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REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE AEWA INTERNATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES PLAN 2003-2007

INTRODUCTION

The implementation of the International Implementation Priorities for AEWA 2003-2007 (IIP 2003-2007) is fully dependent on voluntary counterpart contributions from Contracting Parties. Unfortunately, due to the economic recess most of the Parties and particularly the Ministries involved in AEWA are faced with budget cuts. The Secretariat has observed that the total amount of voluntary contributions for 2003 was less than expected. The situation for 2004 seems to be not better.

The Secretariat is nonetheless very pleased that for period 2003-2007 an amount of roundabout US \$ 290,000 could be secured for the implementation of the IIP 2003-2007). Hopefully more Contracting Parties will take in consideration to support the implementation of IIP 2003-2007.

The following overview shows the progress that has been made so far.

ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee is requested to review the current situation regarding the implementation of the IIP 2003-2007 and to provide guidance/ advice in seeking further support for IIP 2003-2007.

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1.	Guideline on National Legislation for Migratory Waterbird Conservation.	Netherlands and AEWA	IUCN-ELC	Adopted by MOP2 as interim guidelines; however some editing and reformulation is still needed. In close cooperation with IUCN-ELC the Secretariat hopes to finalise this project before end of 2004.
2	Implementation of existing international single species action plans			Third Meeting of the Brent Goose Working Group took place on 14 th January 2004 in Wageningen, The Netherlands. Final adoption by Standing Committee is foreseen by end of 2004. Afterwards the AEWA Secretariat will work on the development of a special page on the AEWA Website on the D-b Brent Goose.
3	Development of a new international single species action plans for the Ferruginous Duck <i>Aythya nyroca</i>	France, CMS and BirdLife International	BirdLife International	Workshop in November 2002 was the starting point for drafting an Action Plan. Proceedings were published in late 2003. The Action Plan will be published in 2004.
4	Development of international single species plan for the Northern Bald Ibis <i>Geronticus eremita</i>	AEWA	SEO	Workshop took place 7-11 January 2004 in Madrid, Spain. Action Plan probably ready during second half of 2004.
5	Development of international single species plan for the Corncrake <i>Crex crex</i>	EU, CMS and AEWA	BirdLife International	Draft Action Plan is ready and will be submitted by the Secretariat to the TC and to Range States for comments in October/ November 2004.
6	Development of international single species plan for the White-headed Duck <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	EU, CMS and AEWA	BirdLife International	Draft Action Plan is ready and will be submitted by the Secretariat to the TC and to Range States for comments in October/ November 2004.

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7	Development of new international single species action plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Snipe <i>Gallinago media</i> • Black-winged Pratincole <i>Glareola nordmanni</i> • Sociable Lapwing <i>Vanellus gregarius</i> 	AEWA, Netherlands	BirdLife International	With exemption of the Dark-bellied Brent Goose all plans were adopted by MOP2 and will be published in the second half of 2004.
8	Guideline on Avoidance of Introductions of Non-native Migratory Waterbird Species	UK and AEWA	Just Ecology	Guideline has been discussed at MOP and will be printed by the end of 2004/ early 2005. Brochure has been submitted to aviculture associations for comments. The text were appropriate will be amended accordingly before end of 2004.
9	Review of the use of agrochemicals in Africa, and their impacts on migratory waterbirds	France, Switzerland, FAO and AEWA	CERES/ FAO	Final report is expected by end of 2004.
10	Study on potential impacts of marine fisheries on migratory waterbirds	Netherlands and UK	ADU	Final report ready by the end of 2004. Results were presented at Global Flyway Conference.
11	Rehabilitation of important migratory waterbird sites that have been degraded by invasive aquatic weeds	UK and AEWA	IUCN (regional offices in Africa)	Report on the desk study will be ready by end of 2004.
12	Exchange of know-how on traditional approaches to wetland and waterbird management in Africa	Netherlands and AEW/	IUCN (regional offices in Africa)	Final report will be ready at end of 2004. Results were presented at the Global Flyway Conference in April 2004.
13	Development of the Agreement's Website	AEWA	UNEP-WCMC and AEW/ Secretariat	Whole website will be re-designed in a way that the information available will be better accessible. New Website will be launched at beginning of 2005.
14	Identification of all sites of international importance for AEW/ species			Will be part of the GEF project
15	Creating an interactive tool to present information on important sites for migratory waterbirds			Will be part of the GEF project
16	Identification of priority areas for further survey work			Will be part of the GEF project

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17	Identification of priority areas for improved protection			Will be part of the GEF project
18	Habitat Priorities for Waterbirds, particularly in Africa and South-west Asia.			
19	Restoration and rehabilitation techniques for waterbird habitats, particularly in Africa			
20	Evaluation of waterbird harvest in the Agreement Area			
21	Review of the use of non-toxic shot for waterbird hunting			Regular update (every three years) of the report on phasing out lead shot is not seen as a high priority.
22	Promoting the use of non-toxic shot in southern Europe	Ill Nibbio, CIC and AEW Secretariat		Workshop was planned to take place in Italy late 2003. However no response has been received from counterparts
23	Promoting sustainable hunting in western Africa	ONCFS, CIC, Switzerland and AEW Secretariat	Wetlands International and ONCFS and AEW Secretariat	Agreement has been reached with ONCFS and Wetlands International to organise a workshop from 23-28 October in Senegal on sustainable hunting in western Africa.
24	Evaluation of socio-economic impacts of waterbird hunting			
25	Evaluation of waterbirds as agricultural pests in Africa			
26	Guidelines on minimizing/ mitigating the impacts of infrastructural (and disturbance-related) developments affecting waterbirds			
27	Improving survey and monitoring capacity for migratory waterbirds			Will be part of the GEF project.
28	Publication of an Atlas of Wader Populations	Belgium, Netherlands, France, AEW and EU	Wetlands International	Early 2003 a voluntary contribution was received and transferred to Wetlands International. It seems that necessary funds are secured and that the Atlas could be finalised in 2004.
29	Publication of flyway atlases for gulls, terns, herons, ibises, storks and <i>Rallidae</i>			
30	Atlas of ringing recoveries			

