



# 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

>>> Republic of Mauritius

### 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)?**

No, the workflow/process has not been established: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to establish the workflow/process and when:

>>> Studies and inventories are still being carried out in order to initiate the process for establishment of a regulation in adherence to Native Terrestrial Biodiversity and National Parks Acts 2015.

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

>>> It is to be noted that the Ramsar sites are primary habitat/ over-wintering ground for migratory birds and are legally protected. As to date no cases of animal poaching has been reported to the National Parks and Conservation Service

**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, such a review of enforcement is yet to be conducted: Please explain why the review has not yet been conducted and indicate whether there are plans to conduct it in the future and when

>>> At present, the amount of migratory birds visiting the country is low and little threat has been identified for these species , especially with regards to poaching

**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)?**

Yes, such a review of the degree of compliance was undertaken: Please indicate when this review was conducted

>>> As to date Mauritius does not hold any regulation pertaining to AEWA. Presently a regulation is being drafted for protection of species that will included migratory birds.

**If yes, the degree of compliance of relevant domestic legislation with AEWA obligations was assessed to be:**

Partially compliant: Please provide brief details and/or supporting documentation/weblinks on the outcomes of the assessment. The details/supporting documentation/weblinks should indicate information on areas/aspects with a limited level/degree of compliance, including any measures planned to address limitations to compliance:

>>> As to date Mauritius does not hold any regulation pertaining to AEWA. Presently a regulation is being drafted for protection of species that will included migratory birds.

**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 list of species protected is going to be finalised in 2021

**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)?**

Yes, awareness-raising on relevant national legislation amendments was undertaken: Please indicate briefly the types of actions that were undertaken, when they were conducted, and the key stakeholders addressed

>>> Recommendation for establishment of a regulation has already been submitted for consideration to the policy makers. this is being dealt at the level of the MInistry where the list of all native waterbirds will be included on the list

**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 international single species action plan/ international multi-species action plan developed. no species that require ISSAP visit Mauritius

**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)?**

Not relevant, as there was no AEWA ISSAP/IMSAP development or revision process relevant for my country during this reporting period

>>> No single species action plan developed

**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)?**

No, such a national list of AEWA populations has not been produced: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to produce this list in the future and when

>>> the populations of the birds where Mauritius has more than one present is stable and the nesting sites are protected either through the protected area network system and due to the remoteness of the site. Plans to develop management plans for the Cargados Carajos shoals (Saint Brandon) is under way through a GEF funded project

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

No, the country has not yet developed/updated its national waterbird monitoring scheme: Please explain why and indicate whether the national waterbird monitoring scheme will be developed/updated in the future and when

>>> No national monitoring scheme yet developed for the country. However monitoring done only on some sites that harbour water birds and that are managed by the National Parks and Conservation Service. As from 2021 a first national count has been carried out

**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)?**

No, a national waterbird monitoring committee is yet to be established: Please explain why such a committee has not yet been established and indicate whether measures will be taken to establish it in the future and when:

>>> At present there is little capacity in establishing a national waterbird monitoring committee. The implementation of such a committee will be done so in the near future in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

**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

>>> Our country is found far from African continent and due to isolation, lack of expertise, limited knowledge of water bird flyways and limited resources in this field. In view of the above, there are no such collaboration plans in the near future.

**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

>>> Frequent bird count are carried out at Rivulet Terre Rouge Estuary Bird Sanctuary Ramsar site since long and the data are analysed to see fluctuations over time. It is to be noted that this Ramsar site is the main site which harbours the greater number of migratory/water birds. Moreover as per the AEWA protocol, a national bird count is carried out twice a year - one in mid January and the other at end of July.

