



## Report on the implementation of AEWA for the period 2021-2024

The format for reports on the implementation of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) for the period 2021-2024 was approved by the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP8, 26-30 September 2022, Budapest, Hungary) through Resolution 8.3 and modified by the Standing Committee at its 23rd and 24th meetings (June 2023 and July 2024, respectively) as mandated by the MOP. This format has been compiled following the AEWA Annex 3 (Action Plan), the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 and resolutions of the MOP.

In accordance with article V(c) of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, each Party shall prepare to each ordinary session of the MOP a National Report on its implementation of the Agreement and submit that report to the Agreement Secretariat. Through Resolution 8.3 the deadline for submission of national reports to the 9th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP9) was set at 180 days before the opening of the meeting. MOP9 is scheduled to take place on 10-14 November 2025; therefore, the deadline for submission of National Reports is **13 May 2025**.

As per Resolution 7.1 of the MOP, Chapter 3 of the National Report Format on the numbers and trends of native and non-native species of waterbirds was developed as a stand-alone online reporting module, which is due for submission to every second MOP session. The next submission of this module is scheduled for delivery to MOP10 and will take place in 2026-2027 through a stand-alone reporting process. Therefore, the current Report on the implementation of AEWA for the period 2021-2024 does not contain Chapter 3.

As per the decision of the 23rd meeting of the Standing Committee (26-27 June 2023), reporting of waterbird harvest data for the period 2019-2023 was undertaken as a stand-alone module of the national report and administered through a separate reporting process in the course of 2024.

The AEWA National Reports 2021-2024 were compiled and submitted through the AEWA Online National Reporting System, which is part of the broader CMS Family Online Reporting System. The CMS Family Online Reporting System was developed by the UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) in close collaboration with and under the guidance of the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat.

# 1. General Information

## Name of reporting Contracting Party

>>> Kenya

## 2. Institutional Information

Please update information on the National AEWA Administrative Authority, the National Focal Points, the Designated National Respondent and the other contributors to this report.

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# Pressures and Responses

## 4. Species Conservation

### 4.1 Legal Measures

**1. Following MOP8, was a review undertaken in your country of the relevant domestic legislation against the provisions of the latest version of the Agreement text and its annexes, including Table 1 in Annex III, taking into account all amendments adopted by MOP8? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Actions 1.1 (a), 1.1 (b), 2.2(a) and 2.2(b))**

Yes

**Please indicate the outcome of this review**

Relevant national legislation was fully in line with the Agreement text and its annexes

**Field for additional information (optional)**

>>> Further review of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act Cap 376 is ongoing . one of the outcome area is review of the sixth Schedule of the Act on Nationally listed species and will take into account the AEWA Annexes

**2. Was your country's national legislation reviewed following the Guidance on Measures in National Legislation for Different Populations of the Same Species, Particularly with Respect to Hunting and Trade (Resolution 6.7)?**

**See Appendix 1 / Appendix 2 / Appendix 3**

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Yes

Did this require adjusting your national legislation?

No

**3. Please confirm the protection status under your country's national legislation of each population listed in the Excel file linked below.** This list contains all the AEWA Table 1, Column A populations that are regularly occurring in your country (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1).

Guidance on responding to this question:

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2- Fill in the Excel template comprehensively;

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**4. Please confirm for each population, listed in the Excel file linked below, whether there is an open hunting season (birds and/or eggs) in your country.** This list contains all the AEWA Table 1, Column A, category 2 or 3 with an asterisk or category 4 that are regularly occurring in your country (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1).

**Guidance:** Open hunting season in the context of this inquiry means that the waterbird population is allowed to be hunted for a certain period in the year in accordance with the respective domestic legislation of the country. Some populations, even if huntable according to the legislation, in certain circumstances may be subject to a year-round closed season for management reasons.

