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AEWA Technical Committee Work Plan 2006-2008

(Approved on 13 Feb 2006 and amended on 01 Nov 2006)

Introduction

This work plan has been collated by the Agreement's Secretariat after the 3rd Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP3) on 23-27 October 2005. The plan outlines major tasks to be fulfilled by the TC in the triennium 2006-2008 as instructed by MOP3 and previous MOPs or by the Agreement's Action Plan (for each task see reference to resolutions or AP paragraphs). It does not reflect duties to be performed on regular basis, such as project applications review and approval, or irregular issues that may emerge over the triennium.

The TC approved the present work plan in February 2006 through a written procedure (via e-mail) and amended it during the 7th TC meeting on 29 October – 01 November 2006. The plan could be amended again either at any TC meeting in the triennium or intersessionally again through a written procedure in order to enhance delivery of outputs or better reflect realities.

Following the current practice in the TC each task will be taken forward by a TC working group consisting of several regional representatives, organisation representatives, appointed experts, observers, as well as Secretariat staff. Against each task the working group members are noted with abbreviations of their names in no any particular order (see full names in the end of the document). The only exception is the first mentioned person who is supposed to take the first initiative and when appropriate to chair the working group, and provide for the delivery of results.

Some of the tasks are not to be fulfilled solely by the TC and will require input (reports, assessments, etc.) by external consultants. Therefore these tasks could only be fulfilled if resources permit. Those tasks are formatted in *Italic*. The Secretariat should endeavour to provide necessary resources to fulfil all tasks.

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<p>1. Prioritise, which waterbird taxa would benefit from an early review of the limits of their populations² (Resolution 3.2)</p> <p>“Priority taxa WG”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (WH, DS, JOS, PC, GRJ)</p> <p>Draft a review paper that includes criteria for prioritisation</p>	<p>Discuss the review paper</p>	<p>1. Rank criteria for selection as suggested by the WG paper and test them against AEWA taxa; Deadline: end of Mar 2007</p> <p>2. Consultation with the WI Specialist Groups Deadline: end of May 2007</p> <p>3. Draft a paper to TC8, including final priority list and a resolution for MOP4 Deadline: end of Oct 2007</p>	<p>Decide on the priority list and approve the draft resolution for MOP4</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit priority list and resolution for approval by MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4 <i>(applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s))</i></p>

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<p>2. Guidance on the degree of concentration on a small number of specific sites at any stage of annual cycle (Resolution 3.3)</p> <p>“Site/concentration WG”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (WH, DS, PC, RP, JOS)</p> <p>Draft a review paper that includes a definition of concentration Deadline: 31 Aug 2006</p>	<p>Review the definition and provide the working group with views and advice</p>	<p>1. WH to provide clarity on as to when results from the WoW project on critical sites network will be available in 2007 Deadline: end of Nov 2006</p> <p>2. Upon availability of results to test definitions from the WG paper against real world data, produce final definition, prepare a paper for TC8 and a draft resolution for MOP4 Deadline: tbc</p>	<p>Approve the definition and the resolution for submission to MOP4</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit the definition and the resolution for approval by MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4 <i>(applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s))</i></p>

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<p>3. Guidance on the dependence on a habitat type which is under severe threat (Resolution 3.3)</p> <p>“Habitat WG”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (DS, ON, JOS, WH, JK)</p> <p>Draft a review paper that includes a definition on habitat under threat Deadline: 31 Aug 2006</p>	<p>Review the definition and provide the working group with views and advice</p>	<p>1. To test the definition suggested by the WG against AEWA populations and produce final definition Deadline: end of Mar 2007</p> <p>2. Draft a paper for TC8 and a resolution for MOP4 Deadline: end of Jun 2007</p>	<p>Approve the definition and the resolution for submission to MOP4</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit the definition and the resolution for approval by MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4 <i>(applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s))</i></p>

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<p>4. Guidance on the extent of extreme fluctuations in population size or trend (Resolution 3.3)</p> <p>“Fluctuation WG”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (DS, WH, JOS, PC, JCV)</p> <p>Draft a review paper that includes a definition of fluctuation</p> <p>Deadline: 31 Aug 2006</p>	<p>Review the definition and provide the working group with views and advice</p>	<p>1. Test the IUCN Red List definition of fluctuation against real world data and adjust the magnitude for use with birds</p> <p>Deadline: end of Mar 2007</p> <p>2. Draft a paper for TC8 and a resolution for MOP4</p> <p>Deadline: end of Jun 2007</p>	<p>Approve the definition and the resolution for submission to MOP4</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>Submit the definition and the resolution for approval by MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 60 days before MOP4</p> <p><i>(applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s))</i></p>

