| 35. | Analysis of training needs for migratory waterbird conservation   |                                     |                        | Study has been done in GEF preparation and development facility (category B) Flyways project. Further analysis, development of subregional programmes and their implementation will take place in the full GEF AEW/Ramsar Flyways.   |
| 35. | Regional training programmes in Africa for implementation of the Agreement  |                                     |                        | Will be part of the GEF project.   |
| 36. | Publication of waterbird monitoring manuals   |                                     |                        | Will be part of the GEF project.   |
| 37. | Establishing a clearing house for training materials for the Agreement  |                                     |                        |  |
| 38. | Development and implementation of a communications strategy for the Agreement   | UK and AEW                          | SPAN Consultant        | Draft Communication Strategy ready for submission to MOP3.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reorganization and redesign of the Agreements Website</li> </ul>                         | AEWA                                | AEWA                   | New website launched on 1 March 2005.  |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of E-Newsletter</li> </ul>   | AEWA                                | AEWA                   | Expected to be ready by 1 August 2005.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development and printing of accession guide</li> </ul>                                   | Luxembourg; AEW                     | Luxembourg; AEW        | Accession guide drafted by the AEW Secretariat was printed by Luxembourg and delivered in March 2005. Guide is available in English, French, Russian and Arabic.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development and printing of other outreach materials</li> </ul>                          | Luxembourg;                         | Luxembourg,            | By mid-March 2005, pins, reference CD-   |

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|     |   | AEWA         | AEWA        | ROMS. Stickers and Posters were printed and delivered.  |
| 39. | Regional Workshop for promotion of the Agreement  |              |             | A first step towards a future workshop has been taken by drafting a reader on AEWA, to be published in the second half of 2005.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop to promote accession of Chad to AEWA</li> </ul>                     | AEWA         | Min of Env. | Small grant was given in 2004 for a workshop to sensitize the Government of Chad to join AEWA.  |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop to promote accession of Madagascar to CMS and AEWA</li> </ul>       | CMS;<br>AEWA | Min of Env. | Small grant was given by CMS and AEWA for a workshop to sensitize the Government of Madagascar to accede to CMS and AEWA.   |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Workshop to promote accession of Burundi to CMS and AEWA</li> </ul> |              |             | A request has been received from Burundi to sensitise the authorities by holding a workshop. So far, no agreement has been reached on when this workshop will take place. |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop on promoting AEWA in Russia</li> </ul>                              |              |             | In close cooperation with some Russian experts and Wetlands International, the possibility of holding a workshop on promoting AEWA is being considered.                   |
| 41. | Communicating the importance of a network of critical sites for migratory waterbirds                                |              |             | Will be part of the GEF project.  |

| <b>PROJECTS FROM THE PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY AEWAs 2000-2004</b> |   |                                    |                                   |   |
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| 1  | Review of the use of agrochemicals in Africa and their impacts on migratory waterbirds                  | France, Switzerland, FAO and AEWAs | CERES/ FAO                        | Final report is expected in early 2005.   |
| 2  | Study on potential impacts of marine fisheries on migratory waterbirds                                  | Netherlands and UK                 | ADU                               | First results were presented at the Global Flyway Conference. Final report expected by mid-2005.  |
| 3.   | Rehabilitation of important migratory waterbird sites that have been degraded by invasive aquatic weeds | UK and AEWAs                       | IUCN (regional offices in Africa) | Final report received end of 2004.  |
| 4.   | Exchange of know-how on traditional approaches to wetland and waterbird management in Africa            | The Netherlands and AEWAs          | IUCN (regional offices in Africa) | First results presented at the Global Flyway Conference in 2004. Final report expected by mid-2005.   |
| 5  | Guideline on National Legislation for Migratory Waterbird Conservation (IIP '00-'04; project 1)         | Netherlands and AEWAs              | IUCN-ELC; AEWAs                   | Adopted by MOP2 as interim guidelines; however some editing and reformulation is still needed. The Secretariat plans to finalise it by end of 2005.   |
| 6.   | Guideline on avoiding the introduction of Non-native Migratory Waterbird Species                        | UK and AEWAs                       | Just Ecology/ AEWAs               | Guideline has been discussed at MOP2. Comments have been received on Guidelines and Brochure from Aviculture Associations. Agreement has been reached with the World Association on Aquaria and Zoos for financial support for publication of these documents. Due to limited human resources in the Secretariat, finalisation of the documents could not take place. |