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Mode of Committee working	Establish Working Groups (Agreement Art. VII.5) [Started process of establishing intersessional working]		Establish further Groups to take forward work on international reviews and draft relevant Resolutions for consideration at TC6			
	Agreement of proposals for project evaluation, peer review and quality control issues first considered at TC3		Establish Working Group (RA, OB and Secretariat) to review <i>modus operandi</i> of TC and report to TC6. .	Discussion paper on means of improving effectiveness of TC activity; consider TC membership turnover	Consider review of <i>modus operandi</i> and effectiveness of TC and make recommendations to MoP3 including membership issues. Draft relevant Resolution including poss. Changes to Rule of Procedure	Consider Resolution on further improving effectiveness of TC in 2006-09
	Agreement of need for guidelines on acceptance of funding proposals. Working Group(DS, PC, WH and Secretariat) established		Establish Register of expertise on TC (Secretariat)	Use to identify gaps in TC expertise with respect to potential new members	Start to evaluate previously funded projects as possible and relevant	
			Review progress with establishment of national TC focal points (Secretariat)	Development of post-project evaluation guidelines (OB and ED)	Review progress with establishment of national TC Focal Points and discuss how they can be more closely involved in TC work	
			Discussion as to how enhance liaison between Regional Representatives and relevant Contracting Parties. Considered as part of Communication Strategy (Secretariat)	Secretariat to write to CPs (copied to regional Reps) to urge identification of TC Focal Points		
				Working Group (DS, PC, WH and Secretariat) to draft guidelines on acceptance of funding proposals in advance of TC6	TC6 to discuss and agree guidelines on acceptance of funding proposals.	
Development of AEWA guidance		Ensure Ramsar 'Toolkit' is flagged with relevant AEWA Guidance documents				
	Consideration of draft guidance on avoidance of introduction of alien species			Comments due by end May 2004 and recirculation of draft to TC (Secretariat)	Sign off of guideline at TC 6	

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Consideration of draft guidance on legislation		RA commented and circulated revised draft to TC for comment		Comments due by end May 2004. Comments from IUCN Law Centre due spring 2004 (more user-friendly redraft). Recirculation of draft to TC (Secretariat)	Sign off of guideline at TC 6	
TC report to MoP3 (Agreement Art. VII.3c)			Consider what TC encouragement can be given to enhance rate of national reporting for MoP3 (OB, PC, JO and Secretariat)	Chairman and Secretariat to draft TC report to MoP3 for discussion at TC6. PC will be involved too. Secretariat to encourage greater reporting from CPS (involving Regional Reps.) Working Group (OB, PC, JO and Secretariat) to consider possible improvements to format of national reporting	Discussion and agreement of TC report to MoP3, including TC conclusions on status of Mallard, Eider & Pintail populations; expansion of AEWA taxonomic scope; definition of long-term decline; definition of "biogeographic population"; progress with establishing national TC focal points; review of policies to eliminate use of lead gunshot in wetlands. Report needed no later than 3 months before MoP3 Consider recommendations on improvements on the format of national reporting to MoP3. Include in TC report if necessary; draft Resolution if necessary	TC's report considered by MoP3; Probable sweep-up Resolution on issues included Possible Resolution
MoP2 tasks for TC	Review Eider population status and trends [Done] Review Pintail population status and trends [initial discussion]		Working Group (DS, PC, WH and GO) established to consider Pintail populations in light of definition of biogeographical populations	Working Group to discuss (in light of ADU research) and develop paper with conclusions for consideration at TC 6	Include conclusions in TC MoP3 report Discussion of conclusions and decision on recommendation to MoP3; include conclusions in TC MoP3 report; draft Resolution if necessary	Possible Resolution

