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REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TO THE 9th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Introduction

This report is submitted to the 9th Session of the Meeting of Parties (MOP9) by the AEWA Technical Committee (TC) in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 3(c) of the Agreement. It describes the activities of the Technical Committee during the triennial period 2023-2025 and presents a summary of results achieved.

The Technical Committee is a subsidiary body to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA), which was established in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement.

The Technical Committee has the following general functions:

- It provides scientific and technical advice and information to the Meeting of the Parties and, through the Agreement Secretariat, to Parties;
- It makes recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties concerning the Action Plan, implementation of the Agreement and further research to be carried out;
- It prepares a report on its activities for each ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties;
- It carries out any other tasks referred to it by the Meeting of the Parties; and
- The TC works closely with the Standing Committee to ensure consistency across the Agreement's work.

Membership of the Committee

The TC membership comprises:

- Nine experts representing the different regions of the Agreement area (Northern & Southwestern Europe/Ms Maria Dias (Portugal), Central Europe/Mr Taulant Bino (Albania), Eastern Europe/Mr Zurab Javakhishvili (Georgia), Southwestern Asia/Mr Mohammed Shobrak (Saudi Arabia), Northern Africa/Mr Hichem Azafzaf (Tunisia), Central Africa/Mr Yves Davy Omon Souangbi (Central African Republic), Western Africa/Ms Khady Gueye (Senegal), Eastern Africa/Mr Peter Njoroge (Kenya) and Southern Africa/Mr Doug Harebottle (South Africa) who replaced Ms Melissa Lewis (South Africa) in March 2024);
- One representative appointed by each of the following organisations: The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN/Mr Rich Hearn until February 2024 (deceased), vacant for the rest of the triennium), Wetlands International (Mr Szabolcs Nagy), the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC/Mr Matt Ellis who replaced Ms Alexandra in May 2025, while Ms Iben Hove Sørensen served as CIC representative prior to Ms Kalandarishvili until January 2024); and

- One thematic expert from each of the following fields: rural economics (Mr Nils Bunnefeld), game management (Mr Jesper Madsen), and environmental law (Mr Emmanuel Kasimbazi), elected by the Parties.
- An additional thematic expert on CEPA (Mr Chris Rostron) supported the Committee over the current triennium following an invitation by the previous TC Chair in the end of 2022 in response to AEWA MOP Resolution 5.5.
- An additional five experts were invited to support the work of the Committee over the period 2023-2025 in specific work plan tasks. These include Mr Sebastien Le Bel (sustainable harvest and socio-economic importance of waterbirds), Mr Bruno Portier (sustainable harvest), Mr Ian Mitchell (seabirds), Ms Ruth Cromie (Avian Influenza) and Mr David Stroud (various tasks).

Besides the Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee, a number of Contracting Parties joined the meetings of the Committee as observers, and the UK had two designated permanent observers to the Committee (Mr Matt Parsons and Ms Hannah Wheatley). The following four permanent observer non-governmental organisations have been admitted to the TC: BirdLife International, The European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE), The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT), and Migratory Birds of the Western Palearctic (OMPO). Other observers to the Technical Committee in the past triennium were the UNEP/CMS Secretariat and the Chair of the CMS African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group, the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention, the Secretariat of the Bern Convention, and the Chair and the Vice-chair of the Technical sub-Committee of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership.

At the beginning of the triennium the Technical Committee was chaired by Ms Melissa Lewis (elected at the 18th Meeting of the Committee) who stepped down from the Committee in March 2024 and was replaced by Mr Mohammed Shobrak (elected at the 19th Meeting of the Committee). Mr Taulant Bino served as the Vice-chair of the Committee over the entire triennium (re-elected at the 18th Meeting of the Committee).

Implementation of the Technical Committee Work Plan

During the period 2023-2025, the Technical Committee held three meetings:

- The 18th Meeting was held on 14-16 March 2023 at the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat's premises in the UN Campus in Bonn, Germany;
- The 19th Meeting was held virtually on 12-14 March 2024;
- The 20th Meeting was held on 24-28 February 2025 in Mikulov, the Czech Republic, hosted by the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic.

We are grateful to the United Kingdom and Germany for supporting financially the convening of the two in-person meetings of the Technical Committee in this triennium and also to the Czech Republic for hosting and co-funding the second in-person meeting. We express our thanks to the staff of the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat for ensuring the effective organisation and running of all three meetings.

