

# Report on the implementation of AEWA for the period 2015-2017

The format for reports on the implementation of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) for the period 2015-2017 was approved at the 12th meeting of the Standing Committee (31 January – 01 February 2017, Paris, France). This format has been constructed following the AEWA Action Plan, the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2018 and resolutions of the Meeting of the Parties (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. By Resolution 6.14 of the MOP the deadline for submission of National Reports to the 7th session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP7) was set at 180 days before the beginning of MOP7, which is scheduled to take place on 4 – 8 December 2018 in South Africa; therefore **the deadline for submission of National Reports is Wednesday 7 June 2018.**

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## 1. General Information

### **Name of reporting Contracting Party**

> Albania

### **Date of entry into force of AEWA in the Contracting Party**

> 01/09/2001

**List any reservations that the Contracting Party has made (if any) in respect of any population(s) listed in Table 1 of Annex 3 or any specific provision of the AEWA Action Plan - either upon deposition of its instruments of accession (per AEWA, Article XV) or subsequent to any amendment of Table 1 or the AEWA Action Plan, as adopted by a session of the Agreement's Meeting of the Parties (per AEWA, Article X.6).**

**EU member states should list also all reservations entered by the European Commission on behalf of the European Union.**

> No reservations made by the Contracting Party.

## 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.

### Designated National AEWA Administrative Authority

Full name of the institution

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Please list the names and affiliations (institution, organisation) of the other contributors to this report. For Contracting Parties in which nature conservation is not an exclusive competence of national/federal government, Designated National Respondents are encouraged to seek input from other relevant levels of government.

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# Pressures and Responses

## 3. Species Conservation

### 3.1 Legal Measures

**1. Please confirm whether all populations listed on AEWA Table 1, Column A which occur in your country are protected by your country's national legislation (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.1), in particular:**

**Whooper Swan / *Cygnus cygnus* / N Europe & W Siberia/Black Sea & E Mediterranean / Column A / Category 2**

1.1. Taking of birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

- > 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".
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1.2. Deliberate disturbance that would be significant for the conservation of the population concerned is prohibited

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**Smew / *Mergellus albellus* / North-east Europe/Black Sea & East Mediterranean / Column A / Category 2**

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**Red-crested Pochard / *Netta rufina* / Black Sea & East Mediterranean / Column A / Category 3c**

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**Ferruginous Duck / *Aythya nyroca* / Eastern Europe/E Mediterranean & Sahelian Africa / Column A / Category 1a 4**

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**Red-necked Grebe / *Podiceps grisegena* / *grisegena*, Black Sea & Mediterranean (win) / Column A / Category 3c**

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### **Horned Grebe / Podiceps auritus / auritus, North-east Europe (small-billed) / Column A / Category 2**

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### **Baillon's Crake / Zapornia pusilla / intermedia, Europe (bre) / Column A / Category 1c**

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**Red-throated Loon / *Gavia stellata* / Caspian, Black Sea & East Mediterranean (win) / Column A / Category 1c**

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**Black Stork / *Ciconia nigra* / South-west Europe/West Africa / Column A / Category 1c**

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**Eurasian Spoonbill / *Platalea leucorodia* / leucorodia, C & SE Europe/Mediterranean & Tropical Africa / Column A / Category 2**

1.1. Taking of birds and eggs is prohibited

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### **Glossy Ibis / Plegadis falcinellus / Black Sea & Mediterranean/West Africa / Column A / Category 3c**

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### **Squacco Heron / Ardeola ralloides / ralloides, C & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre) / Column A / Category 3c**

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**Dalmatian Pelican / *Pelecanus crispus* / Black Sea & Mediterranean (win) / Column A / Category 1a 1b 1c**

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**Great White Pelican / *Pelecanus onocrotalus* / Europe & Western Asia (bre) / Column A / Category 1a 3c**

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**Eurasian Dotterel / *Eudromias morinellus* / Europe/North-west Africa / Column A / Category 3c**

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### **Kentish Plover / *Charadrius alexandrinus* / alexandrinus, Black Sea & East Mediterranean/Eastern Sahel / Column A / Category 3c**

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### **Slender-billed Curlew / *Numenius tenuirostris* / Central Siberia/Mediterranean & SW Asia / Column A / Category 1a 1b 1c**

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#### **Eurasian Curlew / Numenius arquata / arquata, Europe/Europe, North & West Africa / Column A / Category 4**

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#### **Eurasian Curlew / Numenius arquata / orientalis, Western Siberia/SW Asia, E & S Africa / Column A / Category 3c**