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**5. Please confirm for each population, listed in the Excel file linked below, whether taking is regulated in your country. This list contains all the AEWA Table 1, Column B populations that are regularly occurring in your country (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.2; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1).**

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**6. Please indicate which modes of taking are prohibited in your country (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.2(b); AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1)**

One or more modes of taking have been prohibited

**Please provide details to each mode of taking in the list below:**

Snares

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

Limes

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

Hooks

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

Live birds which are blind or mutilated used as decoys

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

Tape recorders and other electronic devices

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

Electrocuting devices

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Artificial light sources

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Mirrors and other dazzling devices

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Devices for illuminating targets

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Sighting devices for night shooting comprising an electronic image magnifier or image converter

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Explosives

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Nets

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Traps

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Poison

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Poisoned or anaesthetic baits

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more than two rounds of ammunition

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

#### Hunting from aircraft, motor vehicles, or boats driven at a speed exceeding 5 km p/h (18 km p/h on the open sea)

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

Other non-selective modes of taking

Yes, fully

Please specify which other non-selective modes of taking have been prohibited

>>> Wildlife Conservation and Management Act

**7. Has your country granted exemptions from any of the above prohibitions in order to accommodate livelihoods uses? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.2(b); AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1)**

No

**8. Has a review of enforcement of and compliance with the domestic legislation relevant for AEWA implementation, [in particular the legislation which caters for the obligations under paragraphs 2.1 and 4.1 of the AEWA Action Plan], been undertaken in your country after MOP8? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Actions 1.1(c) and 2.2(c))**

No

**9. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on National Legislation for the Protection of Species of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats?**

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Yes

#### **4.2. Species Action and Management Plans**

**10. Please report on the progress of turning the International Single Species Action and Management Plans (ISSAP and ISSMP), as well as International Multi-species Action Plans (IMSAP), listed below, into National Action or Management Plans. If no action or management plan is listed below, this is because your country is not considered to be a Principal Range State for any species currently covered by an AEWA plan. In such a case, please proceed to the next question. (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.2; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 1.2 (d))**

**Please report on all listed ISSAP, ISSMP and IMSAP**

**Madagascar Pond-heron / *Ardeola idea***

**National Plan for Madagascar Pond-heron / *Ardeola idea***

No NP, but actions implemented

Please explain the reasons for having no NP in place

>>> Monitoring populations and safeguarding suitable habitats

**Ferruginous Duck / *Aythya nyroca***

**National Plan for Ferruginous Duck / *Aythya nyroca***

No NP, but actions implemented

**Grey Crowned Crane / *Balearica regulorum***

**National Plan for Grey Crowned Crane / *Balearica regulorum***

NP in place and being implemented

Please rate the degree of current implementation of the plan taking into account the time schedule of the ISSAP

Advanced implementation – most of the actions are underway as per the time schedule of the plan

**Great Snipe / Gallinago media**  
**National Plan for Great Snipe / Gallinago media**

No NP, but actions implemented

**Black-winged Pratincole / Glareola nordmanni**  
**National Plan for Black-winged Pratincole / Glareola nordmanni**

No NP, but actions implemented

**Black-tailed Godwit / Limosa limosa**  
**National Plan for Black-tailed Godwit / Limosa limosa**

No NP, but actions implemented

**Maccoa Duck / Oxyura maccoa**  
**National Plan for Maccoa Duck / Oxyura maccoa**

No NP, but actions implemented

**Lesser Flamingo / Phoeniconaias minor**  
**National Plan for Lesser Flamingo / Phoeniconaias minor**

NP in development

Please provide starting date and expected finalisation date

>>> Review of draft Lesser Flamingo action plan ongoing to be completed in late 2025 or early 2026

**11. Has your country provided assistance for the coordination and implementation of International Species Action or Management Plans through funding of AEWA International Species Working and Expert Groups? (Resolution 7.5)**

Yes

Please provide details, including amount of funds donated

>>> Monitoring of species population trends with funding from the International Crane Foundation and Wetlands International. Funds approximately Euro 3000

**13. Has your country been involved in the development and/or implementation of any flyway-scale projects to implement Single or Multi-Species Action Plans? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 1.2(f))**

Yes

Please provide details on each of the respective projects and the target Species Action Plan

>>> Collaboratively with BirdLife International partners i.e. Nature Kenya; supporting review of regional flyway strategy to support flyway scale project approach, with Kenya contributing actions.

**14. Has a review and prioritization been undertaken in your country of the resources needed to develop national action plans in response to ISSAPs, implement those plans and coordinate their implementation? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 1.2(g))**

Yes

**15. Does your country have in place or is your country developing a National Single Species Action Plan for any species/population for which an AEWA ISSAP has not been developed? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.2.2)**

Yes

**Please provide information on each species for which relevant action has been undertaken**

## Kenya

### Lesser Flamingo / *Phoeniconaias minor*

#### National Single Species Action Plan for Lesser Flamingo / *Phoeniconaias minor*

NSSAP in development

#### 16. Has your country used the AEWA Guidelines for the preparation of National Single Species Action Plans for migratory waterbirds?