The TC Work Plan for the period 2023-2025 was adopted by the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP8) in September 2022. The tasks were organised under eight Working Groups (Table 1), each with a chair responsible for supervising the implementation of planned tasks. Due to capacity constraints at the Secretariat, no supporting staff

member was assigned to any Working Group. The Work Plan was further developed and refined by the TC at its 18th Meeting in March 2023 (Table 2 on page 7).

Intersessionally, the TC worked on the implementation of the Work Plan via the AEWA Technical Committee Workspace, which is a web-based, password-protected communication space and working area for the TC that provides easy access to documents, enables correspondence and discussions, as well as archiving all the work of the TC.

Table 1. Technical Committee Working Groups and their membership (2023-2025)

Working Group	Members
1. Field of Application	Melissa Lewis/Doug Harebottle (Chair) , Szabolcs Nagy, Nils Bunnefeld, Emmanuel Kasimbazi, Maria Dias, David Stroud, Nicola Crockford, Cy Griffin, Sergey Dereliev, Bruno Portier
2. Species Conservation	Maria Dias (Chair) , Szabolcs Nagy, Zurab Javakhishvili, Iben Hove Sørensen/Alexandra Kalandarishvili, Melissa Lewis, Nils Bunnefeld, Jesper Madsen, Hichem Azafzaf, Mohammed Shobrak, Doug Harebottle, David Stroud, Ruth Cromie, Ian Mitchell, Matt Parsons, Preben Clausen, Cy Griffin, Nicola Crockford, Sergey Dereliev, Evelyn Moloko
3. Habitat Conservation	Szabolcs Nagy (Chair) , Richard Hearn, Maria Dias, Nils Bunnefeld, Chris Rostron, David Stroud, Sebastien Le Bel, Nicola Crockford, Preben Clausen, Cy Griffin, Florian Keil
4. Management of Human Activities	Taulant Bino (Chair) , Melissa Lewis, Nils Bunnefeld, Maria Dias, Hichem Azafzaf, Jesper Madsen, Mohammed Shobrak, David Stroud, Ruth Cromie, Nicola Crockford, Simon Mackown, Preben Clausen
5. Research and Monitoring	Richard Hearn/ Zurab Javakhishvili (Chair) , Nils Bunnefeld, Melissa Lewis, Jesper Madsen, Nicola Crockford, Iben Hove Sørensen, David Stroud, Sergey Dereliev
6. Education and Information	Chris Rostron (Chair) , Melissa Lewis, Richard Hearn, Mohammed Shobrak, Khady Gueye, David Stroud, Nicola Crockford, Florian Keil, Sergey Dereliev
7. Implementation	Iben Hove Sørensen/Alexandra Kalandarishvili (Chair) , Szabolcs Nagy, Melissa Lewis, Emmanuel Kasimbazi, Richard Hearn, Jesper Madsen, Maria Dias, Nils Bunnefeld, Taulant Bino, Chris Rostron, Mohammed Shobrak, Doug Harebottle, Khady Gueye, Davis Stroud, Cy Griffin, Nicola Crockford, Preben Clausen, Simon Mackown, Florian Keil, Sergey Dereliev
8. Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues	Hichem Azafzaf (Chair) , Szabolcs Nagy, Chris Rostron, Melissa Lewis, Richard Hearn, Zurab Javakhishvili, Iben Hove Sørensen, Jesper Madsen, David Stroud, Ruth Cromie, Nicola Crockford, Nick Davidson, Preben Clausen, Cy Griffin, Evelyn Moloko, Sergey Dereliev

Delivery of the Technical Committee Work Plan 2023-2025

Of the 48 tasks on the TC Work Plan in the current triennium, 19 tasks (40%) were identified to be of essential priority with another 12 tasks (25%) of high priority. Of the remaining, two tasks (4%) were tagged as medium priority, seven tasks (14%) as other priority and eight tasks (17%) as not requiring (immediate) action (Figure 1).