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1.3. Possession or utilisation of, and trade in, birds or eggs which have been taken in contravention of the prohibition under AEWA Action Plan, para 2.1.1. (a), as well as the possession or utilisation of, and trade in, any readily recognisable parts or derivatives of such birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection"

**Black-tailed Godwit / *Limosa limosa* / *limosa*, Eastern Europe/Central & Eastern Africa / Column A / Category 3c**

1.1. Taking of birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

1.2. Deliberate disturbance that would be significant for the conservation of the population concerned is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

1.3. Possession or utilisation of, and trade in, birds or eggs which have been taken in contravention of the prohibition under AEWA Action Plan, para 2.1.1. (a), as well as the possession or utilisation of, and trade in, any readily recognisable parts or derivatives of such birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

**Temminck's Stint / *Calidris temminckii* / Fennoscandia/North & West Africa / Column A / Category 3c**

1.1. Taking of birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

1.2. Deliberate disturbance that would be significant for the conservation of the population concerned is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

1.3. Possession or utilisation of, and trade in, birds or eggs which have been taken in contravention of the prohibition under AEWA Action Plan, para 2.1.1. (a), as well as the possession or utilisation of, and trade in, any readily recognisable parts or derivatives of such birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

**Great Snipe / *Gallinago media* / Western Siberia & NE Europe/South-east Africa / Column A / Category 4**

1.1. Taking of birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

2. Law Nr. 61/2016 "On the declaration of the hunting moratorium in the Republic of Albania".

1.2. Deliberate disturbance that would be significant for the conservation of the population concerned is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

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Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

### **Collared Pratincole / Glareola pratincola / pratincola, Black Sea & E Mediterranean/Eastern Sahel zone / Column A / Category 2**

1.1. Taking of birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

1.2. Deliberate disturbance that would be significant for the conservation of the population concerned is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

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Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

### **Audouin's Gull / Larus audouinii / Mediterranean/N & W coasts of Africa / Column A / Category 1a 3a**

1.1. Taking of birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

1.2. Deliberate disturbance that would be significant for the conservation of the population concerned is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

1.3. Possession or utilisation of, and trade in, birds or eggs which have been taken in contravention of the prohibition under AEWA Action Plan, para 2.1.1. (a), as well as the possession or utilisation of, and trade in, any readily recognisable parts or derivatives of such birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

**Lesser Black-backed Gull / *Larus fuscus* / fuscus, NE Europe/Black Sea, SW Asia & Eastern Africa / Column A / Category 3c**

1.2. Deliberate disturbance that would be significant for the conservation of the population concerned is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

1.3. Possession or utilisation of, and trade in, birds or eggs which have been taken in contravention of the prohibition under AEWA Action Plan, para 2.1.1. (a), as well as the possession or utilisation of, and trade in, any readily recognisable parts or derivatives of such birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

**Little Tern / *Sternula albifrons* / albifrons, Black Sea & East Mediterranean (bre) / Column A / Category 3b 3c**

1.1. Taking of birds and eggs is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

1.2. Deliberate disturbance that would be significant for the conservation of the population concerned is prohibited

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

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Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

**2. Please confirm whether hunting of any populations listed under AEWA Table 1, Column 1, category 2 or 3 with an asterisk or category 4 is allowed in your country.**

**Eurasian Curlew / *Numenius arquata* / arquata, Europe/Europe, North & West Africa / Column A / Category / 4**

**Is there an open hunting season for Eurasian Curlew / *Numenius arquata* / arquata, Europe/Europe, North & West Africa / Column A / Category / 4 ?**

No

Please explain.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

**Great Snipe / Gallinago media / Western Siberia & NE Europe/South-east Africa / Column A / Category / 4**

**Is there an open hunting season for Great Snipe / Gallinago media / Western Siberia & NE Europe/South-east Africa / Column A / Category / 4 ?**

No

Please explain.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

**3. Please confirm whether the taking of all populations listed on AEWA Table 1, Column B which occur in your country is regulated (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.2), in particular:**

**Mute Swan / Cygnus olor / Black Sea / Column B / Category 1**

3.1. Taking is prohibited during the populations' various stages of reproduction and rearing and during their return to their breeding grounds if the taking has an unfavourable impact on the conservation status of the population concerned.

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

3.2. Limits are established on taking.

No

Please explain the reasons.

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

3.3. Possession or utilisation of, and trade in, birds or eggs which have been taken in contravention of the prohibition under AEWA Action Plan, para 2.1.2, as well as the possession or utilisation of, and trade in, any readily recognisable parts or derivatives of such birds and eggs is prohibited.