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<p>5. Develop an online national report format and also seek to harmonize reporting with other MEAs (Resolution 3.5) (national reports to provide indicators for assessing the effectiveness of AEWA and the achievement of the 2010 target), provide input into the development of a Strategic Plan for AEWA (Resolution 3.9)</p> <p>“Strategic WG”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (OB, DS, RA, AH, EYD, SK, WH, RP, GNO, YM, FK, SD, BL)</p> <p>Draft a review paper for discussion at TC7 Deadline: 31 Aug 2006</p>	<p>Review the progress made in developing an online national report format and a strategic plan and decide, as appropriate</p>	<p>1. Participate in the process of developing a Strategic Plan to be led by the Standing Committee and implemented by a consultant Starting date: 10 November</p> <p>Deadline for completion of the process: tbc</p> <p>2. Prepare a new format for national reporting and submit it to WCMC for further development into an online one Deadline: end of Jan 2007 (the online system to be ready by the end of 2007)</p> <p>3. Test the online reporting system Deadline: tbc</p>	<p>Review the progress made in developing an online national report format and a strategic plan and decide, as appropriate</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>Submit an online national report format and a strategic plan for approval by MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4 <i>(applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s))</i></p>

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<p>6. Consider the potential role of the Agreement in the conservation of seabirds (in the light of work done by RFMOs, and other ISOs, such as CBD and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea) (Resolution 3.8)</p> <p>“Seabird WG”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (OB, YM, AS, RA, AH, BL)</p> <p>Draft a review paper Deadline: 31 August 2006</p>	<p>Discuss the paper and formulate possible recommendations</p>	<p>1. Amend the review paper Deadline: end of Feb 2007</p> <p>2. Undertake consultations with CPs on the paper and suggested recommendations Deadline: end of Jun 2007</p> <p>3. Finalise the paper and draft a resolution for MOP4 Deadline: end of Oct 2007</p>	<p>Approve the paper and the draft resolution for submission to MOP4</p>	<p>Liase with CPs that are willing to sponsor amendments to AEW Annexes Deadline: 240 days before MOP4</p>	<p>Submit the paper and the draft resolution to MOP4 for approval after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4 <i>(applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s))</i></p>

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<p>7. Review the structure of the IIP to enhance their responsiveness to emerging issues from the Action Plan paragraph 7.4 a-g reviews (Resolution 3.11) and after assessing the reviews also to formulate draft recommendation and resolutions for consideration by MOP (Action Plan 7.6)</p> <p>“IIP WG”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (YM, WH, JOS, DS, NK, SD)</p> <p>Draft ToR for outsourcing preparation of the Action Plan paragraph 7.4 a-g reviews (to assess whether it is feasible to link this work to work plan task 5 on online reporting)</p> <p><i>Deadline: 30 April 2006</i></p>	<p>Review progress in preparing reviews</p>	<p>Upon receipt of draft reviews to review them, provide views and advice to compilers, as appropriate, formulate draft recommendations and resolutions relating to their development, content and implementation, and draft proposals for enhanced IIP</p>	<p>Review an advanced draft of the reviews, draft recommendations and resolutions and draft enhanced IIP 2009-2011, provide views and advice to compilers and TC working group, as appropriate</p>	<p>Approve final drafts of the reviews, the recommendations and resolutions and the enhanced IIP 2009-2011 for submission to MOP4</p> <p>Deadline: 240 days before MOP4</p>	<p>Submit all drafts to MOP4 for approval after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 60 days before MOP4 <i>(applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s))</i></p>