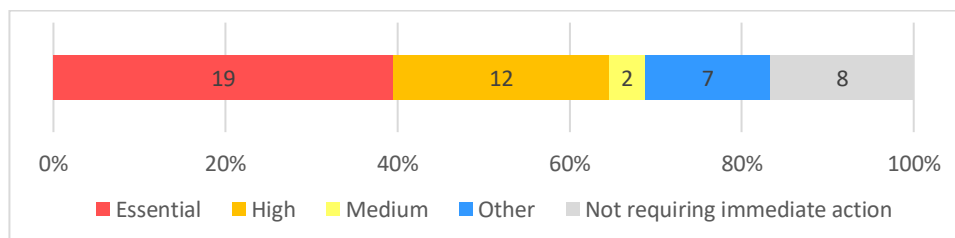


Figure 1. Prioritisation of the 48 tasks in the TC Work Plan 2023-2025.

Of the tasks requiring immediate action by the Technical Committee (40 tasks), 17 were fully implemented, while another nine were only partially implemented and the remaining 14 tasks were not implemented (Figure 2).

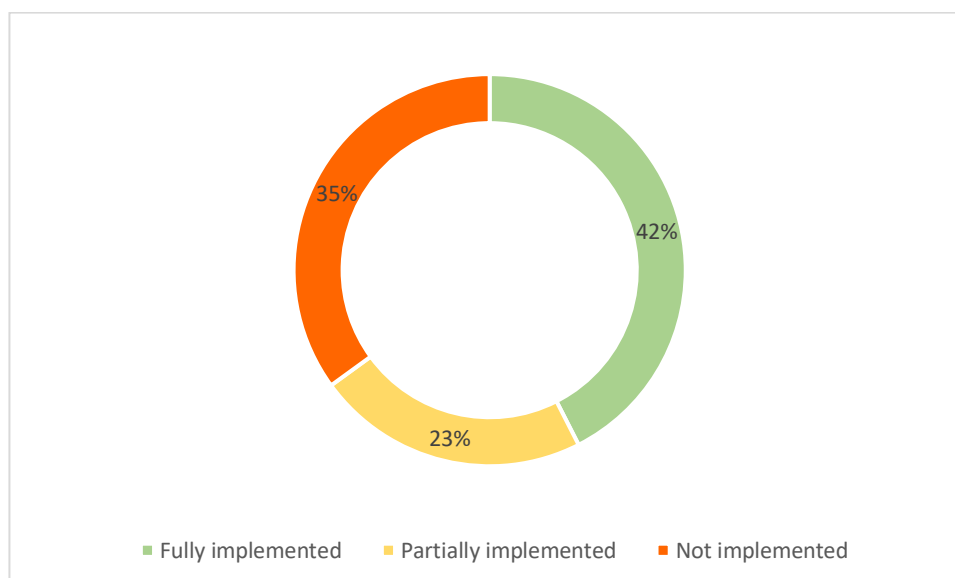


Figure 2. Status of implementation of the 40 tasks in the TC Work Plan 2023-2025 requiring immediate action.

For the different levels of priority, the status of implementation is as presented in Figure 3.

As a result of its work, the Committee has compiled two Draft Resolutions and provided input to five Draft Resolutions compiled by the Secretariat (58% of all Draft Resolutions) to be submitted to MOP9 through the Standing Committee. Twelve MOP9 meeting documents (41% of all MOP meeting documents) and two information documents (17% of all MOP9 information documents) were drafted by the TC or prepared with the close involvement of the Committee.

