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## WORK PLAN FOR THE AEW A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 2019-2021<sup>1</sup>

### Introduction

1. This section provides explanatory notes concerning the two attached documents (Appendix I, Parts 1 and 2).
2. Part 1 provides a summary list of proposed top priority scientific and technical tasks for the 2019-2021 triennium. This is drawn from Part 2 which provides a summary of the full list of proposed scientific and technical tasks for the work of the Technical Committee in 2019-2021.
3. Themes relate largely to the structure of the AEW A Action Plan as follows:
  - a) **Field of application**
    - issues of the taxonomic and geographic scope of the Agreement
  - b) **Species conservation**
    - including issues of legal regulation of taking; international single species action plans and their implementation; emergency measures; re-establishments; and introductions
  - c) **Habitat conservation**
    - including issues of habitat and site inventories; conservation of areas; habitat conservation, rehabilitation and restoration; and climate change adaptation and mitigation
  - d) **Management of human activities**
    - including hunting (including lead issues); disturbance; species-conflicts and management of other human activities (e.g. impacts of energy generation and transmission, development, etc.)
  - e) **Research and monitoring**
    - including planning and funding of surveys and monitoring
  - f) **Education and information**
    - including all Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) issues
  - g) **Implementation**
    - including Conservation Guidelines; Action Plan para 7.4 international reviews; and other implementation issues
  - h) **Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues**
    - including strategic, reporting and other planning issues; emerging issues and horizon scanning
4. The 21 top priority tasks listed in Part 1 below have been identified from the full range of proposed scientific and technical tasks listed in Part 2. These include all ‘Essential’ tasks and a few additional ‘High priority’ tasks.

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<sup>1</sup> As adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties through Resolution 7.11.

5. The provisional figure for the total estimated funds needed for full implementation of the recommended 2019-2021 top priority tasks is € 915,000 over the triennium, whilst the total cost of the implementation of the full Work Plan is € 1,141,000.
6. Part 2 provides further details of all proposed scientific and technical implementation support tasks for the Technical Committee during 2019-2021. It provides a summary description of each task with its anticipated outcomes and outputs and provisional estimated costs.
7. As indicated in Part 2, a number of the tasks listed are either ongoing or have been carried forward from the task adopted by previous MOPs, but for which capacity or funding has been insufficient in the previous triennia to undertake or complete them.
8. Provisional estimated costs in Part 2 are based on each task requiring the engagement of an expert (or experts) to undertake the work required. These provisional estimated costs have been prepared by the Technical Committee and Secretariat to provide Contracting Parties with an initial assessment of delivery needs – more precise costings and the scope and ways and means for the delivery of each of the tasks will be developed at the beginning of the 2019-2021 cycle and reported to the Standing Committee at that time.

It is recognized that much of the funding estimated as being needed to enable further scientific and technical implementation support for the Agreement will need to be found from sources other than the Agreement's core budget.

9. Please note that some significant tasks and costings given, relate to the work involved in developing Terms of Reference for the respective project (including the assessment of full costs), not the cost of delivery of the project for which funding will need to be sought.