**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, such monitoring is not yet incorporated into the national biodiversity monitoring programme: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when:

>>> It may be considered in the future when enough capacity would have been developed

**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

>>> this is not being done at the moment but there is a plan to start as we have requested more resources for this to happen

**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

>>> this is not being done at the moment but there is a plan to start as we have requested more resources for this to happen

**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

>>> Such threats do not occur in our country

## **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, so far, no national mechanism to estimate harvest of waterbirds has been established in the country: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to establish this in the future, and when

>>> The number of migratory birds that visit Mauritius are very few. Birds come for resting and feeding and not for reproduction. It is to be noted that the Ramsar sites are primary habitat/ over-wintering ground for migratory birds and are legally protected. Furthermore water birds are not collected for food locally and no incidence of poaching has been reported

### **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

>>> There is no local tradition of consuming water birds locally. The number of migratory birds that come to Mauritius is few and they take shelter mostly at protected sites such as Ramsar sites or protected reserves

### **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

>>> not applicable as no collection happen

### **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

>>> new regulations are in preparation that will cater for the above

### **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

>>> It is to be noted that the Ramsar sites are primary habitat/ over-wintering ground for migratory birds and are legally protected. As to date no cases of animal poaching/harvesting has been reported to the National Parks and Conservation Service.

### **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

>>> at present, all native waterbirds are protected no harvest or use is allowed. Populations are not actively managed except for some species where follow up of the population is carried out

### **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

>>> The National Parks and Conservation Service is responsible for the protection

**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

>>> Hunting activities are controlled by the law. Hunting of water birds is not allowed

**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

>>> Every year the National Parks and Conservation Service under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security (Focal point) organises World Wetlands Day (2020) and awareness on protection and importance of migratory birds are disseminated.

**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

>>> Not applicable as there is no hunting locally with regards to waterbirds

**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

>>> Not applicable as there are no hunting allowed for waterbirds locally

## **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

>>> Sites at Serpent island and St Brandon are not easily accessible

**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)?**

No, the assessment of the sites of international importance for AEWA populations that could qualify as Ramsar Sites has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be conducted in the future and when Text Field

>>> Sites at Serpent island and St Brandon are not easily accessible and at present there are no plans for such

**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)?**

Yes: Please indicate the stakeholders involved in the process of development/update of the national wetlands inventory (e.g. Ramsar Administrative Authority) and provide brief information or supporting documentation on the information incorporated on the confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA species

>>> this is being done through a national review process funded under a GEF project where all major stakeholders, Ministries, Civil society and private sector actors are involved

**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)?**

No, none of the sites of national or international importance for AEWA populations is an existing WHS/MAB Reserve

>>> the sites of importance are not classified under the above at the moment

**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

>>> The number of migratory birds that comes to Mauritius is significantly small (< 1% threshold as per Ramsar convention). Since the numbers of birds are significantly small, it cannot be used as a criteria for nomination of WHSs/MAB Reserves.

**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, the development/update of such national strategy/plan has not yet been initiated: Please briefly explain why and indicate whether this will be conducted in the future and when

>>> The Management Plan and Operational Plan for Rivulet Terre Rouge Estuary Bird Sanctuary have been developed for the day to day management of the site which supports the maximum number of migratory birds that come to Mauritius (about 300 - 400 individuals depending upon the season). Even if the migratory bird population is small, the site, being a Ramsar site is legally protected.

**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

>>> Terre rouge and serpent island have management plans developed

**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)?**

No, but the development of such a framework/mechanism is underway: Please indicate when it is expected to be completed

>>> Regular monitoring of migratory birds is effected at Rivulet Terre Rouge Estuary Bird Sanctuary Ramsar Site which is an important refuge for these birds. The collected data are analyzed over time to assess long term trends of shorebirds numbers and species. Officers of National Parks and Conservation Service need more resources, expertise and training to develop an effective and a more resilient framework for monitoring and recording adverse effects on migratory birds.

**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

**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

>>> No national CEPA Action Plan has been developed but a visitor's centre is present at Rivulet Terre Rouge Estuary Bird Sanctuary where information on importance of wetlands as a refuge to migratory birds is disseminated to the visitors. Sensitisation is also carried out to the public in general during events organised by National Parks and Conservation Service such as World Wetlands Day, World Biodiversity Day, etc and same is available on our website.