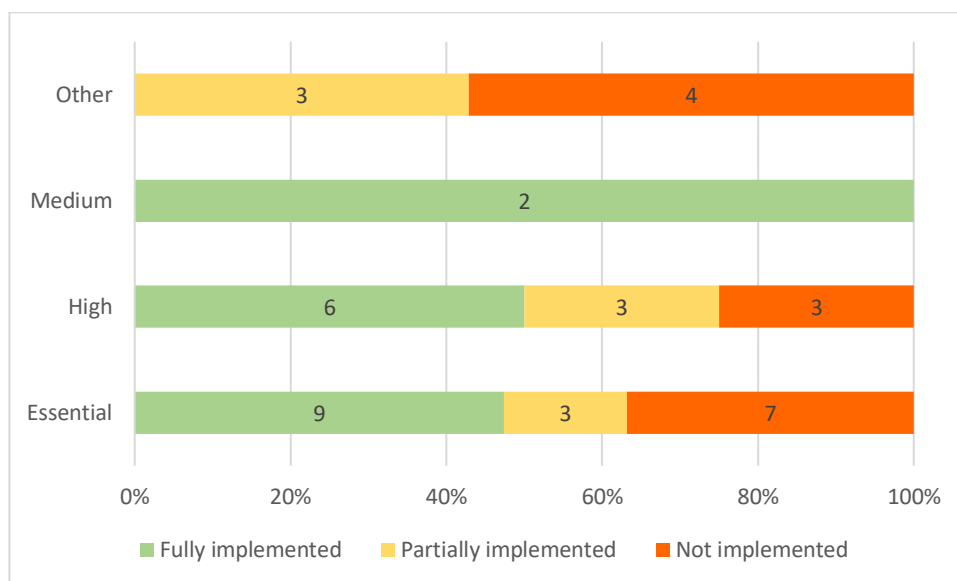


Figure 3. Status of implementation of the 40 tasks in the TC Work Plan 2023-2025 requiring immediate action per level of priority.

The following key tasks were carried out by the TC in 2023-2025:

- Review of delineation of boundaries populations of 27 species. The recommended delineations were approved by the Standing Committee at its 23rd and 24th meetings and were subsequently used in the population status assessment as part of the development process for the 9th edition of the AEWA Conservation Status Report (CSR9);
- Guide the preparation of the 9th edition of the Conservation Status Review (CSR9);
- Prepare a proposal for revision of Table 1 in Annex 3 to the Agreement for submission to MOP9;
- Revise the priority list of species/populations for action and management planning for the triennium 2023-2025;
- Guide the development of and approve a conservation brief for the AEWA International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Greenland White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons flavirostris*);
- Compile a document on the implementation and further prioritisation of seabird-related activities under AEWA;
- Compile a document on the implications of sea-level rise for migratory waterbirds and response options;
- Revise and reformat Conservation Guidelines No.4 on the Management of Key Sites for Migratory Waterbirds and No.7 on the Development of Ecotourism at Wetlands;
- Revise the national report format, including necessary adjustments on the basis of decisions taken at MOP8, for use in the reporting cycle to MOP9;
- Prepare the draft national report format for the period 2025-2027 to be used in the reporting cycle to MOP10;
- Prepare the draft for the reporting module on the status of populations of AEWA-listed (native) and non-native waterbird species in the Agreement area for the period 2019-2024 to be used in the reporting cycle to MOP10;
- Prepare the report format on the implementation of the Plan of Action for Africa for the period 2025-2027 to be used in the reporting cycle to MOP10.

Of all the results delivered in this triennium, the compilation of the 9th edition of the Conservation Status Report and the formulation of indicators for the assessment of implementation of the Plan of Action for Africa would not have been possible without the generous financial support of Germany, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Norway, and the European Commission through the EU LIFE NGO Operational Grant to Wetlands International Europe. Several other important products could not be delivered as they also required outsourcing for which no funding was available. The performance of the Technical Committee is strongly dependent on strengthening financial support for the implementation of its Work Plan.

In addition to the specific tasks requested by MOP8, the TC also implemented some other tasks to fulfil its mandate:

- The Technical Committee reviewed and provided comments and suggestions on the draft revised Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Taiga Bean Goose (*Anser f. fabalis*) and the draft revised Single Species Management Plan for the Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) – Svalbard-breeding population;
- The Technical Committee reviewed one incoming submission of information for a possible Implementation Review Process case file and provided advice to the Standing Committee.

The Chair of the TC, Ms Melissa Lewis, participated in the 23rd AEWA Standing Committee meeting that took place virtually on 26-27 June 2023, and Mohammed Shobrak, as succeeding Chair following Melisa Lewis' resignation from the Committee, participated in the 24th AEWA Standing Committee meeting that took place on 04 July 2024.

How could the Technical Committee work be made more effective?

Similar to the previous triennium, a significant proportion (58%) of the tasks in the Work Plan were implemented only partially or not at all due to the large volume of requests to the TC by the Meeting of Parties and the lack of funds necessary for implementation of most of the planned tasks (Table 2). All funding made available in 2023-2025 for undertaking substantive TC tasks that require outsourcing was on the basis of voluntary contributions that the Secretariat requested from the Contracting Parties.

