



Implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa - Report to MOP8

Introduction

The reporting module on the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027 was established in accordance with Resolution 7.1 of the 7th Meeting of the Parties (MOP7) to AEWA (South Africa, December 2018). In line with the mandate from AEWA Resolution 7.1, the format for the AEWA PoAA reporting module was prepared by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, reviewed by the AEWA TC and StC and approved by the latter for the purpose of reporting to AEWA MOP8.

The PoAA reporting module complements the general National Reporting on the implementation of AEWA in the African region. Its purpose is to obtain feedback on the delivery of those actions and processes outlined in the AEWA PoAA which are under the lead responsibility of the AEWA African Contracting Parties. The present PoAA reporting module covers expected deliverables scheduled for the period 2019-2020, for the purpose of reporting to AEWA MOP8. Actions and processes scheduled to be delivered beyond MOP8 are not taken into account but will be captured for reporting to subsequent MOPs.

List of Acronyms

AEWA: Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds / African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement

CBD: Convention on Biological Diversity

CEPA: Communication, Education and Public Awareness

CEPA FP: (AEWA) CEPA Focal Point

CMS: Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

CSR: (AEWA) Conservation Status Report

EIA: Environmental Impact Assessment

FP: Focal Point

IBA: Important Bird and Biodiversity Area

IMSAP: (AEWA) International Multi-Species Action Plan

IRP: (AEWA) Implementation Review Process

ISWG: (AEWA) International Species Working Group

ISSAP: (AEWA) International Single Species Action Plan

IWC: International Waterbird Census

MAB: (UNESCO) Man and the Biosphere Programme

MEA: Multilateral Environmental Agreement

MOP: Meeting of the Parties

NBSAP: National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

NFP: (AEWA) National Focal Point

NGO: Non-Governmental Organisation

NSAP: National Species Action Plan

PoAA: (AEWA) Plan of Action for Africa

Ramsar: The Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention)

SAP: Species Action Plan

SDG: Sustainable Development Goal

SEA: Strategic Environmental Assessment

SPMS: (CMS) Strategic Plan for Migratory Species

UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme

WHS: World Heritage Site

WMBD: World Migratory Bird Day

WWD: (Ramsar) World Wetlands Day

General Information

Name of reporting Contracting Party

>>> Nigeria

Sub-region to which the country belongs in the framework of AEWA

Northern Africa: ALGERIA, EGYPT, LIBYA, MOROCCO and TUNISIA;

Eastern Africa: BURUNDI, DJIBOUTI, Eritrea, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, RWANDA, Somalia, South

Sudan, SUDAN, UGANDA and TANZANIA;

Southern Africa: Angola, BOTSWANA, Comoros, ESWATINI, Lesotho, MADAGASCAR, MALAWI, MAURITIUS, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, SOUTH AFRICA, Zambia and ZIMBABWE;

Western Africa: BENIN, BURKINA FASO, Cabo Verde, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, THE GAMBIA, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, Liberia, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, Sierra Leone and TOGO;

Central Africa: Cameroon, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, CONGO, Democratic Republic of the Congo, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GABON and São Tomé and Príncipe;

Afrique de l'Ouest

Date of entry into force of AEWA in the Contracting Party:

>>> 2014

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Section 1. Species Conservation

Implementation of Objective 1: To strengthen species conservation and recovery and reduce causes of unnecessary mortality

1.1) Has a collaborative workflow /process been established, following the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP7) to AEWA, which guides the review and update of relevant domestic legislation taking into account the amendments to the AEWA Annex 3, Table 1 as adopted by MOP7 (PoAA Targets 1.1.a and 1.1.b)?

Yes

>>> A national meeting was held where stakeholders from the ministry of environment, the national assembly, NGOs and local communities met and recommended the review. A bill from the national Assembly is expected to be out in 2022.

Please indicate in which period

Within 6 months after MOP7 as per the timeline in the PoAA: Briefly explain how the workflow/process functions and which key stakeholders are involved in it

Has the necessary documentation for the formal submission of required amendments/new provisions to the domestic legislation been prepared?

No, but the necessary documentation for the formal submission of required amendments/new provisions to the domestic legislation is under preparation: Please indicate when it is expected to be completed

1.2) Has a review been undertaken in your country to assess the status of enforcement of relevant domestic legislation relating to AEWA species conservation (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?