Yes

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and whether this applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces

> 1. Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection".

**4. Please indicate which modes of taking are prohibited in your country (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.2(b))**

Please select from the list below.

Snares

Limes

Hooks

Live birds which are blind or mutilated used as decoys

Tape recorders and other electronic devices

Electrocuting devices

Artificial light sources

Mirrors and other dazzling devices

Devices for illuminating targets

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

Explosives

Nets

Traps

Poison

Poisoned or anesthetic baits

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

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

Other non-selective modes of taking

Please specify

> 1. The protection and adaptation of wild and migratory birds in the territory of the Albanian Republic, is

being helped ensuring a favorable ecological, scientific and cultural conservation status. In accordance with that it is forbidden:

a. Intentional killing and capturing with any sort of method.

Please provide further details, including the relevant legislation and information on whether the prohibitions apply to the entire country or only to particular states/provinces thereof.

- > • Law Nr.10 006, dated 23.10.2008 "On Wild Fauna Protection"; apply to the entire country.
- Law Nr. 61/2016 "On the declaration of the hunting moratorium in the Republic of Albania". The law 61/2016 prohibits any hunting activity in the entire territory of the Republic of Albania.

**5. 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))**

No

**6. Were any exemptions granted to the prohibitions required by paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the AEWA Action Plan? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.3)**

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No

**7. 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)?**

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No

Please explain the reasons.

- > Lack of human and financial resources

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

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No

Please explain the reasons. What other guidance has been used instead?

- > Lack of technical capacities in the country. So far AEWA guidelines are not well known.

**Optionally you can provide additional information on section 3.1. Legal Measures**

- > The existing hunting ban, in force since 2014, has also somehow hampered the efforts for the implementation of the guidelines.

**3.2. Species Action and Management Plans**

**9. 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. (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.2)**

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

**Corncrake / *Crex crex***

**National Plan for Corncrake / *Crex crex***

No NP, but actions implemented

Please explain the reasons for having no NP in place

- > Lack of sufficient technical capacities at Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

Please provide a description of the actions implemented

> Hunting ban in place since March 2014

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

No NP, but actions implemented

Please explain the reasons for having no NP in place

> Lack of sufficient technical capacities at Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

Please provide a description of the actions implemented

> Hunting ban in place since March 2014

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

No NP, but actions implemented

Please explain the reasons for having no NP in place

> Lack of sufficient technical capacities at Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

Please provide a description of the actions implemented

> Hunting ban in place since March 2014

### **Eurasian Spoonbill / Platalea leucorodia** **National Plan for Eurasian Spoonbill / Platalea leucorodia**

No NP, but actions implemented

Please explain the reasons for having no NP in place

> Lack of sufficient technical capacities at Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

Please provide a description of the actions implemented

> Hunting ban in place since March 2014

### **10. 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)**

No

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

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Yes

Please provide details

> Guidelines being used for the preparation of the

- National Action plan for the Conservation of the Dalmatian Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*) and

- National Action Plan for the Conservation of Pygmy Cormorant (*Microcarbo pygmeus*)

### **Optionally you can provide additional information on section 3.2. Single Species Action Plans**

> Action plan for the Conservation of the Dalmatian Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*)

Action Plan for the Conservation of Pygmy Cormorant (*Microcarbo pygmeus*)

### **3.3 Emergency Measures**

### **12. 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.

Emergency situation has occurred

**13. 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

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

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No

Please explain the reasons. What was used instead as a basis for dealing with emergency situations?

> Not applicable as no emergency situation has occurred so far

### 3.4 Re-establishments

**15. Is your country maintaining a national register of re-establishment projects occurring or planned to occur wholly or partly within your country? (Resolution 4.4)**

No

Please explain the reasons

> So far, no species re-establishment project has been implemented in Albania

**16. Is there a regulatory framework for re-establishments of species, including waterbirds, in your country (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.4)?**

Partial

Please provide details

> The regulatory framework has to be further completed.

**17. Has your country considered, developed or implemented re-establishment projects for any species listed on AEWA Table 1? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.4)**

No

**18. Has your country used the AEWA Guidelines on the translocation of waterbirds for conservation purposes?**

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No

Please explain the reasons. What was used instead as a basis for dealing with the issue?

> No translocation has ever occurred in Albania.