**Appendix I - Part 1**

**Recommended Top Priority Scientific and Technical Tasks for the 2019-2021 Triennium**

Recommended Top Priority Tasks 2019-2021 (summary of task only)	Indicative cost
<b>1. Field of application</b>	
<b>1.3. Population definition.</b> Early in the triennium, consider evidence supporting the delineation of current population boundaries for identified species as well as potential others, as necessary.	-
<b>1.4. Review of Table 1 in Annex 3 to the Agreement.</b> Prepare proposals for revision of Table 1 in Annex 3 for submission to MOP8.	-
<b>2. Species Conservation</b>	
<b>2.1. Priority list for species action and management planning.</b> Review and update, as necessary, the list of priority species/populations for new Single Species Action and Management Plans and for retirement, revision or prolongation of existing plans.	-
<b>2.2. Conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations.</b> Conduct a rapid review of existing information to identify relevant populations for which new or improved conservation and management guidance is required.	€10,000
<b>2.3. ISSAP Conservation Briefs.</b> Facilitate the production of conservation briefs of the ISSAPs for the Great Snipe, Ferruginous Duck, Lesser Flamingo, Maccoa Duck and Madagascar Pond Heron.	-
<b>2.5. Priorities for seabird conservation.</b> Review the seabird conservation priorities approved by MOP7 and provide guidance on their delivery.	€20,000
<b>3. Habitat Conservation</b>	
<b>3.1. Site inventory framework.</b> Develop a simple framework for use by the Parties to review and confirm the inventory of known nationally and internationally important sites.	€20,000
<b>3.2. Site monitoring framework.</b> Develop a monitoring framework for the AEWA flyway site network.	€30,000
<b>3.3. Status of principal waterbird habitats.</b> Conduct Agreement-level assessment of the status of principal waterbird habitats in the wider environment.	€80,000
<b>3.4. Sea-level rise impact.</b> Increase understanding of the consequences of sea-level rise on the Critical Site Network and the waterbird populations dependent on coastal habitats.	€100,000
<b>3.5. Habitat conservation action plan.</b> On the basis of the assessment under the previous task, develop an action plan, identifying priorities, opportunities and a set of recommended actions.	€70,000
<b>4. Management of human activities</b>	
<b>4.9. Harvest data collation.</b> Propose a list of quarry species that should be prioritised for international collation of harvest data.	€5,000
<b>4.10. Sustainability of harvest.</b> Undertake a rapid assessment of sustainability of harvest of declining quarry populations.	€50,000

<p align="center"><b>Recommended Top Priority Tasks 2019-2021</b> (summary of task only)</p>	<p align="center"><b>Indicative cost</b></p>
<p><b>4.11. Sustainable ecotourism.</b> Collate case studies of ecotourism initiatives with proven benefits for both community livelihoods and conservation of AEWA species and their habitats.</p>	<p align="center">€20,000</p>
<p><b>5. Research and monitoring</b></p>	
<p><b>5.1. Key gaps in information availability.</b> Identify key gaps in information availability on relevant aspects of the implementation of the Agreement.</p>	<p align="center">€40,000</p>
<p><b>5.2. Monitoring priorities.</b> Identify priorities for the systematic development of monitoring of waterbird populations and the drivers of their trends.</p>	<p align="center">€20,000</p>
<p><b>7. Implementation</b></p>	
<p><b>7.1. Conservation Status Review 8.</b> Guide the process of preparation of Conservation Status Review 8 for submission to MOP8.</p>	<p align="center">€100,000</p>
<p><b>7.2. Other international reviews.</b> Guide the process of preparation of a) updated review of information from surveys, b) updated review of pertinent hunting and trade legislation, c) updated review of the preparation and implementation of Single Species Action Plans, d) updated review of re-establishment projects and e) the status of introduced non-native waterbird species and hybrids thereof.</p>	<p align="center">€220,000</p>
<p><b>7.3. Conservation Guidelines.</b> Review Conservation Guidelines nos. 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 to ensure they continue to reflect best conservation practice and reformat as necessary following conclusion of ongoing review of format.</p>	<p align="center">€50,000</p>
<p><b>7.5. Management plan format.</b> Produce a format for International Single Species Management Plans.</p>	<p align="center">€30,000</p>
<p><b>7.6. Guidance on waterbirds as ecosystem services.</b> Provide concise guidance in language adapted to policy/decision makers on the provisioning and cultural aspects of ecosystem services in relation to migratory waterbirds.</p>	<p align="center">€30,000</p>
<p><b>7.7. Mechanism for updating and preparing new conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations.</b> Agree roles, responsibilities and mechanism for updating of guidance and preparation/dissemination of new guidance.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p><b>8. Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues</b></p>	
<p><b>8.1. National reports.</b> Revise the national report format and make necessary adjustments following MOP7.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p><b>8.2. Population status and Plan of Action for Africa (PoAA) modules for national reports.</b> Develop module on population status and the Plan of Action for Africa for MOP8 national reports.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p><b>8.3. Monitoring of implementation of the Strategic Plan and the PoAA (2019-2027).</b> Develop a concept for the monitoring of the implementation.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p><b>8.4. AEWA's contribution to relevant global frameworks.</b> Compile concise triennial summaries of AEWA's contributions to the relevant global frameworks, particularly with the view of promoting the relevance of AEWA amongst development and aid agencies.</p>	<p align="center">€20,000</p>
<p><b>Total estimates budget for recommended top priority tasks</b></p>	<p align="center">€915,000</p>

