



9th MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
20 - 23 April 2009, Zagreb, Croatia

AEWA Technical Committee Work Plan 2009-2012
(Version January 2009, addendum 1)

Introduction

This work plan was collated by the Agreement's Secretariat after the 4th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP4) on 15-19 September 2008. The plan outlines major tasks to be fulfilled by the TC in the quadriennium 2009-2012 as instructed by MOP4 and previous MOPs or by the Agreement's Action Plan (for each task see reference to resolutions or Action Plan [AP] paragraphs). It does not reflect duties to be performed on an ad hoc basis, such as project applications review and approval, or irregular issues that may emerge over the intersessional period.

The TC approved the present work plan in January 2009 through a written procedure (via e-mail). In order to enhance delivery of outputs or better reflect realities, the plan could be amended again either at any TC meeting during the quadriennium or intersessionally by a written procedure.

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, thematic experts, observers, as well as Secretariat staff. The working group members are noted next to each task with their initials and in no any particular order (see full names in the end of the document); the only exception is the first person mentioned, who is supposed to take the 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 (in *italics*) could only be fulfilled if resources permit; the Secretariat should endeavour to provide the necessary resources to fulfil all tasks.

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<p>1. Lead shot, hunting and trade</p> <p>a) examine, as far as waterbird species covered by the Agreement are concerned, any potential problems from the use of lead shot in terrestrial ecosystems as well as from the use of lead fishing weights (Resolution 4.1)</p> <p>b) provide a definition of the term “long-established cultural practice” used in paragraph 2.1.1 of the Action Plan; to review the conservation status of populations listed in Column A and marked with an asterisk; to provide advice to the MOP</p>	<p>Establish a working group (JYMM, JK, DS, MA, NK, ML, AM, JH, JOS/NC, BH, BL, CL, SD)</p> <p>Review all tasks and decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced to external consultancy</p> <p><i>For the tasks to be outsourced:</i> draft ToRs</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p> <p><i>For the tasks to be fulfilled by the WG:</i> Compile and review necessary</p>	<p>At a workshop discuss all tasks; decide on detailed work plans and deadlines for the delivery of each of them</p> <p>Draft ToRs to be approved by the TC</p>	<p>Fulfil all tasks and consult the outputs with the TC</p> <p>Deadline: mid-2011</p>	<p>Present final outputs to be approved by the TC</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP5 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s)</i>)</p>

¹ Issues formatted in *Italics* are tasks to be fulfilled with external support since they may require reports and assessments to be produced by consultants. Therefore these tasks will be fulfilled if resources permit.



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<p>on how to improve their conservation status (Resolution 4.3)</p> <p>c) review the exemptions listed in paragraph 2.1.3 a-e) of the Action Plan and to advise on whether the term “other overriding public interests” should be amended or defined (Resolution 4.3)</p> <p>d) provide guidance on a species-by-species basis to the Parties on how to deal with look-alike species with regard to hunting (Resolution 4.3)</p> <p>e) review paragraph 2.1.2 (a) of the AEWA Action Plan and its passage “if the taking has an unfavourable impact on the conservation status of the population concerned” and to provide guidance to</p>	<p>resources; prepare for a workshop at TC9</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p>					



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<p>the Meeting of the Parties on the impact of this passage for the implementation of this paragraph (Resolution 4.3)</p> <p>f) review the periods during which huntable bird populations of conservation concern covered by the Agreement return to their breeding grounds and, if needed, to provide further guidance on the implementation of paragraph 2.1.2 (a) AEWA Action Plan (Resolution 4.3)</p> <p>g) elaborate a definition or enumeration of examples for the term "modes of taking" used in paragraph 2.1.2 (b) of the Action Plan (Resolution 4.3)</p> <p>h) review paragraph 2.1.2 (c) and its term</p>						



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<p>“where appropriate” in order to provide Parties with elaborate guidance on the question whether and how bag limits are to be established in the respective countries (Resolution 4.3)</p> <p>i) review paragraph 2.5 of the Action Plan and to provide advice on whether the term “if they consider it necessary” should be deleted from the text or amended in order to bring it in line with Article III 2 (g) of the Agreement text (Resolution 4.3)</p> <p>j) review paragraphs 2.1.2 and 4.1 of the Action Plan and, if needed, to provide advice to the Meeting of the Parties on how to amend the text in the way that provisions on “hunting modes”, but also on limitations on</p>						



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<p>hunting seasons as well as limits on taking, clearly refer to Column B and C populations (Resolution 4.3)</p> <p>k) provide guidance to the Parties on how to implement Paragraph 4.1.1 and, if needed, to advise on possible amendments to the Action Plan in order to provide Parties with more specific requirements with respect to the “principle of sustainable use” (Resolution 4.3)</p> <p>“Hunting & trade Working Group”</p>						