### 3.5 Introductions

**19. 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

Please provide the following details: title of legislation, year of adoption, institution that adopted it, institution that enforces it. Please clarify whether legislation applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

> According to newly enacted law on Wild Fauna Protection (October, 2008), approved by the Albanian Parliament, the introduction of non-native species species that may have a detrimental effect on wild fauna is prohibited. The law is enforced by the General Inspectorate of Environment and Forests (Ministry of Environment)

**20. 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)**

Being developed

Please provide starting date and expected finalisation date of the process

> This process not being finalized yet. It started in 2013 and it is expected to be finalized in 2017.

**21. Does your country have in place a National Action Plan for Invasive Species (NAPIS) (in the framework of other MEAs, such as CBD, Bern Convention, and GISP (Global Invasive Species Programme) (Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 1, Target 5)?**

Yes, but not being implemented properly or at all

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of human and financial resources

**22. 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)**

No

Please explain the reasons

> There are no cases of non-native waterbird species for eradication in Albania.

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

No

Please explain the reasons

> Non such non-native species present in Albania.

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

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Yes

Please provide details

> This provision of AEWA Guidelines is fully included in the newly inacted law on Wild Fauna Protection (October, 2008).

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## 4. Habitat Conservation

### 4.1 Habitat Inventories

#### **25. 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

Please provide full reference, e.g. title, year, authors, etc. or a web link

> • Inventory of Albanian Wetlands was published in 2004 by ECAT Tirana in collaboration with a EKBY (Greek Biotope/Wetland Center).

• Bino T., Jorgo G., 2001. Identification of Conservation status and Threats over wetlands considered as IBAs in Albania. ASPBM and Birdlife International.

• Casale, F. & Bino, T. 2000. Albania. Pp. 67-76. in M. F. Heath and M. I. Evans, eds. Important Bird Areas in Europe: Priority sites for conservation. 2: Southern Europe. Cambridge, UK : BirdLife International (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 8).

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

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Yes

Please provide details

> IBA identification and inventories on migratory waterbirds in Albania have been conducted based on AEWA guidelines.

### 4.2. Conservation of Areas

#### **27. 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

If yes, please give details as to where relevant information about these assessments have been published (either as publications or web-link).

> Future implications assessed in National Communication Reports of Albania for United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

##### **For the national protected area network**

Yes

If yes, please give details as to where relevant information about these assessments have been published (either as publications or web-link).

> Future implications assessed in National Communication Reports of Albania for United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

#### **28. Which sites that were identified as important, either internationally or nationally, for Table 1 migratory waterbird species/populations have been designated as protected areas under the national legislation and have management plans that are being implemented, including with the aim to increase resilience to the effects of climate change? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 3.2.1, AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 1, Target 1.2)**

Please report separately on internationally important sites, nationally important sites and buffer zones.

Reporting on designation and management of internationally important sites

Reporting on designation and management of nationally important sites

Reporting on establishing buffer zones around waterbird sites (as an approach for maintaining or increasing resilience of ecological networks, including resilience to climate change)

## **All sites of international importance**

(sites recognized as having international importance for migratory waterbirds following criteria of, for instance, the AEWA Critical Site Network, the Ramsar Convention, the EU Birds Directive (SPAs), the Bern Convention Emerald Network, the BirdLife International's Important Bird Areas)

Total number

> 15

Total area (ha)

> 90000

Number of internationally important sites under national protection designation

> 12

Area of international importance under national protection designation (ha)

> 70000

Internationally important protected sites with management planning in place which is being implemented

> 4

Area (in ha)

> 70000

Internationally important sites with management planning in place which is being implemented and includes management objectives related to maintaining or increasing the resilience of existing ecological networks, including resilience to climate change

Number of sites

> 4

Area (in ha)

> 70000

## **All sites of national importance**

Total number

> 15

Total area (ha)

> 90000

Number of nationally important sites under national protection designation

> 15

Area of national importance under national protection area designation

> 90000

Nationally important protected sites with management planning in place which is being implemented

Number of sites

> 4

Area (in ha)

> 70000

Nationally important sites with management planning in place which is being implemented and include management objectives related to maintaining or increasing the resilience of existing ecological networks, including resilience to climate change

Number of sites

> 4

Area (in ha)

> 70000

Has your country identified around which nationally or internationally important sites the establishment of buffer zones is needed to maintain or increase resilience?

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of available expertise.

### **Examples of best practice (optional)**

If any site, in your opinion, represents an outstanding process of management planning or implementation, please highlight it as an example of best practice (alternatively provide a web link or attach a file)

- > • Divjaka-Karavasta National Park
- Prespa National Park

### **29. Has your country developed a national action plans for filling gaps in designation and/or management of internationally and nationally important sites? (Resolution 5.2)**

#### DESIGNATION GAP FILLING

Yes

Please provide full reference or a web link, as well as details concerning the process and the status of this plan

> Strategic Policy Document for the protection of Biodiversity. 2016. Approved by the Albanian Council of Ministers through the Decision of Council of Ministers No. 31 dated 20.01.2016.