## Appendix I – Part 2

### Summary of Scientific and Technical Tasks for the AEWA Technical Committee: 2019-2021

A. The scientific and technical tasks for the Technical Committee are organized under eight broad themes, as follows:

- Field of application
- Species conservation
- Habitat conservation
- Management of human activities
- Research and monitoring
- Education and information
- Implementation
- Strategic, reporting, emerging or other issues

B. Prioritisation of tasks is as follows:

**Essential** (highest priority) – other MOP processes depend on the task being undertaken e.g. reporting to MOP8

**High** – important to progress before MOP8 i.e. to start work within the next two years

**Other** – important but initiation could take place on a longer timescale

**Rolling** – important and ongoing or soon-to-be-launched long-term activity

C. The categorization of types of tasks is coded in the tables below as follows:

1. New or revised guidance for Contracting Parties
2. Technical support and advice – ongoing and ad hoc
3. Advice on new and emerging issues
4. Input to scientific or technical products/initiatives undertaken by other relevant organizations
5. Review of knowledge as a basis for developing guidance for Parties and others

D. Note that costs are significantly approximate and not derived from detailed costing of the specific tasks. Costs are for broad planning purposes only at this stage and will be further refined.

**Theme 1: Field of application**

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€) – see note above
<p><b>1.1. Taxonomy &amp; nomenclature:</b> Maintain overview of taxonomic and nomenclatural issues and advise on the need to update Annex 2 to the Agreement as necessary (Resolution 6.1) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other Rolling task	2	CMS Scientific Council	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19</p>	–
<p><b>1.2. Taxonomic (and geographic) scope of AEWA:</b> The Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways adopted at CMS COP11 envisages the preparation of a review to explore options to extend AEWA as a framework for other migratory bird species/species groups in the Africa-Eurasian region so as to cover all African-Eurasian bird MoUs and Action Plans. Contribute to this as necessary (CMS Resolution 11.14, Annex 1, point 19) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p> <p>Task for CMS – AEWA to contribute only as necessary.</p>	High	4	CMS Flyways Working Group and collaboration with Raptors MOU and Landbirds Action Plan as appropriate	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 5.4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12</p>	–
<p><b>1.3. Population definitions:</b> Early in the triennium, consider evidence supporting the delineation of current population boundaries for the following species as well as potential others, as necessary. TC15 to make any recommendations to the 15<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee meeting for interim approval such that any changes can be included within work to develop proposals for MOP8 (CSR 8 and proposed changes to Table 1 of AEWA’s Action Plan):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Common Eider (<i>Somateria mollissima</i>) (populations which have been treated separately in Scott &amp; Rose and AEWA Table 1 – extensions of the current definition)</li> <li>- Goosander (<i>Mergus merganser</i>) (same as above)</li> </ul>	Essential Rolling task	2	Wetlands International and its relevant Specialist Groups, CAFF CBird Group	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5</p>	-
<p><b>1.4. Review of Table 1 in Annex 3 to the Agreement</b> Prepare proposals for revision of Table 1 in Annex 3 for submission to MOP8 (AEWA Article VII.3 (b)).</p>	Essential	2	Linked to task 7.1	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1.1</p>	-

## Theme 2: Species conservation

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p><b>2.1. Priority list for species action and management planning</b> Review and update at its first meeting after each MOP, as necessary, the list of International Species Action and Management Plans required for priority species/populations, involving adaptive harvest management processes where relevant, taking into account the possible need to develop new plans and retire, revise or extend existing plans (Resolution 6.8; Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential Rolling	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Targets 1.2 &amp; 2.4</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 12</p>	-
<p><b>2.2. Conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations</b> Conduct a rapid review of existing information to identify relevant populations for which new or improved conservation and management guidance is required (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 1.3</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 4</p>	[€10,000]
<p><b>2.3. ISSAP Conservation Briefs</b> Facilitate the production of conservation briefs of the ISSAPs for the Great Snipe, Ferruginous Duck, Lesser Flamingo, Maccoa Duck and Madagascar Pond Heron (Resolution 7.5).</p>	High	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Targets 1.2</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 12</p>	-