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<p>2. Re-establishment²</p> <p><i>a) develop supplementary guidance for the re-establishment of waterbirds drawing from data and information compiled in the AEWA review, and inter alia including simple check-lists of necessary activities to guide conservation practitioners (Resolution 4.4)</i></p> <p><i>b) develop a reporting structure, including a standard set of evaluation criteria, to encourage practitioners to provide detailed information about each project stage, and to make this information widely accessible</i></p>	<p>Establish a working group (JCV, ON, ML, DS, JOS/NC, BH, PT, SD)</p> <p>Draft ToR for a contract to be outsourced to external consultancy</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p>	<p>Draft ToR to be approved by the TC</p>	<p>Review and comment on draft products by the external consultancy; provide final drafts for submission to TC10</p> <p>Deadline: mid-2011</p>	<p>Present final outputs to be approved by the TC</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP5 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s)</i>)</p>

² This task is to be fulfilled in cooperation with the IUCN Species Survival Commission's Re-introduction Specialist Group (IUCN SSC RSG) and other appropriate experts



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<i>(Resolution 4.4)</i>						
<i>“Re-establishment Working Group”</i>						

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<p>3. AEWA Annexes 2 and 3</p> <p>a) review ornithological data on the Little Tern <i>Sterna albifrons</i> for a better delineation of the Mediterranean populations taking into account the relevant information concerning the Italian breeding population and to draft a consequent proposal for amendments to Table 1, as appropriate, to be presented to MOP5 (Resolution 4.11)</p> <p>b) review the definitions of geographical terms used in range descriptions of populations in Table 1 and to draft a consequent proposal for amendments to Table 1, as appropriate, to be presented to MOP5 (Resolution 4.11)</p>	<p>Establish a working group (SK, HA, DS, JK, WH, JOS/NC, BH, NK, SD)</p> <p>Review all tasks and decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced to external consultancy</p> <p><u>For the tasks to be outsourced:</u> draft ToRs</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p> <p><u>For the tasks to be fulfilled by the WG:</u> Compile and review necessary resources; prepare for a workshop at TC9</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p>	<p>At a workshop discuss all tasks; decide on detailed work plans and deadlines for the delivery of each of them</p> <p>Issue 3c to be discussed by the whole TC before WGs retreat in workshops</p> <p>Draft ToRs to be approved by the TC</p>	<p>Fulfil all tasks and consult the outputs with the TC</p> <p>Deadline: mid-2011</p>	<p>Present final outputs to be approved by the TC</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP5 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 240 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s)</i>)</p>



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<p>c) review, as a matter of priority, in the light of the development of terminology used by IUCN for Red Data Lists, the applicability of the threat criteria, especially the Near Threatened IUCN Category, to the listing of populations in Table 1 and to present options for the amendment of Table 1 to be considered at MOP5 (Resolution 4.11)</p> <p>d) review taxonomic classifications of birds and suggest the most appropriate classification for the purposes of the Agreement, including application to Annex 2, and to draft a consequent proposal for amendments to Annex 2 and Table 1, as appropriate, to be presented to MOP (Resolution</p>						



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4.11) e) draft a proposal for amendments to the AEWA Action Plan to deal with tackling the effects of aquatic invasive non-native species on waterbird habitats to be presented to MOP5 (Resolution 4.11) “Annexes Working Group”						



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<p>4. Table 1 criteria</p> <p><i>Develop guidance for interpretation of the term “extreme fluctuations in population size or trend” used in Table 1 of the Action Plan (Resolution 4.12)</i></p> <p>“Fluctuation Working Group”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (DS, WH, JCV, GRJ, SD)</p> <p>Draft ToR for a contract to be outsourced to external consultancy</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p>	<p>Draft ToR to be approved by the TC</p>	<p>Review and comment on draft guidance by the external consultancy; provide final drafts for submission to TC10</p> <p>Deadline: mid-2011</p>	<p>Approve the final guidance for submission to MOP5</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit the guidance for approval by MOP5 after it was signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s)</i>)</p>



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<p>5. Climate change</p> <p>a) identify further research priorities that will inform future adaptation measures, and to bring these to MOP5 for possible inclusion in the Action Plan (Resolution 4.14)</p> <p>b) assess whether the existing international networks of sites are sufficient for the protection of migratory waterbirds, including the projected climate change effects, and if necessary, to propose to MOP5 which additional complementary approaches should be taken (Resolution 4.14)</p> <p>“Climate change Working Group”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (DS, JM, GF, HS, WH, ON, JK, PT, SD)</p> <p>Compile and review necessary resources; prepare for a workshop at TC9</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p>	<p>At a workshop discuss all tasks; decide on detailed work plans and deadlines for the delivery of each of them</p>	<p>Fulfil all tasks and consult the outputs with the TC</p> <p>Deadline: mid-2011</p>	<p>Present final outputs to be approved by the TC</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP5 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 240 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s)</i>)</p>