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Yes

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### African Skimmer / *Rynchops flavirostris*

**17. For those species in unfavourable conservation status for which no Species Action or Management Plans exist, but conservation or management guidance has been issued by the Technical Committee, please report on the implementation of recommended measures in your country. This list contains all the AEWA-listed species that are regularly occurring in your country with at least 1% of their respective population for which conservation or management guidance has been issued.**

**Have recommended conservation or management measures been implemented?**

Yes

### African Comb Duck / *Sarkidiornis melanotos*

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**Have recommended conservation or management measures been implemented?**

Yes

## 4.3 Emergency Measures

**18. Please report on any emergency situation that has occurred in your country over the past triennium and has threatened waterbirds. (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.3)**

Please indicate whether an emergency situation threatening waterbirds, such as botulism, chemical pollution, earthquake, extreme weather, fire, harmful algal bloom, infectious disease, introduction of alien species, lead poisoning, nuclear accident, oil spill, predation, volcanic activity, war or other emergency (please specify), has occurred in the country over the past triennium.

No emergency situation has occurred

**19. Are there any other emergency response measures, different from the ones applied in response to the emergency situations reported above, that were developed and are in place in your country so that they can be used in future in emergency cases?**

No

**20. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on identifying and tackling emergency situations for migratory waterbirds?**

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Yes

## 4.5 Introductions

**25. Does your country have legislation in place, which prohibits the introduction into the environment of non-native species of animals and plants which may be detrimental to**

**migratory waterbirds? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.5.1)**

Yes, and being enforced

**26. Does your country impose legislative requirements on zoos, private collections, etc. in order to avoid the accidental escape of captive animals belonging to non-native species which may be detrimental to migratory waterbirds? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.5.2)**

Yes, and being enforced

**27. Has your country considered, developed or implemented programmes to control or eradicate non-native species of waterbird so as to prevent negative impacts on indigenous species? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.5.3)**

Not applicable

**28. Has your country considered, developed or implemented programmes to control or eradicate other non-native species (in particular aquatic weeds and terrestrial predators) so as to prevent negative impacts on migratory waterbirds? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraphs 2.5.3 and 4.3.10 and Resolution 5.15)**

Yes

**29. Has your country used the AEWA Guidelines on avoidance of introductions of non-native waterbird species?**

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> The guidelines are known. No introductions of non-native water birds is expected to be carried out in Kenya

## **4.6 Seabirds**

**The country has maritime territories and the AEWA seabird conservation priorities are relevant for the country:**

Yes

**30. Does your country have comprehensive data on seabird by-catch? (Resolution 7.6)**

No

**31. Have you assessed the impact of by-catch by artisanal fisheries to AEWA-listed seabirds? (Resolution 7.6)**

No

**32. Have you assessed the impact of artisanal/recreational fisheries on seabirds' prey? (Resolution 7.6)**

No

**33. Has your country undertaken steps towards the adoption/application of measures to reduce the incidental catch of seabirds and combat Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing practices in the Agreement Area? (Resolution 3.8)**

Yes

Please provide short description of all actions

>>> Development Kenya Seabird National Action Plan ongoing.

**34. Does your country have data on illegal killing and egg harvesting of AEWA-listed seabirds? (Resolution 7.6)**

No

**36. Have you identified those seabird colonies at risk from invasive non-native species? (Resolution 7.6)**

No

**37. Have you identified the key coastal and at-sea areas where responses to oil spills would be**

**most urgently required in relation to the presence of AEWA-listed seabirds? (Resolution 7.6)**

No

**38. (Applicable only to countries bordering the North or Baltic Sea) Has your country undertaken a program of data-collection to validate models of population level impacts of offshore windfarms in the North and Baltic Seas on AEWA seabirds? (Resolution 7.6)**

Not Applicable

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## 5. Habitat Conservation

### 5.1 Habitat Inventories

**40. Has your country identified the network of all sites of international and national importance for the migratory waterbird species/populations listed on Table 1? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 3.1.2)**

Yes

**41. If your country has identified or is currently identifying the networks of sites of international and national importance, were the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on the preparation of site inventories for migratory waterbirds used?**

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Yes

### 5.2. Conservation of Areas and Habitats

**43. Has your country assessed the future implications of climate change for protected areas and other sites important for waterbirds (i.e. resilience of sites to climate change)? (Resolution 5.13)**

**For one or more single sites**

Yes

**For the national protected area network**

Yes

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Yes

Has it been implemented?

