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8-9 May 2010

Save migratory birds in crisis – every species counts!

Join us in celebrating World Migratory Bird Day 2010!

Imagine a world without migratory birds – without storks, geese, cranes, ducks, penguins, gulls and terns – what a dull place it would be! The variety of migratory bird species is amazing - worldwide over 1,500 exist, of which 170 are listed on the IUCN Red List. Fifty migratory bird species have already become extinct over the last centuries, often due to human activities - these are completely lost for future generations.

Migratory birds are part of the biological diversity of our world and are often used as indicators for the biological health of ecosystems. We rely on this variety of life to provide us with the food, fuel, medicine and other essentials we simply cannot live without and it is in our power to protect these resources and to safeguard biodiversity.

This year's theme for World Migratory Bird Day - "*Save migratory birds in crisis – every species counts!*" – is closely linked to the **United Nation's International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) in 2010** and will focus on the most Globally Threatened migratory bird species.

Join others around the world and take part in this global campaign on **8-9 May 2010** through bird-watching events, educational programmes, lectures, art exhibitions and public events; however you decide to participate, your contribution will help to make this campaign a success! Register your activity on the WMBD website: www.worldmigratorybirdday.org (to be launched in February 2010).

World Migratory Bird Day is a global, annual awareness raising campaign aiming to promote the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats worldwide. It is being organised by the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) and the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) – two Bonn-based wildlife treaties administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

For more information please see: www.worldmigratorybirdday.org

WMBD 2010 posters are available at the AEWA Secretariat.

Alternatively – if you wish to translate the poster into your local language - please ask us for an electronic version.

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