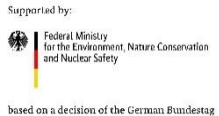




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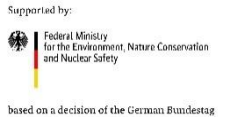
# Waterbird monitoring in the Agreement area

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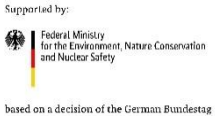


Why monitoring waterbirds?





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# Organisational development

- Waterbird Monitoring Partnership
  - Organisations
  - Institutions
  - Regional reps of IWC national coordinators
  
- Waterbird Fund

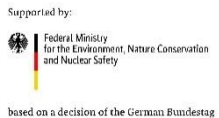


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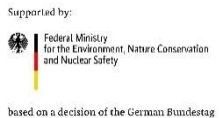


## Capacity development and support

- Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative - supported seven coastal countries from Mauritania to Sierra Leone (SOVON);
- The Mediterranean Waterbird Network Project - supported the five countries of North Africa (TdV/ONCFS);
- Counts supported in 2016-2017 in seven Eastern African countries (Sweden)
- IWC data management workshops for Anglophone & Francophone countries of Sub-Saharan Africa since MOP5 (ONCFS/TdV/DPN Senegal) ;
- IWC development in Mauritania, Senegal, The Gambia and Guinea-Bissau – 3-year project (WI/MAVA);
- RESSOURCE project in the Sahel (FAO/ONCFS/FFEM).



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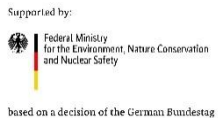
## Technical developments & funding

- Online database (International Waterbird Census)
- Improved statistical trend analysis
- Waterbird Fund – € 140,000
- Other funding support – € 1.3 million





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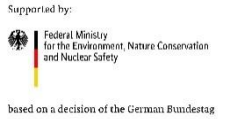
## Impact of developments

- Time lag of data use for status assessment reduced (5 years -> 3 years)
- IWC count totals published annually
- 1% biogeographic population thresholds published in online searchable deadline
- Population status assessment based on monitoring data – 116% increase since 2008 (40% of the AEWA populations)

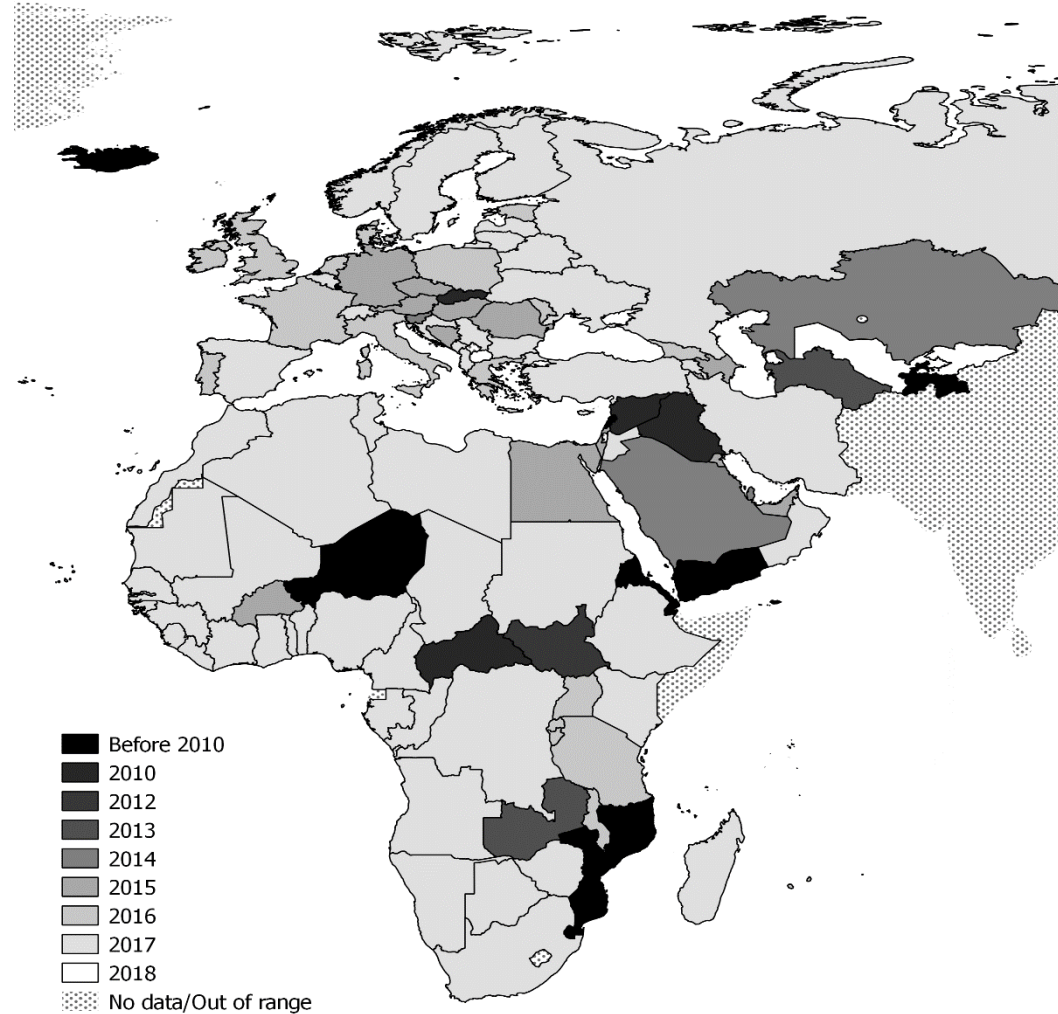




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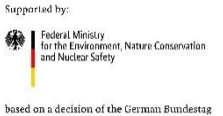


## Data availability as of March 2018





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## Key developments required

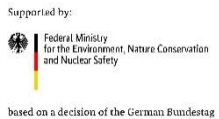
- Improving the regularity of waterbird counts in Africa (especially in the Sahel and East Africa)
- Establish adequate breeding bird monitoring schemes and assessment processes in Africa







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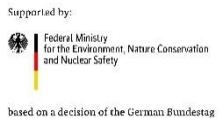
# National Monitoring Schemes

- AEWA Monitoring Guidelines - ongoing revision for MOP7
- Step-by-step guide on establishing national schemes





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# African Bird Atlas



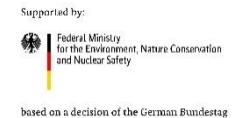
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**Project to be launched at MOP7**





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# Why atlasing?