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p><b>2.4. Sustainable harvests and the socio-economic importance of waterbirds</b></p> <p>Increase knowledge and understanding of the extent of traditional and other harvests; their modes of regulation; the conditions under which harvests are sustainable; and the significance of these harvests in the context of food security and human development.</p> <p>Initial work should compile Terms of Reference for a modular programme, identifying possible collaborating individuals and organizations as well as funding possibilities that will progressively address the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifying those geographical areas where harvesting waterbirds for subsistence and/or commercial purposes is prevalent and the species concerned;</li> <li>- Information, as available, on trends in prevalence of harvesting for socio-economic motivations;</li> <li>- Identification of case studies demonstrating good practice in the sustainable management and regulation of waterbirds harvests; and</li> <li>- Options to highlight the importance of sustainable and well-regulated waterbird harvest within the context of development and aid programmes, notably in the context of national delivery of Aichi target 2 and the Sustainable Development Goals.</li> </ul> <p>(Resolutions 6.4, 6.15, 7.2; CMS Flyways Plan #12) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018)</p>	High	1	<p>CMS, CBD, CMS Flyways Working Group, FAO/FFEM/EU "RESSOURCE" project</p> <p>Linked to tasks 3.6. and 7.6.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 2 &amp; 5</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 2</p>	[€50,000]
<p><b>2.5. Priorities for seabird conservation</b></p> <p>Review the seabird conservation priorities approved by MOP7 and provide guidance on their delivery (Resolutions 7.6).</p>	High	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 12</p>	[€20,000]

**Theme 3: Habitat conservation**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<p><b>3.1. Site inventory framework</b>                      Develop a simple framework for use by the Parties to review and confirm the inventory of known nationally and internationally important sites. This framework should include provision of brief guidance on interpreting AEWA Action Plan references to “<i>sites of international or national importance</i>” and “<i>internationally accepted criteria of international importance</i>”. It should also take into account existing site network criteria, including those used to identify EU SPAs, Ramsar Sites, Emerald Network Sites and IBAs (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	1, 2	Wetlands International, BirdLife International	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 3.1  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 11</p>	[€20,000]
<p><b>3.2. Site monitoring framework</b>                      Develop a monitoring framework for the AEWA flyway site network (building on the preliminary Site Network Report presented to MOP5) that is coordinated with similar reporting under other multilateral processes (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	1, 2	Wetlands International, BirdLife International	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 3.2  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 11</p>	[€30,000]
<p><b>3.3. Status of principal waterbird habitats</b>                      Conduct Agreement-level assessment of the status of principal waterbird habitats in the wider environment, drawing on existing studies wherever possible (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	5	Ramsar Convention, CMS	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 4.1  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 5</p>	[€80,000]
<p><b>3.4 Sea-level rise impact</b>                      Increase understanding of the consequences of sea-level rise on the Critical Site Network and the waterbird populations dependent on coastal habitats (Resolution 7.9).</p>	High	5	Ramsar Convention STRP	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 3.2  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 5</p>	[€100,000]
<p><b>3.5. Habitat conservation action plan</b>                      On the basis of the assessment under the previous task, develop an action plan (identifying priorities, opportunities and a set of recommended actions), taking into account regional and sub-regional differences in key habitat types and threats/drivers (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2	Ramsar Convention, CMS	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 4.1  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 5</p>	[€70,000]

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p><b>3.6. Socio-economic importance of waterbirds</b> Explore the potential to develop a number of case studies summarising the socio-economic benefits (including food security) accruing to local populations from the sustainable management of wetlands and the sustainable use of the waterbirds that depend on these areas (Resolution 5.13) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other Rolling task	4	Linked to task 2.4. and 7.6. FAO/FFEM/EU "RESSOURCE" project	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 3 &amp; 4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 14</p>	[€5,000]
<p><b>3.7. Net Positive Impact</b> Investigate the feasibility and develop a proposal for international Net Positive Impact including offsetting approaches that involve the corporate sector and governments in order to support flyway conservation [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #7] (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other	3	CMS Flyways Working Group; CMS Scientific Council; Wetlands International; BirdLife International; corporate sector	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 5</p>	[€2,000]