Yes, being implemented

**46. Is the network of nationally and internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds integrated into your country's water- and land-use policies and planning and decision-making processes? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 3.4)**

Yes, fully

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### 6. Management of Human Activities

#### 6.1. Hunting

**51. Does the legislation of your country implement the principle of sustainable use of waterbirds, as envisaged in the AEWA Action Plan, taking into account the full geographical range of the waterbird populations concerned and their life history characteristics? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 2.2)**

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> The law prohibits harvesting from the wild of wildlife

**52. Has your country phased out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.4; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 2.2(d))**

Not applicable

Please explain the reasons

>>> No hunting of birds is allowed under WCMA, 2013

**53. Are there measures in your country to reduce/eliminate illegal taking? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.6; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 2.2(e))**

Yes

How would you rate the effectiveness of the measures?

High

**54. Is legally binding proficiency testing for hunters, including amongst other things bird identification, in place in your country? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.8; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 2.2)**

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Bird hunting is outlawed since 2014. Prior to 2014, such practice and policy applied

**55. Are best practice codes and standards for hunting in place in your country in support of enforcement of hunting laws and regulations? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.7; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 2.3)**

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> It was applicable prior to 2014 when the law allowed bird shooting then.

**56. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on sustainable harvest of migratory birds?**

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> Prior to 2014 before enactment of Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 that now prohibits/outlaws bird shooting/hunting

#### 6.2. Ecotourism

**57. Is wetland- and waterbird-related ecotourism integrated into your country's national tourism development strategies or other relevant national strategies? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.2.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 2.5(c))**

Yes

Please describe and provide details

>>> Bird watching is promoted as eco-tourism activity

**58. Are there existing ecotourism initiatives in your country specifically based on migratory waterbirds and their habitats? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 2.5)**

No

### **6.3. Other human activities**

**59. Have restrictions on use of lead fishing weights been introduced in your country? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.3.12). When answering this question please also consider question 80 in chapter 7 - Research and monitoring.**

Yes

**60. Does your country have legislation in place, which provides for Strategic Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA/EIA) of activities potentially negatively affecting natural habitats or wildlife? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.3.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 3.5)**

Yes and being implemented

Does this legislation apply to the entire country or only to particular states/provinces thereof?

Entire country

Do the SEA/EIA processes consider waterbirds and habitats on which they depend?

Yes

Do the SEA/EIA processes include cumulative impact assessment?

Yes

Do the SEA/EIA processes include public participation?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> It is a constitutional and legal requirements for any development project out of character to undergo ESIA/EIA

**61. Are there any other legal and/or administrative measures in your country to avoid, mitigate and compensate for adverse impacts of development activities on the sites of national and international importance for migratory birds? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 3.5)**

Yes

Please describe each measure and provide details for each of them

>>> provisions of all international instruments that Kenya has ratified form part of the national laws and are used to supplement any gaps in the laws

Please rank the effectiveness of these measures:

Medium

**62. In the last three years, has your country used SEA/EIA for all relevant projects, including energy sector projects such as renewable energy developments and power lines installation, to assess the impact of proposed projects on migratory waterbird species listed on Table 1 and/or habitats/sites on which they depend? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.3.1, Resolution 5.11 and Resolution 5.16; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 3.5(b))**

Partially (some projects only)

Please provide information on the projects where potential impact on migratory birds has not been assessed

>>> Those development projects that are out of character as subject to SEA/EIA

Where an SEA/EIA has identified a likelihood of significant negative impacts on migratory waterbirds, have steps been taken to avoid these impacts, including avoidance of protected areas and other sites of importance for migratory waterbirds?