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Review Mallard population status and trends [Initial discussion]				PC to further review European Mallard data and report to TC5	Decision on Mallard population trends	
Expansion of taxonomic scope of AEWA [Working Group 5 established to consider]	Working Group(PC, JO, WH, CZ, VS, YM, SE, OB, RA and Secretariat) to draft Discussion paper outlining issues for consideration for TC5		Consideration of Discussion paper	WG to further discuss issues and revise paper. Circulation of revised paper to TC at end of 2004.	Discussion of conclusions and decision on recommendation to MoP3; include conclusions in TC MoP3 report; draft Resolution if necessary	Possible Resolution
Definition of term "significant long-term decline"	Working Group (PC, DS, DM, WH, JD and VS) to circulate current relevant work on this issue and prepare discussion paper for TC5		Consideration of Discussion paper	WG to further discuss issues and revise paper. Circulation of revised paper to TC by end of 2004.	Discussion of conclusions and decision on recommendation to MoP3; include conclusions in TC MoP3 report; draft Resolution if necessary	Possible Resolution
Definition of "biogeographic population" [Working Group established]	Analysis to be undertaken in context of ringing project by ADU		Working Group(WH, PC, DS, DM, VS, EK and GO) to consider Pintail populations in light of work on definition of biogeographical populations	Working Group to discuss (in light of ADU research) and develop paper with conclusions for consideration at TC 6	Discussion of conclusions and decision on recommendation to MoP3; include conclusions in TC MoP3 report; draft Resolution if necessary	Possible Resolution
Review of good practise policies on phasing out use of lead gunshot from wetlands (Resolution 2.2)				Review experiences and lessons learnt. Secretariat to work with hunting organisations to develop good practise guidance/lessons learnt from existing sources (Secretariat in close cooperation with CIC)	Review current status of Small Grants Fund and procedures for evaluating projects submitted for funding (Resolution 2.9)(Chair and Secretariat)	Possible Resolution
International Status reviews (Action Plan 7.4)	Issue raised regarding Tech Comm requirement to provide international status reviews to each MoP		Further discussion of issues			

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<p>Population status report (AP 7.4a) [Initial discussion of enhancement of analytical content; agreement to produce major review every three years with a more user-friendly document for each MoP. Working Group (WH, CZ and DS) established]</p>	<p>Working Group circulate proposals for enhanced analytical content of Status Review</p>	<p>Discussion of WG paper on Status Report, including suggested enhancements of reporting, indicators and targets.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WG (WH, CZ and DS) to revise paper in light of TC5 discussion May/June 2004 and make specific proposals for next Status Report. WG to discuss with D Pritchard re commonality within parallel performance indicators work for the Ramsar Convention. 2. Final paper + proposals to Secretariat early October for discussion/agreement November 2004. 3. Contract placed to draft Status Review for MoP3; draft for early 2005 4. Draft text of Status Review circulated to TC in advance of meeting 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. TC to discuss review and agree 'top-level' conclusions for inclusion in status review and summary document, agree implications for Int. implementation priorities (2005-2008); and draft pertinent Resolution for MoP3 (AP7.6) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Status report submitted to MoP3 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. IIP 2005-8 submitted to MoP3

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International review of gaps in information from surveys (AP 7.4b)			Agree how to progress review for submission to MoP3	To be developed in context of GEF project	Discussion of progress and next steps (Wetlands International)	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MoP3
International review of networks of sites used by each waterbird population and protection status of these sites (AP 7.4c)			Agree how to progress review for submission to MoP3	To be developed in context of GEF project and using information in national reports	Discussion of progress and next steps (Wetlands International)	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MoP3
International review of hunting and trade legislation in each country (AP 7.4d)			Agree how to progress review for submission to MoP3	To be developed using information in national reports	Discussion of progress and next steps	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MoP3
International review of preparation and implementation of single species action plans (AP 7.4e)			Agree how to progress review for submission to MoP3	To be developed using information in national reports	Discussion of progress and next steps	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MoP3
International review of re-establishment projects (AP 7.4f)			Agree how to progress review for submission to MoP3	To be developed using information in national reports	Discussion of progress and next steps	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MoP3
International review of status of non-native waterbird species in the Agreement area (AP 7.4g)			Agree how to progress review for submission to MoP3	To be developed using information in national reports	Discussion of progress and next steps	Consideration of review and draft Resolution by MoP3
AEWA funded projects from International Implementation Priorities		Draft Communications Strategy prepared	Project to report to TC and be subject to post-project evaluation	Start to implement Communications Strategy. Standing Committee to discuss	TC6 to discuss progress	
Discussion on project proposal for pilot review of waterbird ringing data		Project proposal revised and contracted to ADU			Project to report to TC and be subject to post-project evaluation	
Discussion on project proposal for development of AFRING		Project proposal revised and contracted to ADU			Phase 1 of project to report to TC and be subject to post-project evaluation	
Other issues						

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GROMS	Working Group (WH, CZ, KR and JO) was established by TC3			Working Group to consider any issues arising from CMS Scientific Council discussions of GROMS in April 2004	TC6 to consider any recommendations on GROMS from Working Group.	

Issues carried forward

TC7 (2006): Consider priorities for review and update of AEWA Conservation Guidelines

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