#### MANAGEMENT GAP FILING

Yes

Please provide full reference or a web link, as well as details concerning the process and the status of this plan

> Strategic Policy Document for the protection of Biodiversity. 2016. Approved by the Albanian Council of Ministers through the Decision of Council of Ministers No. 31 dated 20.01.2016.

### **30. Has your country developed a strategic plan (independently or as part of your country's overarching biodiversity or protected area policy document) to maintain or increase the resilience of the ecological network (for waterbirds), including resilience to climate change, and to conserve range and ecological variability of habitats and species? (Resolution 5.2, AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 1, Target 1.2)**

Yes

Please provide full reference or a web link, as well as details concerning the process and the status of this plan

> Strategic Policy Document for the protection of Biodiversity. 2016. Approved by the Albanian Council of Ministers through the Decision of Council of Ministers No. 31 dated 20.01.2016.

### **31. Has your country used the AEWA Guidelines on the management of key sites for migratory waterbirds?**

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Yes

Please provide details

> All but three of the wetland sites designated as IBAs are designated as Protected Areas and ASCI (Areas of Special Conservation Interest).

### **32. Has the Critical Site Network (CSN) Tool for the AEWA area been accessed and used in your country?**

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No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of human resources

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## 5. Management of Human Activities

### 5.1. Hunting

#### **33. Does your country have an established system for the collection of harvest data, which covers the species listed in Table 1? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.3)**

No

Please explain the reasons

> The Law on Hunting foresees the establishment of a system for the collection of harvest data, but this system is not yet in place

Field for additional information (optional)

> The information on hunting level is reported by the Forestry Services Directorate/ Municipalities in each district and the General Directorate Policies and Development of the Environment gives the annual figure, before the approval of the hunting calendar.

#### **34. Has your country phased out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.4)**

No

Please explain the reasons and barriers to introduction of legislation

> A two year hunting moratorium has been imposed in March 2014 - March 2016, and other five year hunting moratorium has been imposed in 2016 - 2021.

Has your country introduced self-imposed and published timetable for banning fully the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands?

No

Please explain the reasons

> The same comment as per above.

Field for additional information (optional)

> The District Forest Services/ Municipalities in cooperation with Ministry of Interior and Local Government Authorities are entitled to enforce this legislation. But, several times this legislation is not implemented and hunting or poaching takes place in several wetland sites

#### **35. Are there measures in your country to reduce/eliminate illegal taking? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.6)**

Yes

How would you rate the effectiveness of the measures?

Low

Please provide details

> Good effectiveness in Coastal area while limited effectiveness in remote mountainous areas.

Field for additional information (optional)

> Implementation of measures remains limited due to lack of sufficient human infrastructure and appropriate logistics.

#### **36. Are legally binding best practice codes and standards for hunting (e.g. bird identification) considered a priority or appropriate for your country? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 2, Target 2.4)**

No

Please explain the reasons

> There are no examples of hunting best practice in the country

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

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No

Please explain the reasons. What other guidance has been used instead?

> Limited experience on working with AEWA guidelines. Instead nationally developed guidance has been used in that case.

## 5.2. Other human activities

**38. 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 56 in chapter 6 - Research and monitoring.**

No

If appropriate, please provide further details.

> No restrictions in place.

**39. 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)**

Yes and being implemented

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

Yes

Please provide details

> Nevertheless, appropriate SEA/EIA process is still missing and implementation remains a matter of concern.

Do the SEA/EIA processes include public participation?

Yes

Please provide details

> Public participation procedures are foreseen in respective SEA/EIA legal framework.

**40. 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)**

Yes, all proposed projects

Please provide information on the outstanding cases

> Nevertheless, appropriate SEA/EIA process is still missing and implementation remains a matter of concern.

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?

Partially

Please describe the measures put in place

> Limited avoidance of impacts in areas of conservation concern.

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

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No

Please explain the reasons. What other guidance has been used instead?

> Limited experience with AEWA guidelines. National guidelines have been used instead of AEWA guidelines.

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

42.1. 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

> Procedures of public consultation and participation in decision-making foreseen in SEA/EIA legal framework.

42.2. 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

Please provide details

> Nevertheless, appropriate SEA/EIA process is still missing and implementation remains a matter of concern.