**Theme 4: Management of human activities**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<p><b>4.1. Processes contributing to tackling of the four causes<sup>2</sup> of unnecessary additional mortality and other threats</b>                      Identify those multilateral processes that can contribute most to progressing AEWA priorities related to the four causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats to migratory waterbirds and their habitats and identify strategic opportunities for positively influencing these processes (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	High	1	All relevant multilateral processes	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 1.6  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 12</p>	[€10,000]
<p><b>4.2. Management of disturbance</b>                      Commission simple but comprehensive guidance on the management of disturbance in a form that may be widely translated and disseminated and submit to MOP8 for consideration. Produce versions in English, French, Arabic and Russian (Resolution 5.24) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015).</p>	High	1	Joint with Ramsar Convention (STRP)	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1, 2 &amp; 5  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 11 &amp; 12</p>	[€76,000] €30,000 to draft plus translation at €2,000/language, plus production costs at €10,000/language
<p><b>4.3. Reducing energy impacts – Energy Task Force</b>                      Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.27 on <i>Renewable energy and migratory species</i>. Task includes participation in the CMS Energy Task Force to provide further guidance and support in relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.27.</p> <p>Task also involves providing further guidance when relevant new developments on reducing the impact of power lines on birds become available, such as improved mitigation techniques (Resolution 5.11) [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #13] (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1 &amp; 5  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 2, 4 &amp; 12</p>	[€10,000] (T&S for meetings)

<sup>2</sup> Causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats include: energy infrastructure (especially powerlines, wind turbines); illegal taking & killing; fisheries bycatch; and invasive alien species.

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p><b>4.4. Extractive industries – Guide to guidance</b> Work with the Ramsar STRP to finalise the <i>Guide to Guidance on Extractive Industries</i> and to disseminate this to Contracting Parties (Resolution 5.14 &amp; Resolution 5.3) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015).</p>	High	1, 4		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 3 &amp; 4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 19</p>	[€10,000]
<p><b>4.5. Extractive industries – development of analytical tools</b> Continue to collaborate with the Ramsar STRP on these issues, in particular jointly working with other interested organisations to further develop geospatial analytical tools for identifying those areas where potential conflicts may arise regarding impacts of extractive industry processes on wetlands of importance for migratory waterbirds. (Resolution 5.14) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015).</p>	Low	4	Ramsar STRP and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 3&amp; 4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 19</p>	[€20,000]
<p><b>4.6. Poisoning and agrochemicals</b> Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 on <i>Preventing poisoning of migratory birds</i>. Task includes participation in the CMS Poisoning Working Group to provide further guidance and support in relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #14] (Resolution 6.12) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1 &amp; 5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12</p>	[€5,000] (T&S for meetings)
<p><b>4.7. Poisoning by lead shot</b> Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 on <i>Preventing poisoning of migratory birds</i>. Task includes participation in the CMS Poisoning Working Group to provide further guidance and support in relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 (Resolution 6.12) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1, 2 &amp; 5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 12</p>	{Costs included in poisoning and agrochemicals task above}
<p><b>4.8. Illegal killing</b> Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.16 on the prevention of illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds. Task includes participation in the Intergovernmental Task Force to Address Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean and technical support for implementation of AEWA/CMS Plan of Action to Address Bird Trapping Along the Mediterranean Coasts of Egypt and Libya (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1, 2 &amp; 5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 1 &amp; 12</p>	[€8,000] (T&S for attendance at Task Force meetings)

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p><b>4.9. Harvest data collation</b> Propose a list of quarry species that should be prioritised for international collation of harvest data (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 2.1 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 4</p>	[€5,000]
<p><b>4.10. Sustainability of harvest</b> Undertake a rapid assessment of sustainability of harvest of declining quarry populations (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 2.4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 4</p>	[€50,000]
<p><b>4.11. Sustainable ecotourism</b> Collate case studies of ecotourism initiatives with proven benefits for both community livelihoods and conservation of AEWA species and their habitats and identify one or more potential strategic partners with ecotourism expertise to work with (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 2.5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 14</p>	[€20,000]