No, but such a review of the enforcement is currently underway: Please explain when the review is expected to be completed:

>>> It is expected to be completed in 2022

1.3.) Has a review been undertaken in your country to assess the degree of compliance of relevant domestic legislation with the obligations relating to AEWA species conservation (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?

No, but such a review of the degree of compliance is currently underway: Please explain when the review is expected to be completed:

>>> 2022

1.4) Following MOP7, has your country established any measures to strengthen compliance with domestic legislation relating to the conservation of AEWA species (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?

No, but such measures to strengthen compliance are currently being established: Please indicate when this is expected to be completed

>>> The target for this is 2022

1.5) Has the national AEWA implementing agency in your country taken any actions to raise the awareness of relevant national stakeholders regarding any updates to domestic legislation and related obligations that resulted from the amendments to the AEWA Text Annex 3, Table 1 adopted by AEWA MOP7 (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?

No, awareness-raising on relevant legislation amendments has not yet been undertaken: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to address this in the future, and when

>>> This issue is already been carried on board and the ball has been set rolling especially that the country is waiting for a bill on reviewed legislation

1.6) Based on the current priority list of AEWA species/populations requiring International Single Species Action Plans (ISSAPs)/International Multi-Species Action Plans (IMSAPs), has the AEWA National Focal Point (NFP) created or updated the national list of AEWA species requiring AEWA ISSAPs/IMSAPs (PoAA Target 1.2.a)?

No, such a national AEWA ISSAP/IMSAP list has not yet been created/updated. Briefly explain why and indicate whether the list will be created/updated in future and when

>>> No financial support to conduct the activity, The AEWA National Focal Point is consulting national NGOs and other stakeholders to address the issue

1.7) Following MOP7, has your country been involved in / contributed to the development or revision of any AEWA ISSAPs/IMSAPs relevant for the country (PoAA Target 1.2.b)?

No: Please explain why

>>> No funding, looking for other options/alternative so as to address this important activity

1.8) For each of the existing AEWA ISSAPs/IMSAPs (i.e. Species Action Plans - SAPs) relevant for your country and for which International Species Working Groups (ISWGs) have been convened, please indicate what actions have been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the plans, by selecting all applicable responses from the drop-down menu and providing additional information as required (PoAA Targets 1.2.c, 1.2.d and 1.2.g):

Nigeria

Ferruginous Duck / Aythya nyroca

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> in the pipeline, the national focal office is in the process of identifying individuals that can represent the government to the ISWG

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> in the process of identifying the expert

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> in the process of establishing one for the country

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> Consultation between AEWA National Focal point and other stakeholders eg NGOs and Ornithological Research Institute is still ongoing

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why

>>> Have not secured approval for the financial resources required for the implementation of the SAP

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Consultation between relevant stakeholders that can provide input to this activity will be concluded in 2021 and the issue is going to be considered/included in the NBSAP when this process is accomplished.

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> This associated to reasons/factors highlighted above

Great Snipe / Gallinago media

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> Consultation on the selection process is yet to be completed

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> Same as the answer given above for IWG

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when
>>> Until when an expert is designated in the middle of 2021

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when
>>> Associated to the consultations that still ongoing

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why
>>> Same as the answer initially provided

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when
>>> Same as the answer initially given

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when
>>> Same as the answer initially provided

Black-winged Pratincole / Glareola nordmanni

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated
>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated
>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when
>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when
>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why
>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when
>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when
>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

Black-tailed Godwit / Limosa limosa

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated
>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

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No: Please explain why

>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> Same as the answer initially provided above for the other species

1.9) Has your country produced the national list of waterbird populations for which it hosts >1% of the population and which have been identified as being in unfavorable conservation status and requiring conservation and management guidance (PoAA Target 1.3.c)?

Yes, within 18 months after MOP7 as per the timeline in the PoAA: Please provide a copy of the list

If yes, based on the guidelines established by AEWA for waterbird populations in unfavorable conservation status and requiring conservation and management guidance, has your country established a national work plan or any other procedures to guide implementation of conservation action for the populations for which it hosts >1% of the individuals?