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

Partially

Please explain the reasons. What are the constraints preventing implementation of this activity?

> Appropriate SEA/EIA process is still missing and implementation remains a matter of concern. Sometimes SEA/EIA process is considered as a formality and therefore not properly implemented.

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

Partially

42.7. 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?

Partially

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

Partial

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

No

Please explain the reasons. What are the constraints preventing implementation of this activity?

> Limited experience with AEWA resolutions. The institution involved with drafting the strategy was not properly aware of AEWA resolution 5.11.

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

No

Please explain the reasons. What other guidance has been used instead?

> Limited experience with AEWA guidelines. National guidelines in accordance with the national legislation have been followed instead.

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

44.1. 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?

Being developed

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

No

Please explain the reasons. What are the constraints preventing implementation of this activity?

> Such a monitoring does not include wildlife even if it is a legal obligation. Responsible institutions do not properly implement the law.

44.4. Where damage cannot be avoided or mitigated, has compensation for damages to biodiversity been provided?

No

Please explain the reasons. What are the constraints preventing implementation of this activity?

> Lack of financial resources for compensation of damages on biodiversity and the liability clauses not properly implemented.

44.5. Please indicate whether any of the following measures have been put in place to reduce the potential negative impact of terrestrial and marine windfarms on migratory waterbirds:

44.6. 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

Please explain the reasons. What are the constraints preventing implementation of this activity?

> Lack of available expertise and institutional staff.

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

No

Please explain the reasons. What are the constraints preventing implementation of this activity?

> Limited experience with AEWA resolutions. The institution involved with drafting the strategy was not properly aware of AEWA resolution 5.11.

**46. Is by-catch of waterbirds in fishing gear taking place in your country? (Resolution 3.8)**

No Information

When and how do you intend to fill this information gap?

> Distribution of questionnaires and collection of information.

**47. 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)**

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of capacities, human resources and funds to deal with that task.

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### 6. Research and Monitoring

#### 49. Does your country have waterbird monitoring schemes for the AEWA species in place? (Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 3, Target 3.2)

Yes

##### Covering the breeding period

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

Fully

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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.

> The monitoring scheme for breeding waterbirds functional since 1996 and provides robust data on populations of breeding waterbirds.

##### Covering the passage period

No monitoring schemes in place

Please explain the reasons.

> Lack of human capacities and logistics

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

Fully

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Guidance: Coverage is full when all internationally and nationally important non-breeding/wintering sites are covered at least by one comprehensive annual count.

Please provide details.

> Wintering sites in Albania are monitored during the International Waterbird Census (IWC) which is functional since 1993.

#### 50. Has your country supported, technically or financially, other Parties or Range States in designing appropriate monitoring schemes and developing their capacity to collect reliable waterbird population data? (Resolution 5.2)

Yes

Which country(ies) were supported?

> Montenegro, Macedonia and Kosovo

Please provide details

> Joint IWC monitoring for transboundary wetlands.

Field training on bird identification and monitoring in Kosovo.

#### 51. Has your country used the AEWA Guidelines for a waterbird monitoring protocol?

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Yes

Please provide details

> At least, all midwinter water birds censuses are made in accordance with AEWA Guidelines for water bird monitoring protocol.

#### 52. Have any research programmes been established in your country in the last 5 years to address waterbird conservation priorities in accordance with the AEWA strategies and plans? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 3, Target 3.3)

Yes

Please list those programmes and indicate which AEWA priorities they are addressing

> 1. Mid-winter waterbird census

2. Breeding birds census

3. Regular monitoring at Divjaka-Karavasta National Park

Nationally responsible state agencies, academic and other wildlife related research institutions are encouraged to establish research programmes to support implementation of waterbird conservation priorities;

**53. List (or provide links to lists) of research related to waterbirds and their conservation that has been undertaken or results published in the past triennium (Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 3, Target 3.5)**

> Regular field data for waterbird are collected and reported to Ministry of Environment under the State of Environment Reports. Those data are provided by research undertaken during

1. Mid-winter waterbirds census

2. Breeding waterbirds census

3. Regular monitoring at Divjaka-Karavasta National Park

Field for additional information (optional)

> Besides several reports were prepared as part of the country's contribution for:

1. European Red List of Birds (Contribution to BirdLife International)

2. Assessment of Illegal Bird Killing in the Mediterranean (Contribution to BirdLife International)

3. Data on breeding birds as contribution to EBBA2

**54. Has your government provided over the past triennium funds and/or logistical support for the International Waterbird Census at international or national level? (Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 3, Target 3.1)**

Yes

**Nationally**

Yes

Please provide details

> Midwinter Waterbird Census, as part of IWC, has been supported by the government during 2015-2018

**Internationally**

Yes

Please provide details

> Joint IWC monitoring for trans-boundary wetland sites

**56. 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 38 in chapter 5 - Management of human activities.**

No

Are there plans to investigate the impact of lead fishing weights on waterbirds in your country?