**Theme 5: Research and monitoring**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<p><b>5.1. Key gaps in information availability</b> Identify key gaps in information availability on relevant aspects of the implementation of the Agreement, to establish the potential role of AEWA in filling these, and to recommend priorities accordingly (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 5.1 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19</p>	[€40,000]
<p><b>5.2. Monitoring priorities</b> Identify priorities for the systematic development of monitoring of waterbird populations and the drivers of their trends, in order to increase the number of populations whose status is assessed on the basis of the most complete and up-to-date monitoring data, as well as the quality of these assessment, as per the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 (carried over with amendments from Work Plan 2012-2015).</p>	Essential	2	Wetlands International, African-Eurasian Waterbird Monitoring Partnership	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 1.4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19</p>	[€20,000]
<p><b>5.3. Waterbird monitoring synergies with other frameworks</b> Work with Ramsar and its regional initiatives, the European Commission as well as CAFF-AMBI, Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative), OSPAR, HELCOM and other relevant regional MEAs to identify possible synergies with respect to waterbird population estimates, monitoring and reporting, including in the context of Ramsar Strategic Plan Targets 11 &amp; 13 and possible development of further indicators for Target 5 related to coverage of wetland dependent bird populations by designated Ramsar Sites (Resolutions 6.3 and 7.7) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other	4, 5	Ramsar Secretariat and STRP	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1 &amp; 5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 11</p>	-

**Theme 6: Education and information**

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p><b>6.1. Communication Strategy implementation</b>                      Provide advice and prioritisation on the ongoing implementation of the Communication Strategy (Resolution 6.10) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> All objectives  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 1</p>	-

**Theme 7: Implementation**

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p><b>7.1. Conservation Status Review 8</b> Guide the process of preparation of Conservation Status Review 8 (Action Plan 7.4a) while taking into account reporting needs on the AEWAs Strategic Plan and assessment against relevant Aichi Targets.</p>	Essential	2 & 5	Wetlands International and its Specialist Groups  Linked to task 1.4	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1,2 &amp; 5</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 12 &amp; 19</p>	[€100,000]
<p><b>7.2. Other international reviews</b> Guide the process of preparation of a) updated review of information from surveys (Action Plan 7.4b) – never compiled so far; b) updated review of pertinent hunting and trade legislation (Action Plan 7.4d) – last produced for MOP4 in 2008, next one was due for MOP7 in 2018; c) updated review of the preparation and implementation of Single Species Action Plans (Action Plan 7.4e) – last produced for MOP6 in 2015, next one is due for MOP8 in 2021; d) updated review of re-establishment projects (Action Plan 7.4f) – last produced for MOP4 in 2008, next was due for MOP7 in 2018; and e) the status of introduced non-native waterbird species and hybrids thereof (Action Plan 7.4g) – last produced for MOP4 in 2008, next was due for MOP6 in 2015 when a short update was produced.</p>	Essential	2 & 5		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> All objectives</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 12 &amp; 19</p>	<p>[€220,000]</p> <p>7.4b) [€40,000] 7.4d) [€60,000] 7.4e) [€50,000] 7.4f) [€30,000] 7.4g) [€40,000]</p>
<p><b>7.3. Review and reformatting of existing Conservation Guidelines</b> Review AEWAs Conservation Guidelines (CG) nos. 1, 3, 4, 7 and, 8<sup>3</sup> to ensure they continue to reflect best conservation practice.</p> <p>Undertake any necessary updates or revision and reformat in the context of any new CG format agreed by Standing Committee 11 (following the current review of CG format). Submit any revised CGs to MOP 8 (Resolution 7.5).</p>	High	1	Wetlands International and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> All objectives</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 1</p>	<p>[€50,000]</p> <p>five x [€10,000]</p>
<p><b>7.4. Non-native species risk assessment</b> Contribute to the development of internationally-agreed standards and guidance for risk assessment with respect to non-native waterbirds in order to facilitate the implementation of the Agreement and related</p>	Other	2, 5		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1 &amp; 5</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 9</p>	-

<sup>3</sup> Guidelines = 1. National Single Species Action Plans; 3. Preparation of Site Inventories; 4. Management of Key Sites; 7. Ecotourism; and 8. Reducing Crop Damage, Damage to Fisheries, Bird Strikes and other Forms of Conflict.