No, but the development of such a national work plan/procedure is underway: Please indicate when it is expected to be completed

>>> Middle of 2022

1.10) Has a national waterbird monitoring scheme been developed/updated for your country (PoAA Target 1.4.a)?

Yes

Please indicate in which period

Within 12 months following MOP7, as required by the PoAA: Please indicate key stakeholders involved in the process and provide a brief overview and/or supporting documentation/weblink of the developed/updated national waterbird monitoring scheme

>>> Line government agencies, Environmental NGOs and concern local communities

Does the new/updated national waterbird monitoring scheme take into account relevant site management and other national and international priorities?

Yes: Briefly outline the key site management and other national and international priorities taken into consideration

>>> Yes for instance issues that relates to the status/potentials of the site, existing threats and efforts needed to improve the conservation status were included/considered

1.

A time bound national resource mobilization plan has been included in the national waterbird monitoring scheme to secure resources for its implementation: Briefly describe the key component of the resource mobilization plan and/or provide supporting documentation

>>> This activity is supported annually by the Nigerian Conservation Foundation, the organization invest and mobilize resources annually for the monitoring

2.

Resource mobilization efforts have been deployed but no resources have been secured so far to support the implementation of the national waterbird monitoring scheme: Please provide any further information on the resource mobilization efforts made

>>> The government have not so approved/supported the monitoring scheme with resource for its implementation

3.

Access to waterbird monitoring data has been granted to key stakeholders: Please indicate which stakeholders

>>> NGOs, research/academia, Policy makers etc

1.11) At the time of this reporting, has a national committee been established/re-activated to coordinate the waterbird monitoring activities conducted by different stakeholders in your country (PoAA Target 1.4.a)?

Yes, a new national waterbird monitoring committee has been established: Please indicate when and outline the stakeholders involved

>>> This was built on the existing provision/structure of the Nigerian Conservation Foundation established since 1992, the stakeholders involved include the local people (Site Support Groups established by NCF) NGOs, line ministries both at State and Federal level and academia

1.12) Following MOP7, has your country conducted any joint waterbird monitoring activities with neighbouring countries (transboundary) or other countries along the flyway (PoAA Target 1.4.a)?

No: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are any plans to foster collaboration for waterbird monitoring at the transboundary or flyway level

>>> The security challenges especially at sites where this collaboration suppose to take place is preventing the exercise, but there is plan to implement the transboundary monitoring when the situation improve

1.13) Has your country established any mechanisms to collect relevant information/data on drivers of waterbird population trends in collaboration with existing schemes such as the International Waterbird Census (IWC) or Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBA) (PoAA Target 1.4.b)?

Yes: Briefly describe the types of mechanisms established and the existing schemes they relate to (e.g. IWC, IBA, etc.) Text Field

>>> We contribute data to the IWC & IBA and also retrieve information from other sites so as to see and learn from other countries and stakeholders

1.14) Has monitoring of drivers of waterbird population trends been incorporated into the national biodiversity monitoring programme for your country (PoAA Target 1.4.b)?

No, but such monitoring is in the process of being incorporated into the national biodiversity monitoring programme: Please indicate when this is expected to be completed

>>> Consultation is ongoing to include this in the programme

1.15) Following MOP7, did the AEWA NFP/Technical Focal Point (TFP) retrieve from national IWC Coordinators waterbird data analysis based on the 7th edition of the Conservation Status Report (CSR7), IWC and other national monitoring data/schemes (PoAA Target 1.5.b)?

No, national waterbird data analysis based on CSR7, IWC and other monitoring data/scheme has not yet been retrieved from the national IWC Coordinator: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> There is no technical support for the NFP to conduct the activity

1.16) In the years 2019 and 2020, did the AEWA TFP coordinate the analysis of national waterbird monitoring data (PoAA Target 1.5.b)?

No, the AEWA TFP did not coordinate the analysis of national waterbird monitoring data in 2019 and/or 2020: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to coordinate the analysis of national waterbird monitoring data in future years Text Field

1.17) Following MOP7, has your country influenced multilateral processes for advancing AEWA

priorities related to preventing four causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats to migratory waterbirds and their habitats (i.e. energy infrastructure, especially powerlines and wind turbines; illegal taking & killing; fisheries bycatch; and invasive alien species), at the national, international or regional levels? (PoAA Targets 1.6.b, 1.6.c and 1.6.d)

No: Please explain why

>>> The national plan is not yet ready/available

Section 2. Sustainable Use: Implementation of Objective 2 “To ensure that any use and management of migratory waterbird populations is sustainable across their flyways”

2.1) Following MOP7, has your country established any national mechanism(s) to estimate waterbird harvest (PoAA Target 2.1.b)?

