



# 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

>>> Botswana

### 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;

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

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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

**Please indicate in which period**

Later than 6 months after MOP7: Please indicate when this was established and briefly explain how the workflow/process functions and which key stakeholders are involved in it

>>> This was established in later 2019. Botswana became party to AEWA in 2017 while the MOP7 was the following year in 2017. Bird Life Botswana became the technical advisor while Department of Wildlife and National Parks became the focal point thereafter.

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

No, the necessary documentation for the formal submission of required amendments/new provisions to the domestic legislation has not yet been prepared: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to prepare this and when

>>> Although no formal documentations have been submitted with reviews of various legislations in Botswana which may affect implementation of AEWA expectations, the focal point and technical personnel are yet to assess where there would be a need to evaluate and submit formally for any amendments. This is planned for completion by end of 2021.

**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:

>>> This will be visited in the coming financial year 2021/2022.

**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, such a review of the degree of compliance is yet to be undertaken: Please explain why the review has not been undertaken and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when:

>>> The review will be done in future however this needs a wider range of stakeholder engagement and review of current legislation.

**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, such measures to strengthen compliance are yet to be established: Please explain why measures have not been established and indicate whether there are plans to establish them and when

**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)?**

Not applicable, as no domestic legislative updates/new provisions were required following the review of the amendments to the AEWA Text, Annex 3, Table 1 adopted by AEWA MOP7: Please provide any additional explanation/justification

**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

**Text field for additional information (optional)**

>>> - We are currently working on the development of the National Flamingo Action Plan, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of March 2021. Hosting, development and implementation is done by the department, led by the AEWA National Focal Point.

**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)?**

Yes

### **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, but such a site review process is underway: Please indicate when this is expected to be completed

>>> A review is planned for the current calen

## **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

>>> Collaborative management of the Okavango River Basin as a way of protecting the shared resources has been established in 2010.

## 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, the identification of such priority issues has not yet been undertaken: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to address this in the future and when

#### Text field for additional information (optional)

>>> still to be looked at with the relevant stakeholders

#### 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

>>> Have not met with any country that is non-party African range state.

#### 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

>>> Yes there is a small committee established at the beginning of 2020, composed of Department of Wildlife and National Parks, Department of Tourism, Department of Waste Management, Department of Meteorological Services, Department of Forestry and Range Resources, Birdlife Botswana.

#### 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

>>> Yes there is a small committee established at the beginning of 2020, composed of Department of Wildlife and National Parks, Department of Tourism, Department of Waste Management, Department of Meteorological Services, Department of Forestry and Range Resources, Birdlife Botswana, private researchers. The committee has not done well since it was only formed at the beginning of a year that was disturbed by Covid-19 pandemic, but hope to function better in the coming year.

#### 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

#### Text field for additional information (optional)

>>> Not yet planned

#### 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)?

No, so far, no such capacity building activities have been undertaken: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans for conducting this in the future and when

>>> Committee was only formed at the start of Covid-19, and there was budget and resources constraints. Plans will be made in the near future.

#### 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, but the national AEWA PoAA implementation plan is in the process of being developed: Please explain to what extent it has been developed, the stakeholders involved and when it is expected to be completed

>>> The national AEWA PoAA implementation plan will be developed in the year 2021.

**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