The consistently high number of requests by the MOP, plus the tasks required to fulfil the Strategic Plan, indicates that the TC work is necessary, yet its capacity to respond to all requests is limited. It is necessary to assign a certain part of the core budget to support the work that the MOP and the Strategic Plan request from the TC.

A clear prioritisation from Parties within the numerous tasks requested from the TC is provided in the Work Plan adopted by the MOP, however, the ratio of essential and high priority tasks is disproportionate (66% of all tasks in the current triennium). Further, more realistic, prioritisation will ensure that the Committee can provide a more effective service to the Parties.

The Secretariat is very closely engaged in the work of the Technical Committee by providing excellent support and contributing significantly to the implementation of the Work Plan. With the ever-increasing work portfolio of the Secretariat, the staff are making every effort to deliver on all its mandates, but the ability to facilitate the work of the Technical Committee is declining. In order to support the Secretariat in delivering better their facilitating role to the Technical Committee, the MOP through Resolutions 7.11 and 8.11 urged those Contracting Parties which provide Junior Professional Officers (JPO) to the United Nations system to prioritise and allocate a JPO to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat for Technical Committee support. Unfortunately, no JPO has been allocated to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat to date.

Field of application (Working Group 1)

Task	Priority	Status of implementation	Actions undertaken by the TC	Relevant MOP9 documents
<p>1.1. Taxonomy & nomenclature Maintain overview of taxonomic and nomenclatural issues and advise on the need to update Annex 2 to the Agreement as necessary (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018). (Resolution 6.1)</p>	<p>Essential</p>	<p>Fully implemented</p>	<p>A workflow was previously established with BirdLife International whereby changes to taxonomy and nomenclature in the Checklist of the Birds of the World affecting AEWA species are regularly submitted to the attention of AEWA and taxonomic issues/proposals coming up during the AEWA Conservation Status Review process (particularly sub-species level taxonomy) are referred to the BirdLife Taxonomic Working Group for review.</p> <p>The TC was notified of nomenclature changes (English or scientific name) affecting nine AEWA species (Marbled Teal, Spotted Teal, Common Coot, Marabou, Black-crowned Night-heron, Madagascar Pond-heron, Lesser Sandplover, White-headed Lapwing, and Pintail Snipe). These were reviewed and included in the proposal for amendments of the AEWA Annexes submitted to MOP9 by the United Kingdom in accordance with Article X of the Agreement.</p> <p>The TC reviewed the taxonomic treatment of ssp. <i>johanseni</i> of the Bean Goose (<i>Anser fabalis</i>), which was suggested to be an invalid taxon and instead the population was affiliated to ssp. <i>fabalis</i>. This was communicated to BirdLife International, who agreed to make the corresponding change in the Checklist of the Birds of the World. This change was reflected in the proposal for amendments of the AEWA Annexes submitted to MOP9 by the United Kingdom.</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.16</p>

			This is a rolling task and will be carried over to the workplan for the next triennium.	
<p>1.2. Population definitions: Early in the triennium, consider evidence supporting the delineation of current population boundaries for the following species as well as potential others, as necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maccoa Duck (<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>) (review of the boundary delineation of the E Africa population); • Tundra Swan (<i>Cygnus columbianus bewickii</i>) (potential splitting of the Northern Siberia/Caspian population into a Central Asian (w) and a Black Sea (w) one); • Greylag Goose (<i>Anser anser</i>) (potential splitting of the Central Europe/North Africa population because it represents a mixture of two ssp (<i>anser</i> and <i>rubrirostris</i>); • Bean Goose (<i>Anser fabalis</i>) (taxonomic revision of ssp <i>johanseni</i>); • Glossy Ibis (<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>) (potential merging of the SW Asia/E Africa population with the S Asia population); • Eurasian Shag (<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>) (review the currently Table-1-listed Adriatic population vis-à-vis the other 	Essential	Fully implemented	<p>Following the General guidance on the definition of species populations under AEWa, approved by the Standing Committee (StC) at its 12th meeting (Doc. AEWa/StC 12.11), the TC reviewed at its 18th meeting (TC18) in 2023 the evidence provided through the proforma for the submission of proposals for population delineation to the TC for seven of the eight species on the list apart from the Bean Goose, which was addressed under task 1.1 (see above) and agreed on recommendations for amending their population delineations. The TC also announced a call through the AEWa website for submission of further proposals, but no submissions were made.</p> <p>At TC19 in 2024, the Committee reviewed the delineation of additional 33 populations of 27 species, which resulted in a recommendation for amendments of delineation all but one population, including two splits.</p> <p>The TC delivered to the StC the two sets of recommendations for the amendment of delineation of the reviewed populations, which the StC approved in its 23rd and 24th meetings, respectively. They were subsequently used in the population status assessment as part of the development process for the 9th edition of the AEWa Conservation Status Report (CSR9).</p>	Doc. AEWa/MOP 9.16