No, but the process for establishing a national mechanism to estimate harvest of waterbirds in the country is underway: Please indicate when it is expected to be completed

>>> It is expected to be available/completed middle of 2022

2.2) Following MOP7, has your country conducted any inventory of waterbird harvest at markets, production and supply chains, recreational hunting agencies, etc. (PoAA Target 2.1.b)?

No, so far, no inventory on waterbird harvest has been initiated in the country: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such an inventory in the future and when

>>> Funding has been a challenge but the NFP is consulting/contacting NGOs that can assist to conduct the activity hopefully next year.

2.3) Following MOP7, did the AEWA NFP coordinate the review of relevant domestic legislation relating to the use and management of waterbirds, based on the amendments to the AEWA Annex 3 (AEWA Action Plan), as adopted by MOP7 (PoAA Target 2.2.a)?

No, such a domestic legislative review has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to coordinate this review in the future and when

>>> Waiting for the process of reviewing the domestic laws to be completed hence it is ongoing.

2.4) With reference to the outcomes of the domestic legislative review relating to the use and management of waterbirds based on MOP7 amendments to the AEWA Action Plan (Annex 3), has a formal request been submitted to the relevant national institutions to amend existing legislation or adopt new legislative measures (PoAA Target 2.2.b)?

No, such a formal request has not yet been submitted: Please briefly explain why and when it will be submitted

>>> Waiting for the outcome of the process as outlined in the answer given for the previous question

2.5) Following MOP7, has your country conducted a review of the enforcement of relevant domestic legislation relating to waterbird use, harvest and management (PoAA Target 2.2.c)?

No, the review of the enforcement of domestic legislation relating to waterbird use and harvest has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be conducted in the future and when

>>> Waiting for the outcome of the process as outlined in the answer given for the previous question, the activity is intended to be carried out in the future (2023)

2.6) Following MOP7, has your country conducted a review of compliance of relevant domestic legislation with AEWA obligations relating to waterbird use, harvest and management (PoAA Target 2.2.c)?

No, the review has not yet been initiated: Please briefly explain why and indicate whether it will be conducted in the future and when

>>> Waiting for the outcome of the process as outlined in the answer given for the previous question

2.7) Does your country coordinate among relevant institutions/stakeholders the application of compliance mechanisms relating to waterbird use, harvest and management (PoAA Target 2.2.c)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are future plans to coordinate the application of these compliance mechanisms among relevant institutions/stakeholders

>>> We first need to have the legislation reviewed before looking at the compliance mechanism

2.8) Has your country developed a time-bound work plan to phase out the use of lead shot in wetlands (PoAA Target 2.2.d)?

Not relevant: Please explain why

>>> Use of lead shot is not seen or reported in the country

2.9) Following MOP7, has your country organized any events or disseminated any information, news or other communication on any national/regional/international forums regarding best practices relating to waterbird use and management (PoAA Target 2.2.f)?

Yes: Briefly describe the kind of event organized and/or the information/news/message/communication disseminated. Please indicate when this happened and which forums were used

>>> At events meant to mark World Migratory Bird Day, World Wetlands Day, World Wildlife Day etc and during informal and formal meeting with stakeholders

2.10) Has your country developed/updated best practice hunting codes (PoAA Target 2.3.a)?

No, so far, no best practice hunting codes have been developed/updated for the country: Please briefly explain why and indicate whether this will be developed in the future and when

>>> Will review the laws first before taking on hunting codes in 2024

2.11) Following MOP7, did your country identify training needs aimed at enhancing competence and responsibility within hunting communities (PoAA Target 2.3.a)?

No, the identification of such training needs has not been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Waiting for the laws to be reviewed

Section 3. Flyway Network of Sites

Implementation of Objective 3 “To establish and sustain a coherent and comprehensive flyway network of protected areas and other sites, managed to maintain - and where necessary restore - their national and international importance for migratory waterbird populations”

3.1) Following MOP7, has a review of known sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations been conducted in your country, based on the process developed by the AEWA Technical Committee and launched by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat in August 2020 (PoAA Target 3.1.a)?

