



7th MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
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AEWA Technical Committee Work Plan 2006-2008
(As approved by the Technical Committee on 13 February 2006)

Introduction

This work plan has been collated by the Agreement's Secretariat after the 3rd Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP3) on 23-27 October 2005. The plan outlines major tasks to be fulfilled by the TC in the triennium 2006-2008 as instructed by MOP3 and previous MOPs or by the Agreement's Action Plan (for each task see reference to resolutions or AP paragraphs). It does not reflect duties to be performed on regular basis, such as project applications review and approval, or irregular issues that may emerge over the triennium.

The TC approved the present work plan in February 2006 through a written procedure (via e-mail). The plan could be amended either at any TC meeting in the triennium or intersessionally again through a written procedure in order to enhance delivery of outputs or better reflect realities.

Following the current practice in the TC each task will be taken forward by a TC working group consisting of several regional representatives, organisation representatives, appointed experts, observers, as well as Secretariat staff. Against each task the working group members are noted with abbreviations of their names in no any particular order (see full names in the end of the document). The only exception is the first mentioned person who is supposed to take the first initiative and when appropriate to chair the working group, and provide for the delivery of results.

Some of the tasks are not to be fulfilled solely by the TC and will require input (reports, assessments, etc.) by external consultants. Therefore these tasks could only be fulfilled if resources permit. Those tasks are formatted in *Italic*. The Secretariat should endeavour to provide necessary resources to fulfil all tasks.

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<p>1. Prioritise, which waterbird taxa would benefit from an early review of the limits of their populations² (Resolution 3.2, resource permitting)</p>	<p>Establish a working group (WH, DS, JOS, PC)</p> <p>No other action required</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Upon receipt of an assessment report from Wetlands International to review it and draft a TC decision on the priority list as well as draft a resolution for MOP4</p> <p>Deadline: 60 days before TC8</p>	<p>Take a decision on the priority list and approve the draft resolution for MOP4</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit the assessment, the priority list and the resolution for approval by MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 60 days before MOP4</p>
<p>2. Guidance on the degree of concentration on a small number of specific sites at any stage of annual cycle (Resolution 3.3)</p>	<p>Establish a working group (WH, AH, DS, PC, RP, JOS)</p> <p>Draft a review paper and a guidance</p> <p>Deadline: 31 August 2006</p>	<p>Review the guidance and provide the working group with views and advice</p>	<p>Finalise the review paper and the guidance</p> <p>Deadline: 60 days before TC8</p>	<p>Approve the review paper and the guidance for submission to MOP4</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit the review paper and the guidance for approval by MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 60 days before MOP4</p>

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3. Guidance on the dependence on a habitat type which is under severe threat (Resolution 3.3)	<p>Establish a working group (DS, ON, JOS, , JK)</p> <p>Draft a review paper and a guidance Deadline: 31 August 2006</p>	Review the guidance and provide the working group with views and advice	Finalise the review paper and the guidance Deadline: 60 days before TC8	Approve the review paper and the guidance for submission to MOP4	No action required	Submit the review paper and the guidance for approval by MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4
4. Guidance on the extent of extreme fluctuations in population size or trend (Resolution 3.3)	<p>Establish a working group (DS, WH, JOS, PC, RP)</p> <p>Draft a review paper and a guidance Deadline: 31 August 2006</p>	Review the guidance and provide the working group with views and advice	Finalise the review paper and the guidance Deadline: 60 days before TC8	Approve the review paper and the guidance for submission to MOP4	No action required	Submit the review paper and the guidance for approval by MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4
5. Develop an online national report format and also seek to harmonize reporting with other MEAs (Resolution 3.5, resource permitting)	<p>Establish a working group (OB, DS, RA, FK, SD, BL)</p> <p>Draft a ToR for a contract to be outsourced Deadline: 30 April 2006</p>	Review the progress made in developing an online national report format and give views and/or advice, as appropriate	No action required	Review the progress made in developing an online national report format and give views and/or advice, as appropriate	Approve an online national report format for submission to MOP4 Deadline: 240 days before MOP4	Submit an online national report format for approval by MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4

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<p>6. Consider the potential role of the Agreement in the conservation of seabirds (in the light of work done by RFMOs, and other ISOs, such as CBD and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea) (Resolution 3.8)</p>	<p>Establish a working group (OB, YM, AS, RA, BL)</p> <p>Draft a review paper Deadline: 31 August 2006</p>	<p>Discuss the paper and formulate possible recommendations</p>	<p>Finalise the review paper (and draft a resolution for MOP4) Deadline: 60 days before TC8</p>	<p>Approve the review paper (and the draft resolution) for submission to MOP4</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit the review paper (and the draft resolution) to MOP4 for approval after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4</p>
<p>7. Review the structure of the IIP to enhance their responsiveness to emerging issues from the Action Plan paragraph 7.4 a-g reviews (Resolution 3.11) and after assessing the reviews also to formulate draft recommendation and resolutions for consideration by MOP (Action Plan 7.6)</p>	<p>Establish a working group (YM, WH, JOS, DS, SD)</p> <p>Draft ToR for outsourcing preparation of the Action Plan paragraph 7.4 a-g reviews (to assess whether it is feasible to link this work to work plan task 5 on online reporting) Deadline: 30 April 2006</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Upon receipt of draft reviews to review them, provide views and advice to compilers, as appropriate, formulate draft recommendations and resolutions relating to their development, content and implementation, and draft proposals for enhanced IIP</p>	<p>Review an advanced draft of the reviews, draft recommendations and resolutions and draft enhanced IIP 2009-2011, provide views and advice to compilers and TC working group, as appropriate</p>	<p>Approve final drafts of the reviews, the recommendations and resolutions and the enhanced IIP 2009-2011 for submission to MOP4 Deadline: 240 days before MOP4</p>	<p>Submit all drafts to MOP4 for approval after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4</p>
<p>8. Climate change:</p>	<p>Establish a working group</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Upon receipt of draft reports to</p>	<p>Review final drafts of reports, review</p>	<p>Approve final drafts of reports.</p>	<p>Submit reports, proposals for IIP</p>