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31	Survey little-known areas			<p>In 2003 AEW Secretariat provided some small grants for some survey work in Iran, Yemen, Morocco and Tunisia particular looking for Slender-billed Curlew, but at the same time training local people in bird monitoring. In close cooperation with RAC/ SPA similar activities are foreseen for late 2004 in the Mediterranean region.</p> <p>The project will be a part of the GEF project.</p>
32	International Waterbird Census: stop-gap survey			<p>To encourage some (particularly African) countries to collect data for the 2004 International Waterbird Census, a small grant was given by the AEW Secretariat to Wetlands International.</p> <p>Will also be part of the GEF project</p>
33	Pilot study/ review of potential from waterbird ringing recovery analyses for the Agreement area	France and AEW	ADU	Funds have been secured and project has been contracted out to ADU.
34	Coordination of waterbird ringing schemes, particularly in Africa	France and AEW	ADU	Funds have been secured and work has been contracted out to ADU. In August 2004 training on ringing of birds was organized in Kenya. Funds are needed for 2005 to continue the project.
35	Guideline on the use of satellite tracking for migratory waterbirds			
36	Telemetry in migratory waterbirds			
37	Report on status and trends of populations for the 3 rd Meeting of the Parties			The TC is discussing a new format for this report and a proposal will be tabled at StC2.
38	Population Trends in migratory waterbirds			

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39	Actions for the conservation of colonial waterbirds	France and AEW	Wetlands International	Funds have been secured and work will be contracted out in due course to Wetlands International ¹
40	Causes of population changes in migratory waterbirds			
41	Migratory waterbirds and climatic changes			
42	Flyway population catalogue (or register)	UK	Wetlands International	Funds have been secured and project will be contracted out in due course.
43	Field guide for Central Asia and adjacent countries			Will be part of the GEF project.
44	Field guide for Uzbekistan	AEWA, World Bank, Uzbekistan		A small grant was given to enable to finish this project. Publication of the guide is expected end of 2004/ early 2005.
45	Compiling flyway information (in digital format) for use in conjunction with existing waterbird count data and site information			Will be part of the GEF project.
46	The use of wetland sites by migratory waterbirds			Will be part of the GEF project.
47	Migratory waterbirds as indicators			
48	Development of a density-dependent population model for the Dark-bellied Brent Goose	UK		A grant has been received from the UK. The Dark-bellied Brent Goose Working Group is investigating whether this project could be linked to an existing project under the 5 th Framework of the EU, which could lead to large savings. Project will not start before 2005.
49	Regional training programmes in Africa for implementation of the Agreement			
50	Publication of waterbird monitoring manuals			Will be part of the GEF project.
51	Establishing a clearing house for training materials for the Agreement			
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52	Analysis of training needs for migratory waterbird conservation			Study has been done in GEF preparation and development facility (category B) Flyways

¹ Project was contracted out to Tour-du-Valat in 2002. Due to the project manager's becoming seriously ill before the project started, Tour-du-Valat decided to hand it back to the Secretariat.

				project. Further analysis, development of subregional programmes will take place in the full GEF AEWA/Ramsar Flyways Project.
53	Development and implementation of a communications strategy for the Agreement	UK and AEWA	SPAN Consultants	Results of a Quick scan survey have been published. Second phase of the communication strategy has been contracted out. Draft Strategy will be submitted to StC2 for review.
54	Regional Workshop for promotion of the Agreement			A first step towards a future workshop has been taken by drafting a reader on AEWA, to be published in the second half of 2004.
55	Regional Workshop on promoting AEWA and CMS in Burundi	AEWA/ CMS	AEWA. CMS	A request has been received from Burundi to sensitise the authorities by holding a workshop in late 2004. Aim of this workshop is promoting accession to CMS and AEWA.
56	Workshop on promoting AEWA in Russia	AEWA	AEWA	In close cooperation with some Russian experts and Wetlands International the possibility of holding a workshop on promoting AEWA is under consideration.
57	Workshop on promoting AEWA in Tchad	AEWA	Focal point Tchad	A small grant has been given to organise an awareness-raising workshop on AEWA. Target group are the responsible authorities dealing with accession to AEWA.
58	Workshop on promoting AEWA/ CMS in Madagascar	CMS/ AEWA/ WWF	WWF	A request has been received for a small grant to enable WWF to organise a workshop on accession of Madagascar to CMS and AEWA.
59	Communicating the importance of a network of critical sites for migratory waterbirds			Will be part of the GEF project.