

Memorandum of Cooperation

between

The Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds

(hereinafter AEWA Secretariat)

and

Oiseaux Migrateurs du Paléarctique Occidental

(hereinafter OMPO)

Noting that OMPO is regularly represented as observer in meetings of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (hereinafter AEWA) including the sessions of the Technical Committee of AEWA;

Further noting that OMPO is also actively involved in the intersessional work of the AEWA Technical Committee;

Recalling that according to the AEWA Communication Strategy the AEWA Secretariat shall engage more ambassadors to stimulate other Range States to become Contracting Parties and shall make more intensive use of the current AEWA ambassadors;

Aware that OMPO functions as such an AEWA ambassador already and has put its efforts into stimulating the governments of several Non-Party Range States to join AEWA including Estonia, Belarus, the Russian Federation, Morocco, Mauritania, Malta and Cyprus;

Emphasizing the positive example the ambassadorship of OMPO sets and that it is hoped to stimulate other NGOs to function as AEWA ambassadors;

Also aware that OMPO, moreover, supports the implementation of AEWA by funding scientific studies, surveys and monitoring programmes (type avian influenza) on migratory birds in the Baltic states, the Russian Federation, as well as Western Africa;

The AEWA Secretariat and OMPO herewith confirm the role OMPO is playing regarding the promotion and implementation of the Agreement;

And decide as follows:

1. OMPO will proceed with supporting the AEWA Secretariat in its membership recruitment by stimulating Non-Party Range States to become Contracting Parties;
2. OMPO will also continue supporting the implementation of AEWA by realizing matching projects in the field of research and monitoring;

3. The AEWA Secretariat will occasionally request OMPO to represent AEWA in national or international meetings;
4. The AEWA Secretariat and OMPO will regularly inform their networks about each other's projects and publications through their respective Newsletters;
5. This Memorandum of Cooperation shall take effect upon the date of signature by both parties;
6. This Memorandum of Cooperation may be reviewed at the request of either party and modified by written mutual agreement. It shall remain in effect, unless terminated by 90 days' written notice by either party, or replaced by another agreement.

Done in Paris on 12 November 2007, in two original copies, each in the English and French languages.

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