<p>populations in the Mediterranean as well as other populations in the Agreement area that are possibly qualifying for listing);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bar-tailed Godwit (<i>Limosa lapponica</i>) (potential splitting of ssp <i>taymyrensis</i> Central Siberia/South & SW Asia & Eastern Africa population based on morphological differences); • Caspian Tern (<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>) (Baltic (bre) population – potential revision of the wintering range). 			<p>AEWA TC recommendations for the delineation of selected AEWA populations on Table 1 of the Action Plan (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.7 and AEWA/StC 24.9 Rev1).</p>	
<p>1.3. Review of Table 1 in Annex 3 to the Agreement Prepare a proposal for revision of Table 1 in AEWA Annex 3 for submission to MOP9. (<i>AEWA Article VII.3(b)</i>)</p>	<p>Essential</p>	<p>Fully implemented</p>	<p>Based on the population status assessments as part of the CSR9 development process and task 1.2 above, the TC prepared in 2025 a proposal for amendments to Table 1 of AEWA Annex 3 which was submitted to MOP9 by the United Kingdom in accordance with Article X of the Agreement.</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.16</p>
<p>1.4. Review of intended proposals for amendments to the Agreement Review the submission by Contracting Parties of intended proposals for amendments to the Agreement and its annexes and provide its advice on the text of the proposed amendments and the reasons for it to the submitting Contracting Party for its consideration not later than 180 days before the opening of the session of the Meeting of the Parties. (<i>Resolution 8.1</i>)</p>	<p>Essential/ No action required</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>As no Contracting Party submitted an intended proposal for review, the Technical Committee did not need to act on this task.</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>1.5. Definition of the term “livelihood”</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Fully implemented</p>	<p>In undertaking this task, the Technical Committee noted that some guidance is already provided by the</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP9 DR.1 Doc. AEWA/MOP9 DR.2</p>

<p>In the context of implementation of the Agreement, in particular paragraph 2.1.2 of Annex 3 (Action Plan), propose a definition of the term “livelihood” for consideration by MOP9. (<i>Resolution 8.3</i>)</p>			<p>AEWA Conservation Guidelines on Sustainable Harvest and concluded that in the context of paragraph 2.1.2, as well as in general with respect to the legal text of the Agreement, the term “sustainable” should be defined more clearly instead.</p> <p>It was agreed that livelihoods is a topic that is likely to be identified as an overarching and crosscutting issue in the context of the future Strategic Plan for the period 2029-2037 and it would benefit from a short guidance or guide to guidance for the Contracting Parties in this, broader, context.</p>	
<p>1.6. Guidance on Favourable Reference Values Develop more detailed guidance on the interpretation and establishment of Favourable Reference Values (FRVs) building on existing definitions and ongoing work under other relevant international frameworks. (<i>Resolution 8.4</i>)</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Not implemented</p>	<p>Although interaction was established with the European Commission on this topic and a process was initiated to simultaneously develop guidance for the EU and for AEWA on FRVs, it was ultimately determined that a more appropriate approach would be for the compilation of EU guidance to be concluded, with input from the AEWA Technical Committee, before proceeding with the development of AEWA-specific guidance.. This task will be carried over for implementation in the next triennium, funding permitting, and subject to the finalisation of the EU guidance.</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>1.7. Shortening of population names in Table 1 of AEWA’s Annex 3 (<i>task added by the TC at its 18th meeting in March 2023</i>)</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Fully implemented</p>	<p>At its 18th meeting in 2023 the Technical Committee agreed with exploring options for shortening population names following the principles described in document AEWA/TC 18.7. Proposed list of shortened names of all populations was agreed at TC19 in 2024 as</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.16</p>

			contained in document AEWA/TC 19.9. They were subsequently integrated into the proposal for amendments to Table 1 of AEWA Annex 3 which was submitted to MOP9 by the United Kingdom.	
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Species Conservation (Working Group 2)