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legal instruments (Resolution 6.4) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).					
<b>7.5. Management plan format</b> Produce a format for International Single and Multi-Species Management Plans (Resolutions 6.8 and 7.5) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).	Essential	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 2  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12	[€30,000]
<b>7.6. Guidance on waterbirds as ecosystem services</b> Provide concise guidance in language and shape adapted to policy/decision makers on the provisioning and cultural aspects of ecosystem services in relation to migratory waterbirds (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	Essential	1	Linked to tasks 2.4. and 3.6.	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 2.6  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 1 & 14	[€30,000]
<b>7.7. Mechanism for updating and preparing new conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations</b> Agree roles, responsibilities and mechanism for updating of guidance and preparation/dissemination of new guidance (Strategic Plan 2019-2027) – linked to tasks in theme Species Conservation.	Essential	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 1.3  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 4 & 12	-
<b>7.8. Revision and update of Conservation Guidelines</b> Implement its rolling programme to revise and update existing conservation guidelines and guides to guidance (Resolutions 6.5; 7.6 and 7.8).	High	1		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> All objectives  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 11	-
<b>7.9. Information supplementary to Conservation Guidelines</b> Consider how new or topical information relating to existing Conservation Guidelines can best be disseminated to Parties and others, including through existing publication platforms and social and other media (Resolution 7.8).	Medium	1		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> All objectives  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 11	-

**Theme 8: Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<p><b>8.1. National Reports</b> Revise the national report format and make the necessary adjustments following MOP7 (Resolution 7.1).</p>	Essential	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> All objectives <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12</p>	-
<p><b>8.2. Population status and Plan of Action for Africa modules for national reports</b> Develop modules on population status and the Plan of Action for Africa for MOP8 national reports (Resolution 7.1).  These modules will be developed by the end of 2018 and carried over to TC15 for discussion in 2019.</p>	Essential	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19</p>	-
<p><b>8.3. Monitoring of implementation of the Strategic Plan and the PoAA (2019-2027)</b> Develop a concept for the monitoring of the implementation (Resolution 7.1).</p>	Essential	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> All objectives <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 17</p>	-
<p><b>8.4. Harmonisation of reporting</b> Continue to promote synchronised timing and other synergies with the reporting cycles of CMS, Ramsar, EU Birds Directive (Article 12) and others as opportunities permit, in particular with respect to reporting on the status of species/populations, and contribute to the StC report to MOP8 on this matter (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018; Resolution 7.1).</p>	High	2	CMS Scientific Council; Ramsar Secretariat and STRP; European Commission and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19</p>	-

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<p><b>8.5. AEWA's contribution to relevant global frameworks</b>                      Compile concise triennial summaries of AEWA's contributions to the relevant global frameworks, i.e. SDGs, Aichi Targets, Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, etc, that can be used by Parties, StC and TC members, and the Secretariat to highlight at national and international levels the role of AEWA, particularly with the view of promoting the relevance of AEWA amongst development and aid agencies (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p> <p>Bring, to MOP8 (2021), a final assessment of AEWA's contributions to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and a reflection on AEWA's potential contribution to the post-2020 development agenda. (Resolution 7.2)</p>	Essential	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Target 5.4</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> All relevant Targets</p>	[€20,000]
<p><b>8.6. Emerging diseases</b>                      Continue to participate in the CMS Scientific Council Working Group on wildlife diseases (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council, Ramsar STRP, FAO, OIE and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1 &amp; 5</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12</p>	No direct costs, possible T&S need for meetings [€2,000]
<p><b>8.7. Implementation</b>                      On request, assist Parties with implementation of the Agreement including review of possible Implementation Review Process (IRP) cases and possible participation in IRP missions, as well as other advisory services, as needed (Strategic Plan 2019-2027; also, CMS Flyways Programme of Work #17) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	Contracting Parties	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Targets 2.2 and 3.5	[€30,000] per IRP case
<p><b>8.8. Periodicity of the sessions of the MOP</b>                      Assist the Standing Committee in evaluating the implications of moving from a 3-year to a 4-year cycle of the sessions of the Meeting of the Parties (Resolution 7.12).</p>	Essential	2		-	-