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<p>(a) review current evidence of the effect of climate change on waterbirds, implications of modelled patterns of climate change on waterbirds, and an outline of possible means of adapting to these changes;</p> <p>(b) identify species from Table 1 that are especially vulnerable and identify measures to maintain such populations;</p> <p>(c) identify relevant actions to be undertaken as part of the IIP;</p> <p>(d) propose changes to the Action Plan to better reflect the need for action on the implications of the climate change and adaptation;</p> <p>(e) identify international research needs into</p>	<p>(DS, WH, PC, AS, SD)</p> <p>Draft a ToR for a contract (or several contracts) to be outsourced Deadline: 30 April 2006</p>		<p>review them and provide views and advice to the compilers, as appropriate, formulate proposals for changes in the Action Plan and for IIP actions, and draft a recommendation or resolution to be discussed by MOP4</p>	<p>and approve proposals for changes in the Action Plan, for IIP actions, and draft recommendation or resolution for submission to MOP4</p>	<p>Submit proposals for changes in the Action Plan to MOP4 Deadline: 240 days before MOP4</p>	<p>actions and draft recommendation or resolution to MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4</p>

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<p><i>the effect of climate change on waterbirds and their habitats;</i></p> <p><i>(Resolution 3.17, all actions are resource permitting)</i></p>						
<p>9. Review the experiences of countries where lead shot has been phased out or are endeavouring to phase it out and bring a guidance for approval by MOP (Resolution 2.2)</p>	<p>Establish a working group (NK, EKM, GNO, WH, JK, JS)</p> <p>Draft a ToR for a contract to be outsourced Deadline: 30 April 2006</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Upon receipt of a draft review and guidance to examine them, provide views and advice to the compiler, as appropriate</p>	<p>Review final drafts of the review and the guidance and approve them for submission to MOP4</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit the review and the guidance to MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4</p>
<p>10. Assess the guidelines prepared under Action Plan paragraph 7.3 and formulate draft recommendations and/or resolutions relating to their development/update, content and implementation (Action Plan 7.6)</p>	<p>Establish a working group (DS, WH, SK, JM, RA, SD)</p> <p>Review the existing guidelines and prepare an oral or written briefing to the full TC Deadline: 31 August 2006</p>	<p>Discuss findings of the working group and approve next steps, including drafting of recommendations and/or resolutions, if appropriate</p>	<p>Follow up of decisions from the 7th TC meeting, including drafting of recommendations and/or resolutions, if appropriate Deadline: 60 days before TC8</p>	<p>Review of outputs from the working group and approval of recommendation and/or resolutions for submission to MOP4, if appropriate</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit the recommendations and/or resolutions to MOP4, if appropriate, after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4</p>

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11. National reports as indicators of implementation of AEWA, based on submitted national reports.	<p>Establish a working group (RA, EKM, RP, GNO)</p> <p>Draft a review paper for discussion at TC7 Deadline: 31 August 2006</p>	Presentation and discussion of the review paper by the TC, including comments and guidelines for continuation	<p>Follow up to comments and advice of TC; finalization of the paper and drafting of a resolution Deadline: 60 days before TC8</p>	Presentation and discussion of final paper; approve a draft resolution for MOP4	No action required	<p>Submit the review paper and the draft resolution to MOP4 after they were signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4</p>

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² This task is to be fulfilled with the support of Wetlands International and its Waterbird Specialist Groups.

Overview of abbreviations of full names of the members of working groups (in alphabetical order):

Abbreviation	Full name	Abbreviation	Full name
AH	Abdulmuala Hamza	JOS	John O'Sullivan
AS	Alfousseini Semega	JS	John Swift
BL	Bert Lenten	NK	Niels Kanstrup
DS	David Stroud	ON	Oliver Nasirwa
EKM	Elena Kreuzberg-Mukhina	OB	Olivier Biber
EYD	Elijah Yaw Danso	PC	Preben Clausen
FK	Florian Keil	RA	Rachelle Adam
GF	Gerardo Fragoso	RP	Robert Pople
GNO	Guy-Noel Olivier	SD	Sergey Dereliev
JCV	Jean-Christophe Vie	SK	Sergey Khomenko
JK	Jelena Kralj	WH	Ward Hegemeijer
JM	Jerome Mokoko	YM	Youssof Mungroo