



AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS



5th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES
14 – 18 May 2012, La Rochelle, France

“Migratory waterbirds and people - sharing wetlands”

RESOLUTION 5.26¹

TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISERS

Recalling the offer of the French Government to host the 5th Session of the Meeting of Parties, which was accepted by the Meeting of the Parties at its 4th Session with great appreciation,

Aware of the effort, in particular, financial, undertaken in the organisation of the current Session of the Meeting of the Parties by the French Government,

Also aware of the support to the current Session provided by various governmental organisations, research institutions and non-governmental organisations, in particular:

- Association nationale des chasseurs de gibier d'eau (ANCGE)
- Fédération nationale des chasseurs (FNC)
- France nature environnement (FNE)
- Ligue pour la protection des oiseaux (LPO)
- Office national de la chasse et de la faune sauvage (ONCFS)
- Oiseaux Migrateurs du Paléarctique Occidental (OMPO)
- Tour du Valat,

Appreciating the financial support provided by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to facilitate the participation of as many Range States as possible,

Further appreciating the financial support provided by the Governments of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Spain and Switzerland for the logistical and substantial preparation of the current Session of the Meeting of Parties.

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Expresses* its gratitude to the French Government for the arrangements and the important financial investment made to provide an excellent venue, facilities and services for the 5th Session of the Meeting of the Parties;
2. *Also expresses* its gratitude to the City of La Rochelle, la Ligue pour la protection des oiseaux (LPO), l'Office national de la chasse et de la faune sauvage (ONCFS) and la Fédération départementale des chasseurs de la Charente-Maritime (FDC17) for all the additional support and services offered to the Meeting and the delegates;

¹ Please note that the number of this resolution has changed; it was previously AEWA/MOP5 DR27

3. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Agreement's Secretariat for the preparation of the documents and logistics for the 5th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement;

4. *Also expresses* its appreciation for all the support of the governments, governmental organisations, research institutions and non-governmental organisations listed above, which contributed to the preparation of the 5th Meeting of the Parties, thus facilitating the participation of many Range States and/or the logistical and substantial preparation of the current Session of the Meeting of Parties.