No, such a site review process has not yet been initiated: Briefly explain why and indicate whether a review is planned in the future, and when

>>> NFP is in consultation with other relevant NGO for this to be done in 2022

3.2) Has the list of confirmed sites of international importance for AEWA populations been assessed (in collaboration with the Ramsar National Administrative Authority/National Focal Point) to identify sites which qualify as Wetlands of International Importance (i.e. Ramsar Sites) (PoAA Target 3.3.b)?

Yes: Please indicate which sites were considered eligible for designation as Ramsar Sites and which partners were involved in the process

>>> Eleven sites were designated as Ramsar Sites, the process was conducted in partnership with Wildlife departments operating in various States, local communities and Nigerian Conservation Foundation NCF

If yes, have any formal proposals for Ramsar Site designation been submitted for any of the qualifying sites of international importance for AEWA populations?

Yes: Briefly indicate the sites formally proposed for Ramsar Site designation, the qualifying Ramsar site criteria considered and the status of the designation process

>>> Apart from the Eleven one proposal has been submitted in respect of Finima Nature Park

3.3) Has the national wetlands inventory for your country been established/updated in collaboration with the Ramsar NFP, taking into consideration the confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.b)?

No, such development/update of the national wetlands inventory has not yet been initiated: Please indicate whether this is planned in the future and when

>>> This activity is scheduled to be carried out along with the review of the national wetlands policy in 2021

3.4) Are there any existing World Heritage Sites (WHSs) or Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Reserves among the list of confirmed sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.c)?

Yes: Please indicate which WHSs/MAB Reserves were confirmed as being of national or international importance for AEWA populations

>>> Baturiya/Hadejia Wetlands Reserve & Chad Basin National Park

If yes, have any activities been conducted at the national level in collaboration with the responsible national authorities for the WHSs/MAB Reserves for the management of these sites (i.e. sites which are both WHSs/MAB Reserves and of national/international importance for AEWA populations)?

Yes: Briefly outline the kinds of site management activities conducted in synergy, when they were conducted, the relevant national authorities involved, and the sites concerned

>>> Surveys to identify potentials of the sites, this was supported/conducted by UNESCO & National Park Service in 2018.

Also if yes, has your government liaised with any Range States or partners at flyway level to promote synergies for the management of existing WHSs/MAB Reserves that are of national or international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.c)?

No: Please indicate whether such collaborative activities will be conducted in the future for the management of these sites, and when

>>> When security situation improve at the mentioned sites

3.5) Has the list of confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations been assessed (in collaboration with the relevant national authorities) to identify sites which qualify for future designation as WHSs/MAB Reserves (PoAA Target 3.3.c)?

No, such an assessment has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether the assessment will be conducted in the future and when

>>> Not too sure

3.6) Has your country developed/updated any national strategy/plan for the protection and management of the confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations it hosts (PoAA Target 3.3.a)?

No, but the development/update of such national strategy/plan is underway: Please indicate when this process is expected to be completed

>>> Discussion and meetings are taking place on this issue and expected to be completed in 2022

3.7) Have any management plans been developed/updated for the confirmed key sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.a)?

Yes

Please indicate to what extent management plans have been developed for these sites:

Only for some of these sites: Please indicate which sites have management plans, when they were developed/updated, the key stakeholders involved in their development and provide supporting documentation/links to the management plans

Are the existing management plans for confirmed sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations in your country being implemented?

Yes, but only some of these existing management plans are currently being implemented: Please indicate which management plans are currently being implemented, the degree of implementation and lead authority(ies) responsible for their implementation

>>> The management plan that was developed for Marma Channel of the Hadejia Nguru Wetlands, Dogana Waterfowl Sanctuary & Baturiya Wetlands Reserve

3.8) Has your country established any framework or mechanism to monitor and record adverse impacts at the confirmed sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Targets 3.5.a and 3.5.b)?

Yes: Please indicate when and describe briefly the monitoring framework/mechanism established

>>> This conducted annually especially during the annual waterbird count and through the members of the SSGs established by the NCF

If yes, following MOP7, have development activities been actively monitored by the national AEWA implementing agency in/around the sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.5.a and 3.5.b)?

