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## **SUBMITTED NATIONAL REPORTS TO MOP3 ON PHASING OUT OF LEAD SHOT**

This information document to the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Committee contains National Reports to MOP3 on phasing out of lead shot submitted to date to the AEWA Secretariat.

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### **Report on phasing out lead shot – SWEDEN**

According to Resolution 22 of the Second Session of the Meeting of the Parties 2002, Contracting Parties are requested to report to each session of the Meeting of the Parties on progress made to phase out lead shot. Please find below a short progress report on the situation in Sweden.

Since 2002, there is a total ban on the use of ammunition containing lead in wetlands.

In addition, the government has decided that as of 2006, commercial sale of ammunition containing lead will be prohibited and that the ban on lead shots will be extended to cover also terrestrial habitats.

The government has also decided to introduce a ban on lead in rifle ammunition as of 2008. There are some exceptions to this rule in relation to military use and on shooting-ranges, where the ammunition can be collected.

Some organizations, including the Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management, have requested that *i.a.* the total ban on using lead in ammunition from 2008 should be reviewed, since the impact of lead substances on terrestrial habitats is not fully clarified and also because there are not yet any adequate bullet ammunition alternative. The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency have suggested that an assessment of the impact on lead in the environment is carried out to clarify the importance of lead pollution in relation to other hazardous substances.

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