Yes

Please describe the measures put in place

>>> Including redesigning the projects

**63. Do you maintain a record of the cases of adverse impacts of development activities and other pressures on sites of national and international importance for migratory waterbirds in your country? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 3.5(a))**

Yes

Number of sites

>>> the Rift valley lakes - Lake Elmentaita , Lake Naivasha

**64. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on how to avoid, minimize or mitigate impact of infrastructural developments and related disturbance affecting waterbirds?**

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> the guidelines are considered during the ESIA/ EIA processes

**65. Please report on the implementation of Resolution 5.11 on Power Lines and Migratory Waterbirds.**

65.1. Are relevant stakeholders, including government agencies, scientific bodies, nongovernmental organisations and the energy sector, being regularly consulted in order to monitor jointly the impacts of power lines on waterbirds and to agree on a common policy of action?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> There are regular inter-agency consultative meetings and Inter-agency monitoring of development projects conducted for example to mitigate against impacts of energy powerlines in Lake Nakuru-Lake Elmentaita landscape and the Lake Turkana landscape

65.2. Has a baseline of waterbird distribution, population sizes, migrations and movements (including those between breeding, resting and feeding areas) been established as early as possible in the planning of any power line project, over a period of at least five years, and with particular emphasis on those species known to be vulnerable to electrocution or collision?

Yes

65.3 If such studies, as described in the question above, have identified any risks, has every effort been made to ensure these are avoided?

Partially

Please provide details.

>>> Mitigation measures have been put in place to reduce any risks where the projects have been implemented

65.4. Have the location, route and direction of new power lines been designated on the basis of national zoning maps?

Yes

65.5. Has, wherever possible, the construction of power lines along major migration flyways and in habitats of conservation importance\* been avoided, where such construction is likely to have significant effects on waterbirds?

\* such as Special Protection Areas under the EU Birds Directive, Important Bird Areas, protected areas, Ramsar sites, the West/Central Asian Site Network for Siberian Crane and other waterbirds and other critical sites as identified by the Critical Site Network (CSN) Tool for the African-Eurasian region.

Yes

65.6. Are bird-safe designs in the construction of new power infrastructure, including measures designed to reduce electrocution and collisions being used in your country?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Old lines have been/ being redesigned as applicable

65.7. Have those sections of existing power lines that are causing relatively high levels of waterbird injury

and/or mortality due to electrocution and/or collision been identified?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> the case of Lessos-Kisumu Powerline and mitigation measures put in place

65.8. Where sections of existing power lines have been identified to cause relatively high levels of waterbird injury and/or mortality due to electrocution and/or collision, have they been modified as a matter of priority?

Yes

65.9. Is there in your country regular monitoring and evaluation of the impact of power lines on waterbird populations at the national scale?

Yes

65.10. Is there in your country regular monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of mitigation measures put in place to minimise the impact of power lines on waterbird populations?

Yes

65.11. Have the measures contained in Resolution 5.11. been included in your country's National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and relevant legislation?

Yes

**66. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on how to avoid or mitigate impact of electricity power grids on migratory birds in the African-Eurasian region?**

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Yes

**67. Please report on the implementation of Resolution 5.16 on Renewable Energy and Migratory Waterbirds.**

67.1. Has a national sensitivity and zoning mapping to avoid overlap of renewable energy developments with areas of importance for migratory waterbirds been developed in your country?

Yes

67.2. Have any international environmental guidelines, recommendations and criteria been followed in your country for impact assessment of renewable energy developments and the utilization of renewable energy sources?

Yes

67.3. Is post-construction monitoring being undertaken of the renewable energy installations and associated infrastructure in your country?

Yes

Please share information and lessons learnt from the post-construction monitoring (attach files or add weblinks, if available)

>>> through established inter-agency Task Force- the case of Lessos-Kisumu Powerline, Lake Turkana powerline

Has adverse effect on migratory waterbirds and their habitats been identified?

Yes

Are mitigation measures being implemented?

Yes

Operate wind farms in ways that minimise bird mortality, for example by introducing shortterm shutdowns during peak migration and minimising lighting in wind farms.

Yes

Please provide details

>>> case of Lake Turkana wind farm and Kapedo wild farm (Kajiado)

Dismantling of wind turbines in existing installations, should waterbird mortality have an effect on the population status of a species and other mitigation measures have proved insufficient.

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> This has not been experienced in the country yet

Focusing research efforts on alleviating the negative effects on waterbirds from wind farms, such as the mapping of the main migration corridors and migration crossings for waterbirds also allowing the optimising of wind farm layouts.