Yes: Please indicate the sites concerned and briefly outline any key outcomes of the monitoring process

>>> Hadejia Nguru Wetlands, the monitoring have outlined that the site harbours significance number of species, therefore line agencies agreed to have continues inflow of water from dams built upstream

If yes, were any of the monitored developmental activities subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)/a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)/ any mitigation measures (PoAA Target 3.5.b)?

Yes: Please briefly indicate the key outcomes of the EIA/SEA process or the mitigation measures adopted and whether these are being implemented

>>> The mitigation are environmentally friendly

Also if yes, have any AEWA guidelines or other appropriate guidelines on addressing developmental cases with adverse impacts on waterbirds been applied in the cases where developmental activities were adversely impacting key sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.5.c)?

No: Please indicate what procedures and standards were followed to address the adverse developmental impacts at key sites of importance for AEWA populations

3.9) Following MOP7, were there any cases of developmental activities with ongoing or

potential adverse impacts on sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations, but which have not been communicated to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat (PoAA Target 3.5.a)?

Not applicable as there were no known cases of such developmental activities in the country: Please provide any additional information as relevant

>>> Not seen or heard

3.10) Has a national CEPA Action Plan been developed for your country (PoAA Target 3.4.c)?

No: So far, no national CEPA Action Plan has been developed: Briefly explain why and indicate whether it will be developed in the future and when

>>> Not too sure

Section 4. Habitat in the Wider Environment

Implementation of Objective 4 “To ensure there is sufficient quantity and quality of habitat in the wider environment for achieving and maintaining favourable conservation status for migratory waterbird populations”

4.1) Has your country undertaken any collaborative efforts with other countries within shared lake/river basins to promote and coordinate efforts for the conservation, management and monitoring of habitats of importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 4.4.a)?

Yes: Please indicate the lake/river basin concerned, the kinds of collaborative efforts undertaken, when they were undertaken, the key issues addressed and outcomes (e.g. water management, agriculture management, species/site monitoring, etc.) and partners/countries involved

>>> Lake Chad & River Niger. Lake Chad Basin Commission and Niger River development Basin were established to look at issues that relates to Water management, agriculture species/site management etc

If yes, did any of the collaborative efforts result in the establishment of any new partnership or consolidation of any ongoing partnership?

Yes: Please indicate the new partnerships established/ongoing partnerships consolidated and the key habitat conservation issues they cover

>>> There is an ongoing partnership for the conservation of Lake chad.

4.2) Following MOP7, has your country compiled a project portfolio to secure resources for activities to support the conservation of key habitats for AEWA species/populations in the country (PoAA Target 4.4.b)?

Yes: Briefly explain the project opportunities identified, key sites/issues covered, and the partners involved in the compilation of the project portfolio

>>> AEWA small grant was secured by the Nigerian Conservation Foundation, this was used to conduct training for local stakeholders and monitoring of water birds

If yes, does the project portfolio prioritize project opportunities/actions for the conservation of transboundary waterbird habitats?

Yes: Please indicate the transboundary habitats prioritized and key actions proposed

>>> The wetlands/oasis on the boundary of Niger and Nigeria, monitoring training of local stakeholders and raising awareness.

Also, if yes, have any of the habitat conservation projects from the portfolio been submitted to donors to secure support (PoAA Target 4.4.b)?

Yes: Please indicate which habitat conservation projects were submitted to donors to secure support

>>> Submission was made to the CBD in 2016 on the need to train local Stakeholders and raise awareness on the need to conserve the biodiversity abound in the mentioned locations

If yes, has your country secured any resources (financial or in-kind) to support any of the submitted habitat conservation projects (PoAA Target 4.4.b)?

No: Please indicate whether future resource mobilization efforts will be undertaken and when:

>>> The proposal to the CBD was rated one of the best ten and was not funded

4.3) Following MOP7, has your country compiled/highlighted any examples of best practices for habitat conservation projects/activities/actions (PoAA Target 4.4.d)

Yes: Please outline/provide supporting documentation on examples of best practice habitat conservation actions compiled/highlighted

>>> The report of the UNEP/GEF Hadejia - Nguru Wings over wetlands project and Living on the Edge project

If yes, has your country conducted any CEPA activities to highlight/promote the compiled best practices habitat conservation projects/activities/actions?