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<p>8. Climate change:</p> <p>(a) review current evidence of the effect of climate change on waterbirds, implications of modelled patterns of climate change on waterbirds, and an outline of possible means of adapting to these changes;</p> <p>(b) identify species from Table 1 that are especially vulnerable and identify measures to maintain such populations;</p> <p>(c) identify relevant actions to be undertaken as part of the IIP;</p> <p>(d) propose changes to the Action Plan to better reflect the need for action on the implications of the climate change and adaptation;</p> <p>(e) identify international research needs into the effect of</p>	<p>Establish a working group (DS, WH, PC, AS, SK, SD (JCV))</p> <p>Draft a ToR for work to be outsourced Deadline: 30 April 2006</p>	<p>No action required</p>	<p>1. A CC workshop to be organised for mid-April with the support of a consultant. Deadline for workshop proceedings: end of May 2007</p> <p>2. JNCC + WG draft an info paper based on other publications Deadline: end of May 2007</p> <p>3. WG workshop to identify IIP priorities, Action Plan amendments, recommendations and resolutions for MOP4 Deadline: end of Jun 2007</p> <p>4. Consolidated report from the WG Deadline: end of Jul 2007</p> <p>5. WG draft conservation guidelines Deadline: end of Oct 2007</p>	<p>Consideration and approval of WG outputs</p>	<p>Liase with CPs that are willing to sponsor amendments to AEWAs Annexes Deadline: 240 days before MOP4</p>	<p>Submit reports, proposals for IIP actions and draft recommendation or resolution to MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4 (applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s))</p>

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<i>climate change on waterbirds and their habitats;</i> <i>(Resolution 3.17, some actions are resource permitting)</i> “Climate change WG”						

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<p>9. Review the experiences of countries where lead shot has been phased out or are endeavouring to phase it out and bring a guidance for approval by MOP (Resolution 2.2)</p> <p>“Lead shot WG”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (NK, GNO, JK, JS)</p> <p>Draft a ToR for outsourcing work for drafting a review</p> <p>Deadline: 30 April 2006</p>	<p>Review progress in preparing the review</p>	<p>Upon receipt of a draft review and guidance to examine them, provide views and advice to the compiler, as appropriate</p> <p>Deadline: end of Jun 2007</p>	<p>Review final drafts of the review and the guidance and approve them for submission to MOP4</p>	<p>No action required (tbc)</p>	<p>Submit the review and the guidance to MOP4 after it was signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 60 days before MOP4</p> <p><i>(applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s))</i></p>

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<p>10. Assess the guidelines prepared under Action Plan paragraph 7.3 and formulate draft recommendations and/or resolutions relating to their development/update, content and implementation (Action Plan 7.6)</p> <p>“Guidelines WG”</p>	<p>Establish a working group (DS, WH, SK, JM, RA, SD)</p> <p>Review the existing guidelines and prepare an oral or written briefing to the full TC Deadline: 31 August 2006</p>	<p>Discuss findings of the working group and approve next steps, including drafting of recommendations and/or resolutions, if appropriate</p>	<p>1. The Secretariat to follow up the TC recommendations, evaluate the use of Guidelines and report back Deadline: end Aug 2007</p> <p>2. The WG to review and amend, if appropriate, Guidelines No.9 on the waterbird monitoring protocol in the light of WIGWAG discussions Deadline: end of May 2007</p> <p>3. Draft recommendation and/or resolution for MOP4, if appropriate Deadline: end of Oct 2007</p>	<p>Review of outputs from the working group and approval of recommendation and/or resolutions for submission to MOP4, if appropriate</p>	<p>No action required (tbc)</p>	<p>Submit the recommendations and/or resolutions to MOP4, if appropriate, after it was signed-off by the StC Deadline: 60 days before MOP4 <i>(applies to the submission, not the actual finalization of the document(s))</i></p>

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² This task is to be fulfilled with the support of Wetlands International and its Waterbird Specialist Groups.

Overview of abbreviations of full names of the members of working groups (in alphabetical order):

Abbreviation	Full name	Abbreviation	Full name
AH	Abdulmuala Hamza	JOS	John O'Sullivan
AS	Alfousseini Semega	JS	John Swift
BL	Bert Lenten	NK	Niels Kanstrup
DS	David Stroud	ON	Oliver Nasirwa
EYD	Elijah Yaw Danso	OB	Olivier Biber
FK	Florian Keil	PC	Preben Clausen
GF	Gerardo Fragoso	RA	Rachelle Adam
GNO	Guy-Noel Olivier	RP	Robert Pople
GRJ	Ghassan Ramadan-Jaradi	SD	Sergey Dereliev
JCV	Jean-Christophe Vie	SK	Sergey Khomenko
JK	Jelena Kralj	WH	Ward Hagemeyer
JM	Jerome Mokoko	YM	Youssof Mungroo