Yes

Please provide details

>>> The Kenya Important Birds Area (Key Biodiversity Areas-KBAs) program is meant to provide status and trends of Birds in the country. Such status is updated every year. the program scores on Status, pressure, response and overall change of the Important Birds Areas

67.6. Have any specific measures been put in place to assess, identify and reduce potential negative impacts of biofuel production on migratory waterbirds and their habitats?

No

**68. Has your country used the following AEWA Conservation Guidelines - Renewable Energy Technologies and Migratory Species: Guidelines for Sustainable Deployment (Resolution 6.11)?**

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Yes

**69. Is by-catch of waterbirds in fishing gear taking place in your country? (Resolution 3.8) (Please respond to this question only with respect to species, which are NOT considered seabirds. Seabird by-catch is dealt with in section 4.6 Seabirds)**

No Information

**70. Please report on the implementation of Resolution 5.12 on Adverse Effects of Agrochemicals on Migratory Waterbirds in Africa (this question is applicable only to Contracting Parties in Africa).**

70.1. Have relevant government authorities developed and implemented regulations on the trade and application of agrochemicals known to have a direct or indirect adverse effect on waterbirds?

Yes and being implemented

70.3. Are there any steps undertaken to control or reduce the use of avicides in areas frequented by populations listed in Table 1 of the Agreement?

Yes

70.4. Have education and training activities been implemented for relevant target groups on the proper use of agrochemicals that may have possible adverse effect on waterbirds?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> meetings have been held with farmers to sensitize on negative impacts of agro-chemicals to birds including during formulation of the Grey Crowned cranes Conservation Action Plan

**71. Has any project / initiative been implemented in your country that promotes the integration of cultural and provisioning ecosystem services of migratory waterbirds into policy and decision-making affecting them or their habitats? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 2.6)**

No

# Pressures and Responses

## 7. Research and Monitoring

### 72. Does your country have in place waterbird monitoring schemes for the AEWA species? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Actions 1.4(a) and 1.4(b))

Yes

#### Covering the breeding period

Guidance: Including pre- and post-breeding sites of concentration, such as moulting sites close to breeding areas

Fully [Guidance: Coverage is full when all waterbird species are covered by monitoring schemes that yield statistically robust estimates of breeding population size and trend at least once in every triennium.]

Please provide details.

>>> Done through annual waterfowl counts primarily in January-February and budgets allowing in June-July

Is information on drivers of population trends also being collected? (Resolution 8.5; ref. document AEWA/MOP 8.27)

Yes

Are demographic data (age and sex classes) also being collected? (Resolution 8.5; ref. document AEWA/MOP 8.27)

Yes

#### Covering the passage period

Fully [Guidance: Coverage is full when all internationally and nationally important sites for passage birds are comprehensively covered at least monthly in the passage period.]

Please provide details.

>>> done during annual waterfowl counts and in selected sites every Wednesday during bird watching expeditions

Is information on drivers of population trends also being collected? (Resolution 8.5; ref. document AEWA/MOP 8.27)

Yes

Are demographic data (age and sex classes) also being collected? (Resolution 8.5; ref. document AEWA/MOP 8.27)

Yes

#### Covering the non-breeding/wintering period

Partially

Please provide details. (incl. list the species covered OR not covered (whichever list is shorter))

>>> done during annual waterfowl counts

Is information on drivers of population trends also being collected? (Resolution 8.5; ref. document AEWA/MOP 8.27)

Yes

Are demographic data (age and sex classes) also being collected? (Resolution 8.5; ref. document AEWA/MOP 8.27)

Yes

### 73. Have you undertaken after MOP8 a brief assessment of existing monitoring activities in your country against the priorities set out in document AEWA/MOP 8.27 in order to help identify ways in which they can best implement those recommendations? (Resolution 8.5)

Yes

Please provide details

>>> through analysis of data collected during the annual waterfowl counts

**74. Are data collected through the International Waterbird Census or other relevant monitoring schemes being actively used in your country to inform national-level implementation of AEWA? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 1.5(a))**

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Data is used to assess national conservation status of the species to inform management decision including on formulation of Action Plans and reporting on implementation of those actions identified

**75. Has your country supported, technically or financially, through bilateral or multilateral initiatives, other Parties or Range States requiring assistance and support in designing appropriate monitoring schemes, developing their capacity and overall strengthening of waterbird monitoring and population data collection? (Resolutions 5.2 and 8.5)**

No

**76. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on waterbird monitoring?**

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> planning the annual waterfowl counts takes into consideration the international guidelines

