



1st Meeting of the AEWA Sociable Lapwing International Working Group
18-20 March 2011, Palmyra, Syria

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Dates:** 18-20 March 2011 (Friday till Sunday)
- Venue:** The Headquarters of the General Commission for Al Badia Management and Development (GCB), Palmyra, Syria
- Host:** The General Commission for Al Badia Management and Development and the Ministry of State for Environment Affairs of Syria
- Chair:** To be elected
- Local organiser:** The Syrian Society for the Conservation of Wildlife (SSCW) supported by the BirdLife International Middle East Secretariat
- Funding:** The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (BirdLife UK) through a UK Darwin Initiative grant, BirdLife International's Preventing Extinction Programme, Swarovski Optics, Save our Species, Hanns Seidel Foundation

Meeting Documents:

The following working documents will be made available to you for review in advance of the meeting (non-exclusive):

- Annotated agenda
- Terms of Reference for the Working Group
- Draft reporting format

The following information documents will be made available to you at the meeting (non-exclusive):

- List of participants

Main Objectives:

- Appoint Chair country for the Working Group;
- Review and adopt the Terms of Reference for the Working Group;
- Agree on Working Group reporting practices and budgetary issues;
- Discuss Working Group activities as specified in the Terms of Reference;
- Overview, conclusions and closing of the Darwin-Initiative-funded Sociable Lapwing project 2009-2011
- Determine priority measures for the Sociable Lapwing on the basis of the revised International Single Species Action Plan;



- Discuss and determine most urgent conservation actions based on the outlined priority measures such as the identification and protection of critical sites, the need for consistent monitoring and the drafting of national action plans;
- Discuss funding opportunities for urgent conservation actions in line with the defined priority measures.

Meeting language: The meeting will be conducted in English. Spontaneous translation (Arabic-English) will be provided. The meeting documents will be provided in English.

Friday, 18th March 2011				
Time	Item	Document	Remarks	[Lead]
08:00	Arrival and registration	--	--	SSCW, GCB
09:00	Welcome and Introduction	--	--	Host country, AEWA, RSPB
09:20	Adoption of the agenda	SocLap IWG 1.2	--	S.Dereliev
09:30	Appointment of Chair Country for the Working Group	--	Presentation, discussion	S.Dereliev
09:45	Confirmation of observers	--	Presentation, discussion	Chair
10:00	Working Group ToR – review and adoption	SocLap IWG 1.3	Presentation, discussion	Chair, S.Dereliev
10:30	National reporting	SocLap IWG 1.4	Agree on reporting format, timetable, etc.	Chair, S.Dereliev
11.00	Presentation of Working Group logo, website and intranet	--	Presentation, discussion	Chair, S.Dereliev
11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
11:30	Revised AEWA/CMS Sociable Lapwing Single Species Action Plan – update on progress	--	Presentation, discussion	R.Sheldon
11:45	Country update - Russia	--	Presentation	Russia delegation
12:05	Country update - Kazakhstan	--	Presentation	Kazakhstan delegation
12.25	Country update – Turkey	--	Presentation	Turkey delegation
12.45	Country update – Syria	--	Presentation	Syria delegation

13:05	<i>Lunch Break</i>			
14.30	Country update - Iraq	--	Presentation	Iraq delegation
14:50	Country update – Saudi Arabia	--	Presentation	Saudi Arabia delegation
15.10	Country update – Eritrea	--	Presentation	Eritrea delegation
15.30	Country update – Sudan	--	Presentation	Sudan delegation
15.50	Country update – Ethiopia	--	Presentation	Ethiopia delegation
16:10	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
16.25	Country update – India	--	Presentation	India delegation
16:45	Satellite tracking – results and conclusions	--	Presentation, discussion	R.Sheldon
17:15	Darwin-Initiative-funded Sociable Lapwing project 2009-2011 – overview of results, conclusions and closing	--	Presentation	R.Sheldon
18:00	<i>End of day 1</i>			

Saturday, 19th March 2011				
Time	Item	Document	Remarks	[Lead]
09:00	Introduction to Day Two	--	--	Chair, S.Dereliev
09:10	Work in sub-regional groups on priority setting (short term conservation actions) for each sub-region	--	Discussion	Co-chairs
11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
11:15	Groups report back to plenary – summary of priority actions	--	Short presentations, discussion	Chair
12:00	Monitoring - common monitoring scheme	--	Discussion	S.Dereliev, R.Sheldon
13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>			

14:30	Funding of Working Group operations and activities	--	Discussion	Chair
15:15	Birdlife International's Preventing Extinctions Programme-Swarovski Optics partnership event	--	Presentations	J.Lawrence
16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
16:30	Future steps, next Working Group meeting	--	Discussion	S.Dereliev, R.Sheldon
16:45	Summary and conclusion, closure of the meeting	--	Discussion	Chair, Host country, AEW, RSPB
17:15	<i>End of day 2</i>			

Sunday, 20th March 2011				
Time	Item	Document	Remarks	[Lead]
08:30-18.00	Field visit to the Syrian steppe to observe Sociable Lapwing congregations in stop-over sites	--	--	Host country
18:30	<i>Return to Palmyra</i>			