## **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)?**

Not applicable, given that the country has no shared river/lake basins with other countries: Please provide any additional explanations

#### **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

>>> Rivulet Terre Rouge Estuary Bird Sanctuary Ramsar Site is under active management and legally protected. The site contains an intertidal mudflat which is an important refuge for migratory birds. However during the past few years the mudflat which is the feeding ground of the birds, has been invaded by invasive grass species which has reduced the area of the feeding ground. Manual removal of the weeds is carried out. Moreover, research work on effective weed management is being carried out by university student by mulching methods. It has been observed that removal of weeds has a positive effect on increasing bird population

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

Not applicable, given that no transboundary habitats of importance for AEWA species/populations exist in the country: Please provide any additional explanations

#### **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)?**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to submit these habitat conservation projects to donors and when

>>> this is being funded within the government budget

#### **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

>>> Protection and restoration of our native forests in the national parks and reforestation with native plant species has proven to be beneficial to our endemic birds which were in decline in the past few decades. Active restoration of mud flats to increase its attractiveness of the sites as feed ground for waterbeds has started

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

Yes: Please indicate the nature or type of CEPA activity, audience targeted, the period of delivery and briefly describe the type of habitat conservation practice concerned

>>> Sensitization programmes on nature conservation are carried out in our visitors' centres, during event celebration and through talks effected at schools and institutions. Moreover, an endemic plant species corner has been created in most schools and colleges to raise awareness on importance of endemic/native plants and on our forest ecosystem. People of all aged groups are our targeted audience.

#### **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

>>> Students all over the world come to Mauritius for training or pursuing their research in nature and biodiversity conservation. It is to be noted that many species especially rare and endemic plants and endemic

birds have been saved from the brink of extinction.

## **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

>>> Due to lack of resources, limited capacity, technical skills, experience and training, the priority issues are not identified yet. With proper training, resource availability and a good framework, main issues may be identified and addressed at national level

#### **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

>>> not applicable

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

>>> Mauritius is a island some 800 kms from its neared large land mass (Madagascar)

#### **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)?**

No, the national AEWA coordination mechanism has not yet been established: Briefly explain why and indicate whether the establishment of such a mechanism is planned in the future and when

>>> At present there is little capacity and limited resources for the implementation of a national committee. With the availability of adequate resources and capacity building, this issue can be addressed

#### **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

>>> All focal points are housed within the National Parks and Conservation Service for efficiency of implementation

#### **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

>>> Training on bird identification and monitoring/survey methods has been given to officers of the National Parks and Conservation Service. this has been carried out at the Rivulet Terre Rouge Estuary Bird scantuary Ramsar site

#### **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

**In the downloadable table below, please provide a brief description of the type of actions/activities and the nature of the issues addressed for all relevant international frameworks as well as the processes to which the AEWA national implementing authority provided contributions for planning activities:**

**Important Note:** To answer this question please download the table provided here. Once you have completed the table, please upload it as an attachment to this question using the paper clip icon below.

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[AEWA PoAA Report Q5-6 Table2\\_en \(3\).xlsx](#)

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>>> The AEWA national implementing agency is the agency responsible for all matters related to native biodiversity conservation. As such we provide inputs for all biodiversity related conventions where we are actively involved as either the focal institution or the technical arm

**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 be developed in the future and when

>>> At present there is little capacity and limited resources for the development and implementation of a national AEWA plan. With the availability of adequate resources and capacity building, this issue can be addressed

**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

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[AEWA PoAA Report Q5-8 Table4\\_en \(2\).xlsx](#)

**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

## Confirmation

**This is to confirm that the information provided in the current AEWA PoAA National Report has been verified and approved for submission**

In addition, a scanned copy of an official letter from the relevant state institution, approving the report for submission, can be attached.

Please confirm by checking this box

**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**

Please confirm by checking this box

### **Date of submission**

>>> 25 February 2021