Task	Priority	Status of implementation	Actions undertaken by the TC	Relevant MOP9 documents
<p>2.1. Priority list for species action and management planning</p> <p>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. (<i>Resolutions 6.8 and 7.5; Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>)</p>	Essential	Fully implemented	<p>At its first meeting of the triennium (18th meeting of the Technical Committee in March 2023) the Committee reviewed and modified the criteria for prioritisation, as agreed in the previous triennium. The criteria were applied and the Committee compiled a priority list of species/populations for action and management planning for the triennium 2023-2025.</p> <p>Under this task, the TC reviewed and approved the template for species action and management plan implementation evaluation reports as well as the methodology for evaluating implementation.</p> <p>Further to this, the TC also undertook a review of the existing Action and Management Plans for retirement, revision, update or extension, as part of the 9th edition of the Conservation Status Report, and compiled recommendations to MOP9.</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.13</p> <p>Doc. AEWA/MOP9 DR.3</p>

<p>2.2. Conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations Compile new or improved conservation and management guidance for priority species/population with no action or management plan in place and disseminate that guidance (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>); Compile conservation guidance for the Lesser White-fronted Goose (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021/2022; Resolution 8.4</i>). TC to consider how to optimise the approach to producing such guidance.</p>	<p>Essential</p>	<p>Fully implemented</p>	<p>Under this task the Technical Committee reviewed the approach to the production of conservation and management guidance and concluded that it is unrealistic to secure the investment in terms of time and finances for the compilation of guidance for all prioritised species/populations. Instead, the Committee agreed that the BirdLife International’s Species Factsheets can usefully assist Range States in identifying appropriate actions to reduce threats to priority populations and agreed to recommend the use of these Factsheets by Parties where no International Species Action Plan or AEWA conservation or management guidance exists for such populations, pursuant to target 1.3 of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, but to bear in mind that the Factsheets provide guidance at species-level rather than being specific to particular populations at the level of AEWA’s Table 1 listings.</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP9 DR.3</p>
<p>2.3. ISSAP Conservation Briefs Facilitate the production of a conservation brief of the ISSAP for the Greenland White-fronted Goose and circulate drafts of this to Range States for input. (<i>Resolution 8.4</i>)</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Fully implemented</p>	<p>David Stroud, as invited expert to the Technical Committee, compiled the draft conservation brief for the Greenland White-fronted Goose, which the Committee reviewed and approved at its 20th meeting in February 2025.</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP9 Inf.4</p>
<p>2.4. Sustainable harvests and the socio-economic importance of waterbirds Compile a desk study (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>). (<i>Resolutions 6.4; 6.15 and 7.2; CMS Flyways Programme of Work, Resolution 12.11, Annex 1</i>)</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Not implemented</p>	<p>In the previous triennium an ad hoc working group with external expertise was convened to address the tasks on the TC Work Plan related to sustainable harvest, including this task. The ad hoc working group compiled draft Terms of reference (ToR), which we slightly modified and approved by the Committee at its 18th</p>	<p>--</p>

			meeting in March 2023. Due to the lack of funding, the implementation of this task could not be outsourced. This task will be carried over for implementation in the next triennium, funding permitting.	
<p>2.5. Priorities for seabird conservation Review the seabird conservation priorities approved by MOP7 and provide guidance on their delivery (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021/2022</i>). (<i>Resolution 7.6</i>)</p>	High	Fully implemented	<p>Last triennium an ad hoc expert group on seabirds with external participation was identified and appointed to support the TC on this topic. In the current triennium the ad hoc working group compiled a document on the implementation and further prioritisation of seabird-related activities under AEWA, which also contains operational guidance for the Parties. The final document was approved by correspondence by the Committee for submission to MOP9.</p> <p>The Technical Committee also compiled a draft resolution on the topics of seabirds and of sea-level rise (task 3.4 of the TC's Work Plan).</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.24 Doc. AEWA/MOP9 DR.4</p>
<p>2.6. Guidance on adaptive harvest management (AHM) Prepare simple guidance on AHM drawing on existing knowledge, experience and processes and submit to Standing Committee as interim guidance ahead of MOP9. (<i>Resolution 8.8</i>)</p>	High	Not implemented	<p>The Technical Committee approved Terms of Reference for this task at its 18th meeting in March 2023. Due to the lack of funding, its implementation could not be outsourced. This task will be carried over for implementation in the next triennium, funding permitting.</p>	--
<p>2.7. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Participate in the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and disseminate its guidance to Parties and others via the Secretariat. (<i>Resolution 8.15</i>)</p>	No (immediate) action required	N/A	<p>Zurab Javakhishvili (regional representative of Eastern Europe) and Ruth Cromie (invited expert) were assigned to represent the Technical Committee in the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza.</p>	Doc. AEWA/MOP9 Inf.5