No

Please provide reason(s)

> Lack of funds and limited human resources to be engaged with research and monitoring of waterbirds are main constraints.

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## 7. Education and Information

### 7.1. Communication, Education and Public Awareness

#### **57. 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)**

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.

> Awareness raising activities are implemented by state agencies and NGOs. It is covering the topic of waterbird conservation with certain emphasis on migratory waterbirds.

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[11169470\\_521046431382888\\_725188555244565353\\_n.jpg](#) - Poster prepared by AOS for World Migratory Bird Day

[11148624\\_526317237522474\\_3157451133401230215\\_n.jpg](#) - educative poster

[10688422\\_524611004359764\\_8894580869756682492\\_o.jpg](#) - Visit at the NMuseum of Natural Sciences, Tirana

[11217749\\_527247614096103\\_4147558213571264628\\_o.jpg](#) - Visit at the Museum of Natural Sciences

[11149759\\_520084048145793\\_1819079122925457329\\_o.jpg](#) - Birdsketching - AOS and USK

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[11194514\\_522107997943398\\_5759231362196777409\\_o.jpg](#) - Awareness activity at Divjake-Karavasta National Park

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

Yes

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

No

Please explain the reasons

> In process.

#### **59. Have measures been taken by your country to implement the provisions related to "Education and Information" in the AEWA Action Plan over the last triennium? (AEWA Action Plan, Paragraphs 6.1-6.4)**

No

Please explain the reasons

> In process

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

Yes

Please describe the activity/activities briefly and upload any sample materials, links or photos available related to the activity/event.

> Several awareness activities undertaken with kids and public at large

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[10258735\\_690085324371479\\_566914084371517532\\_o.jpg](#) - World Migratory Bird Day in Kukes (Albania) 2014

[10295302\\_690085737704771\\_8870461663590678063\\_o.jpg](#) - WMBD in Kukes (Albania) 2014

[10298418\\_690085581038120\\_2238131169085423639\\_o.jpg](#) - WMBD in Kukes (Albania) 2014

#### **61. Has your country provided funding and/or other support, as appropriate (e.g. expertise, network, skills and resources) towards the implementation of the AEWA Communication Strategy? Please consider both national and international funding and different types of support provided. (Strategic Plan 2009- 2017, Objective 4, Target 4.1 and Resolution 3.10,**

**Resolution 5.5)**

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of available funds

**62. In Resolution 3.10 the Meeting of the Parties encouraged Contracting Parties to host AEWA Exchange Centres for their respective regions. Has your country considered/shown interest in hosting a Regional AEWA Exchange Centre? (Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 3, Target 2 and Resolution 3.10)**

Not considered yet

Please provide details on the answer given above

> Lack of experience and know-how.

**63. Training for CEPA (Communication, Education and Public Awareness) at national level is supposed to be conducted by staff who have been trained in the framework of an AEWA Training of Trainers programme. Have staff who were trained as part of a Training of Trainers workshop conducted national CEPA training in your country in the past triennium? (Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 4, Target 4.2)**

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of trained staff

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## 8. Implementation

### **64. Has your country approached non-contracting party range states to encourage them to accede to the Agreement? (Resolution 3.10)**

Report only on activities over the past triennium

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of human resources to cover such a role.

### **65. Has your country supported/developed international co-operation projects for the implementation of the Agreement, according to the priorities outlined in the AEWA International Implementation Tasks (IIT) for the current triennium? (Resolution 6.13).**

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No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of capacities and human resources

### **66. 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 2009-2017, Objective 5, Target 5.7)**

Yes, it is operational on a regular basis

Please provide details

> Ministry of Tourism and Environment is operational focal point for the implementation of the AEWA and MEAs.

### **67. 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

> Twinning schemes considered for transboundary wetland sites with Montenegro and Macedonia

### **68. Are those officers in your country's government responsible for AEWA implementation co-ordinated and engaged with national processes to implement and to assess delivery of the CBD Strategic Plan 2011 - 2020 including the Aichi targets?**

Yes

Please provide details

> Coordination and engagement ensured by the Ministry of Tourism and Environment

### **69. Are the AEWA priorities incorporated into your country's National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (NBSAP) and other strategic planning processes (Resolution 6.3)?**

69.1 NBSAP

Yes

Please provide details

> AEWA priorities are incorporated in the Strategic Policy Document for the protection of Biodiversity 2016.