**77. Has your government provided over the past triennium funds and/or logistical support for the International Waterbird Census and/or other waterbird monitoring scheme at international or national level? (Resolution 6.3)**

Yes

**Nationally**

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Greater part of the budget for the annual waterfowl census/count is contributed by the Government. Logistical planning and coordination of the counts is done by technical officers of the government working in collaboration and partnership with stakeholders in the KBAs wetlands

**Internationally**

No

**78. Has your country donated funds to the African-Eurasian Waterbird Fund in the past triennium (Resolution 6.3, 7.7 and 8.5)?**

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No

**79. (Applicable to African Contracting Parties only) Were the periods of breeding and of pre-nuptial migration for all AEWA-listed species and their respective populations occurring on the territory of your country identified at national level? (Resolution 7.8)**

Yes

**80. Has the impact of lead fishing weights on waterbirds been investigated in your country? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.3.12). When answering this question please also consider question 59 in chapter 6. Management of human activities.**

Yes

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> work is in progress

**81. Has your country established partnerships and initiated joint research programmes at any level, with clear timeframes for delivery, to fill priority knowledge gaps as identified in document AEWA/MOP 8.30? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 5.1(a)).**

No, but initiative(s)/research programme(s) are being developed

Please provide details

>>> There are not structured joint research programmes but studies are being conducted under individual projects

**82. In this reporting period, have results of conservation and management interventions, whether successful or unsuccessful, been published in your country so as to inform future conservation and management actions? (Article III.2(k), Resolution 8.7)**

Yes

Please provide details and reference to each publication or attach a copy

>>> Publications include Kenya's Key Biodiversity Areas(KBAs) Status and Trends (Published annually), Nationwide Census of the Grey Crowned Cranes etc

# Pressures and Responses

## 8. Education and Information

### 8.1. Communication, Education and Public Awareness

#### **83. Has your country developed and implemented programmes for raising awareness and understanding on waterbird conservation and about AEWA specifically? (Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 4, Target 4.3 and AEWA Action Plan, paragraphs 6.1-6.4, Resolution 3.10, Resolution 5.5; Resolution 6.10)**

Guidance: Such programmes should consist of a series of established, long-term communication activities, which are guided by clearly defined goals, target audiences and communication channels. A programme does not constitute a single, one-off communication activity, product or event. In other words, an established national programme to raise awareness and understanding on waterbird conservation and about AEWA would ideally be a number of targeted communication activities which are guided by a communication plan and are backed by sufficient human and financial resources.

Yes, being implemented

Please describe the awareness programmes which have been developed. Please upload any relevant sample materials which have been developed and add contact details of a contact person for each programme.

>>> Outreach program activities are conducted during World Wetlands Days, Water Migratory Bird Day and during the Annual waterbird counts among other fora

Does the programme specifically focus on AEWA and the provisions of its Action Plan?

Yes

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> Yes, to a great extent but generally on wildlife conservation and management in relation to wetlands

#### **84. Has a National AEWA Focal Point for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) been designated by your country? (Resolution 5.5; Resolution 6.10)**

Yes

Is the National CEPA Focal Point from the government or non-governmental sector?

Government

Has the AEWA CEPA Focal Point begun coordinating national implementation of the AEWA Communication Strategy?

Yes

#### **How can the cooperation between the appointed AEWA CEPA Focal Point and the Ramsar CEPA Focal Points be described?**

They are the same person

#### **86. Have World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) activities been carried out in your country during this reporting cycle? (Resolution 5.5)**

Yes

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## 9. Implementation

### **91. Does your country have in place a national coordination mechanism for implementation of AEWA, possibly linking to national coordination mechanisms for other biodiversity Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)? (Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 5.3(b))**

**Guidance:** Such mechanism can be a dedicated cross-institutional working group, involving representatives of the civil society and other relevant stakeholders, aimed at planning, coordinating and reporting the implementation of the Agreement in the country. Alternatively, the implementation of AEWA at national level can be coordinated as an extension of larger national coordination mechanisms for other MEAs, such as National Ramsar Committees or CBD NBSAPs coordination.