No: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are any plans for organizing such activities in the future, and when

>>> This will certainly be considered when funds are secured

4.4) Did your country share any experience gained from the implementation of habitat

conservation projects?

Yes: Briefly outline the type of habitat conservation experience shared and indicate the platforms/forums used for the dissemination of this information

>>> Empowering local communities to conserve biodiversity, this was show case during a conference organized BirdLife International in Ghana and IUCN in the Cameroon

Section 5. Secure Resources

Implementation of Objective 5 “To ensure and strengthen the knowledge, capacity, recognition, awareness and resources required for the Agreement to achieve its conservation objectives”

5.1) Based on the identified gaps in scientific and technical information required for the implementation of AEWA at the Agreement level, has your country identified priority issues to be addressed at the national level (PoAA Target 5.1.a)?

No, but the process is underway to identify such priority issues: Please indicate when this process is expected to be completed

5.2) Following MOP7, has your country actively engaged with any non-Party African range state to promote their accession to the Agreement (PoAA Target 5.2.a)?

No: Please explain why

5.3) Has your country established a national mechanism (e.g. national committee) responsible for coordinating the implementation of AEWA at the national level (PoAA Targets 5.3.b and 5.4.b)?

Yes: Please indicate when it was established and its composition

>>> 2015, NCF, Wildlife departments in States, National Park Service and AP Leventis Ornithological Research Institute

If yes, is this national mechanism dedicated to the coordination of AEWA matters?

Yes, it is dedicated to the coordination of AEWA matters: Please provide details of the mechanism, its composition and functioning

Also if yes, are the nominated AEWA Focal Points (i.e. NFP, TFP and CEPA FP) members of the national AEWA coordination mechanism?

Yes, all designated AEWA FPs are members of the national AEWA Coordination mechanism

5.4) Does your country have an officially designated AEWA National Focal Point (NFP), Technical Focal Point (TFP) and Focal Point (FP) for Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA), each with updated contact details communicated to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat (PoAA Targets 3.4.c, 5.4.b and 5.6.a)?

Yes, all required AEWA FPs have been designated: Please ensure that their names and up-to-date contact details have been provided under the section of this report relating to general information and indicate whether these have been officially communicated to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat

If yes, have any actions been taken to enhance the efficacy of the designated AEWA FPs in your country (PoAA Target 5.6.a)?

Yes: Briefly outline the actions taken and the FPs concerned

5.5) Following MOP7, has your country conducted any activities to enhance the skill base or capacity of the network of persons involved in the implementation of AEWA at the national level (i.e. AEWA FPs, technical experts, members of the national AEWA coordination mechanism, etc.) (PoAA Target 5.4.b)?

Yes: Please indicate the kinds of capacity building activities undertaken and the target audience

5.6) Following MOP7, has the national AEWA implementing authority in your country been involved in national planning activities/actions related to other relevant international frameworks and processes, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Aichi Targets/the post-2020 biodiversity framework, Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (SPMS) and Ramsar Strategic Plan (PoAA Target 5.4.a)?

Yes

5.7) Following MOP7, has your country developed a national AEWA PoAA implementation plan (PoAA Targets 5.4.a, 5.4.b and 5.6.b)?

No, the country has not yet developed a national AEWA PoAA implementation plan: Please explain why and indicate whether it is expected to be developed in the future and when

5.8) Following MOP7, has the national AEWA implementing authority in your country engaged

in activities/measures to secure resources (financial, human or material) in contribution to the implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan/PoAA/national AEWA PoAA implementation plan? (PoAA Target 5.6.b)?

Yes

5.9) Following MOP7, has the national AEWA implementing agency in your country identified any mechanisms to coordinate collaboration between the AEWA FPs (NFP, TFP or CEPA FP) and Focal Points of other MEAs in your country in order to communicate and promote the role and importance of AEWA (PoAA Target 5.4.b)?

Yes

Text field for additional information (optional)

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Confirmation

I declare that the information provided in the current report on the implementation of AEWA Plan of Action for Africa for the period 2019-2020 has been verified and that the relevant state institution in the country has approved submission of the report

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Date of submission

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