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<p>6. SSAPs</p> <p>Examine the open and/or controversial issues in the SSAPs identified at MOP4 and to propose appropriate revisions to the SSAPs for consideration and adoption by MOP5 (Resolution 4.16)</p> <p>“SSAPs Working Group”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (JM, GRJ, HS, JOS/NC, AM, BH, SD)</p> <p>Identify which open and/or controversial issues in the SSAPs approved at MOP4 the WG will be dealing with; compile and review necessary resources; prepare for a workshop at TC9</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p>	<p>At a workshop discuss the identified issues; decide on detailed work plans and deadlines for the delivery of each of them</p>	<p>Fulfil all tasks as per agreed work plans and consult the outputs with the TC; outputs to be approved by the TC intersessionally and to be used for revision/update of the respective SSAPs</p> <p>Deadline: late 2010</p> <p>Comment on the revised/updated SSAPs</p> <p>Deadline: mid-2011</p>	<p>No action needed</p>	<p>No action needed</p>	<p>Submit the revised/updated SSAPs to MOP5 for approval after it was signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 60 days before MOP4 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s)</i>)</p>

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<p>7. IIT</p> <p>Review the structure of the International Implementation Tasks (IIT) to enhance their responsiveness to key and emerging issues identified by the international reviews specified in paragraph 7.4 of the Action Plan to be produced in the following quadriennium, and to undertake this task alongside the assessment of these reviews as specified in paragraph 7.6 of the Action Plan (Resolution 4.10); after assessing the reviews also to formulate draft recommendation and resolutions for consideration by MOP (Action Plan 7.6)</p> <p>“IIT Working Group”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (HA, JK, SK, BL, SD)</p> <p>Draft ToR for outsourcing preparation of the Action Plan paragraph 7.4 a, b & c reviews</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p>	<p>Draft ToRs to be approved by the TC</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 IIT</p> <p>Deadline: mid-2011</p>	<p>Approve final drafts of the reviews; finalise and approve draft recommendations and resolutions and draft enhanced IIT 2009-2016</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit all drafts to MOP4 for approval after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP4 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s)</i>)</p>



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<p>8. Conservation Guidelines</p> <p>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>“Guidelines Working Group”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (JK, SK, ON, MA, AM, SD)</p> <p>Review the existing guidelines; prepare for a workshop at TC9</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p>	<p>At a workshop discuss and decide on detailed work plans and deadlines for the delivery of each of them</p>	<p>Fulfil all tasks and consult the outputs with the TC</p> <p>Deadline: mid-2011</p>	<p>Present final outputs to be approved by the TC</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP5 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s)</i>)</p>



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<p>9. Mining and extractive industries</p> <p><i>Produce a review on the effects of mining and extractive industries on wetlands and waterbirds (in collaboration with the Ramsar Convention STRP; grant provided by the UK) (IIT 2009-2016, No. 12)</i></p> <p>“Extractive Industries Working Group”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (All)</p> <p>Establish contact with the Ramsar Secretariat (the recipient of the grant) to discuss collaboration on this issue (SD)</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p>	<p>Briefing and action, as necessary</p>	<p>Review draft ToR for outsourcing the review</p> <p>Review draft papers submitted by consultants</p> <p>Deadline: tbc</p>	<p>Briefing and action, as necessary</p>	<p>Action, as necessary</p> <p>Deadline: tbc</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for consideration by MOP5</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s)</i>)</p>



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<p>10. Ongoing and emerging issues</p> <p>Regularly review ongoing and emerging issues and take a proactive role in dealing with and resolving them</p> <p>“Emerging Issues Working Group”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (All)</p> <p>Draft a discussion paper (DS, SD)</p> <p>Deadline: 28 Feb 2009</p>	<p>Discuss the paper and decide on the approach to the raised issues</p>	<p>Action, as decided at TC9</p> <p>Deadline: mid-2011</p>	<p>Discussion and action, as necessary</p>	<p>Action, as decided at TC9</p> <p>Deadline: tbc</p>	<p>Submit final outputs, if any, to MOP5, after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s)</i>)</p>



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

Abbreviation	Full name	Abbreviation	Full name
AM	Angus Middleton	JK	Jelena Kralj
BH	Baz Hughes	JM	John Mshelbwala
BL	Bert Lenten	JOS	John O'Sullivan
CL	Catherine Lehmann	JYMM	Jean-Yves Mondain-Monval
DS	David Stroud	MA	Mark Anderson
FK	Florian Keil	ML	Melissa Lewis
GF	Gerardo Fragoso	NC	Nicola Crockford
GRJ	Ghassan Ramadan-Jaradi	NK	Niels Kanstrup
HA	Hichem Azafzaf	ON	Oliver Nasirwa
HS	Hussein Sosovele	SD	Sergey Dereliev
PT	Patrick Triplet	SK	Sergey Khomenko
JCV	Jean-Christophe Vie	WH	Ward Hagemeijer
JH	John Harradine		