Yes, it is operational on a regular basis

Please provide details

>>> There is a National Technical Committee on implementation of Wildlife-related MEAs that provides the national coordination mechanism for implementation of AEWA and other MEAs

Are priority capacity gaps addressed by the coordination mechanism?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Members in the Committee are subject/taxon experts drawn from various and different institutions /organizations

Please rank the effectiveness of the national coordination mechanism for AEWA implementation:

High

Please provide details and the reasons for the high effectiveness

>>> Institutions/organizations with national mandates and technical capacities lead in respective subjects making coordination and implementation easy and effective

### **92. Have you undertaken a national assessment of the capacity needs for AEWA implementation? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 5.3.(e))**

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> It is considered all capacity requirements are provided through the National Committee structure that brings on board all relevant stakeholders and their expertise

### **94. Has your country concluded, or considered concluding, twinning schemes between sites with other countries, the sites of which share common migratory waterbirds or conservation issues? (Resolution 5.20)**

Yes

Please provide details on each twinning arrangement

>>> Lake Nakuru, Kenya and Uganda under the Ramsar Regional Initiative ( Ramsar Center for Eastern Africa -RAMCEA framework

### **95. Are those officers in your country's government responsible for AEWA implementation coordinated and engaged with national processes contributing towards the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 5.4(a))**

Yes

Please provide details

>>> The National AEWA Authorities have national mandates on wildlife conservation and management and are contributing to develop and implement national targets from the Global targets of the KM-GBF related to wildlife

## Pressures and Responses

### 10. Climate Change

#### **106. Please outline relevant climate change research, assessments and/or adaptation measures that are relevant to migratory waterbirds and which have been undertaken or planned in your country. (Resolution 5.13)**

a. Research and studies of climate change impacts on waterbirds

Planned

Please provide details

>>> Though not carried out comprehensively, isolated studies have been carried out that provide proxy data on the impacts of climate change on water birds.

b. Assessment of the potential vulnerability to climate change of key habitats used by waterbird species (including those outside protected area networks) (Please note that the question asks about habitats, rather than sites. Question 43 in Section 5, sub-section 5.2 investigates vulnerability of sites to climate change)

Planned

c. Assessment of the potential vulnerability of waterbird species to climate change.

Planned

d. Review of relevant national conservation policies relevant to waterbirds and climate change.

Planned

Please provide details

>>> Currently reviewing the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2013 a process currently at the stage of public participation for public consultations

e. National Action Plan for helping waterbirds adapt to climate change (as a separate implementation process or as part of a larger national framework for biodiversity adaptation to climate change. Please note that Question 44 in Section 5, sub-section 5.2 investigates national measures for increasing resilience of the ecological network for waterbirds to climate change).

Undertaken

#### **107. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on measures needed to help waterbirds to adapt to climate change?**

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Yes

# Pressures and Responses

## 11. Avian Influenza

**110. Does your country have in place surveillance and rapid testing programmes for HPAI of dead birds so as to inform: any enhancements to monitoring of the species populations (Resolutions 8.2 and 8.7) and site-related management and biosecurity measures as needed (Resolution 8.15)?**

Yes

Please provide more information

>>> Surveillance ongoing supported by CDC and Kenya Veterinary Department

Has this information been submitted to international databases, e.g. the WOAHA WAHIS system <https://wahis.woah.org/#/home>, which strive to improve understanding of the epidemiology of the disease and its impacts across borders (as called for by the CMS/FAO Co-convened Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds: see paragraph 2.3.1.6 of the 2023 statement of the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds on H5N1 high pathogenicity avian influenza in wild birds - unprecedented conservation impacts and urgent needs (available here)?

Yes (please clarify)

**111. Has your country adapted/changed in the last triennium monitoring and assessment of those species affected by avian influenza, particularly HPAI H5N1 outbreaks, as well as other diseases, as the basis for potentially implementing emergency measures envisaged by paragraph 2.3 of the AEWA Action Plan? (Resolutions 8.2 and 8.7)**

No

**112. Have you established HPAI contingency plans nationally and at sites of significant importance to waterbirds, including coastal seabirds? (Resolution 8.15)**

Yes, nationally

## **12. Confirmation**

### **Confirmation of information verification and approval for submission**

#### **Please confirm:**

In addition a scanned copy of an official letter from the relevant state institution, approving the report for submission, can be attached.

I declare that the information provided in the Report on the implementation of AEWA for the period 2021-2024 has been verified and the report has been approved for submission by the appropriate state institution in the country.

#### **Date of submission**

>>> 29.5 . 2025