69.2 Other strategic planning processes

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of available expertise

### **70. Please report any activity undertaken to promote with the development agency of your**

**country or other appropriate governmental body the relevance of AEWA implementation in the context of SDG-delivery and to stress the need to better integrate actions for waterbird and wetland conservation within relevant development projects (Resolution 6.15).**

AEWA relevance for SDG implementation was NOT promoted

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of available expertise

**71. How would your country suggest promoting further links between the biodiversity MEAs to which your country is a Contracting Party, so as to make your work more efficient and effective?**

> Further support and strengthening of the Biodiversity Directorate within Ministry of Environment. Improve coordination and communication mechanism among in line Ministries.

**72. Has your country donated funds to the AEWA Small Grants Fund over the past triennium? (Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 5, Target 5.4)**

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of funds

**73. Has your country donated other funding or provided in-kind support to activities coordinated by the Secretariat?**

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of funds

**74. Please report on the implementation of Resolution 6.21 on Resource mobilisation for the implementation of AEWA.**

**74.1 Did your country's government provide in the last triennium financial and/or in-kind resources to support national activities which are intended to achieve the objectives of this Agreement, particularly those in line with the AEWA Strategic Plan including the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa, and in accordance with your national plans, priorities and programmes?**

Yes

Please describe the resources provided

> IWC has been supported by the government during 2015-2018

**74.2 Does your country's government have unpaid dues to the AEWA Trust Fund (annual assessed contributions to the Agreement's budget as approved by each session of the Meeting of the Parties)?**

No

**74.3 Has your country's government provided funding to support developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, to meet their obligations under AEWA, and the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2012-2017? Under this question please report for support provided outside of formal and established intergovernmental cooperation. For the latter, please refer to the next question 74.4.**

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of available funds

**74.4 Does your country's government participate in any South-South, North-South or triangular cooperation to enhance financial and technical support for the successful implementation of AEWA activities?**

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of sufficient human capacities

**74.5 Does your country's government use innovative financing mechanisms for implementing the AEWA Strategic Plan such as a (national) Migratory Waterbirds Fund?**

No

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of sufficient human capacities

**74.6 Does the implementation of AEWA in your country benefit from synergies between biodiversity-related conventions at national level, amongst others, through information sharing on potential funding opportunities and sharing of financial resources such as the Desertification Fund, Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Fund, and the Global Environmental Facility?**

Yes

Please describe each synergetic arrangement and acquired benefits

> The implementation of AEWA benefits from synergies between biodiversity-related conventions at national level through information sharing on potential funding opportunities and sharing of financial resources such as the Adaptation Fund and Global Environmental Facility.

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### 9. Climate Change

#### 75. 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

No relevant activities

Please explain the reasons

> No funding available for research

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 27 in Section 4, sub-section 4.2 investigates vulnerability of sites to climate change)

Undertaken

Please provide references or weblinks to any such work so as to facilitate their use as potential case-studies to assist other Contracting Parties

> National Communication Strategy reported nearby United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Third National Communication Strategy:

[https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Albania%20NC3\\_13%20October%202016.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Albania%20NC3_13%20October%202016.pdf)

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

Undertaken

Please provide references or weblinks to any such work so as to facilitate their use as potential case-studies to assist other Contracting Parties

> National Communication Strategy reported nearby United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

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

Planned

Please provide details

> In process under the draft of country's Strategy on Climate Change

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 28 in Section 4, sub-section 4.2 investigates national measures for increasing resilience of the ecological network for waterbirds to climate change).

No relevant activities

Please explain the reasons

> Lack of human capacities and available funding.

f. Other undertaken or planned relevant activities.

No

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

No

Please explain the reasons. What other guidance has been used instead?

> Lack of know how

#### Optionally you can provide additional information on section 9. Climate Change

> N/A

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### **10. Avian Influenza**

**77. What issues have proved challenging in responding nationally to the spread of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the last triennium and what further guidance or information would be useful in this respect?**

77.1 List challenges

> A proper system of monitoring and alerting is not in place.

77.2 List required further guidance or information

> Awareness raising among public institutions and researchers working with birds. Specific training on monitoring on waterbirds so as to detect cases of Avian Influenza and on institutional steps taken in case there are potential H1N1 cases.

# 11. 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 2015-2017 has been verified and the report has been approved for submission by the appropriate state institution in the country.

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

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### Date of submission

> 17/07/2018