			Under this task the Technical Committee also approved and issued advice to the Parties on populations affected by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza for which monitoring should be enhanced. The advice was compiled by the invited expert Ruth Cromie.	
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Habitat conservation (Working Group 3)

Task	Priority	Status of implementation	Actions undertaken by the TC	Relevant MOP9 documents
3.1. Site inventory framework Reviewing submissions of national site inventories by Contracting Parties (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021/2022</i>). (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>)	Essential	Not implemented	Due to the lack of further submissions from Contracting Parties in the period 2023-2025 and the insufficient capacity of the Secretariat to administer the work on this topic with respect to previously submitted inventories, this task was not implemented. It will be carried over to the next triennium.	--
3.2. Site monitoring framework Develop the monitoring protocol, including data entry tools, set out in the Site Monitoring Framework adopted by MOP8 and, where appropriate, guidance for Contracting Parties on reporting on the status of, threats to, and the effectiveness of conservation measures at their flyway network sites. (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027; Resolution 8.6</i>)	Essential	Not implemented	Draft Terms of Reference for the implementation of this task were compiled and agreed by the Technical Committee at its 19 th meeting in March 2024, which was subsequently consulted with the Parties. Due to the lack of funding, the implementation of this task could not be outsourced. It will be carried over for implementation in the next triennium, funding permitting.	--

<p>3.3. Status of principal waterbird habitats Conduct Agreement-level assessment of the status of principal waterbird habitats in the wider environment, drawing on existing studies wherever possible (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021/2022</i>). (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>) (<u>A joint project with CMS and Raptors MoU covering all relevant bird taxa and respective habitats in the African-Eurasian flyways</u>)</p>	<p>Essential</p>	<p>Not implemented</p>	<p>Due to the lack of funding, the implementation of this task could not be outsourced. It will be carried over for implementation in the next triennium, funding permitting.</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>3.4 Sea-level rise impact Increase understanding of the consequences of sea-level rise on the Critical Site Network and the waterbird populations dependent on coastal habitats (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021/2022</i>). (<i>Resolution 7.9</i>)</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Fully implemented</p>	<p>David Stroud, as invited expert to the Technical Committee, compiled a draft document on implications of sea-level rise for migratory waterbirds and response options, which the Committee reviewed and approved at its 20th meeting in February 2025.</p> <p>The Technical Committee also compiled a draft resolution on the topics of sea-level rise and of seabirds (task 2.5 of the TC's Work Plan).</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.25 Doc. AEWA/MOP9 DR.4</p>
<p>3.5. Habitat conservation action plan On the basis of the assessment under task 3.3, 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 (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021/2022</i>). (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>)</p>	<p>Essential</p>	<p>Not implemented</p>	<p>Already in the last triennium, this task was merged with task 3.3 above.</p> <p>Due to the lack of funding, the implementation of this task could not be outsourced. It will be carried over for implementation in the next triennium, funding permitting.</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>3.6. Socio-economic importance of waterbirds</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>Not implemented</p>	<p>Draft Terms of Reference for the implementation of this task were compiled and agreed at the 20th meeting</p>	<p>--</p>

<p>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 (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>). (<i>Resolution 5.13</i>)</p>			<p>of the Technical Committee in February 2025. Due to the short remaining time until MOP9 and the lack of available funding, the implementation of this task could not be outsourced.</p> <p>It will be carried over for implementation in the next triennium, funding permitting.</p>	
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Management of human activities (Working Group 4)

Task	Priority	Status of implementation	Actions undertaken by the TC	Relevant MOP9 documents
<p>4.1. Tackling the four causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other threats</p> <p>(a) Explore how information could be gathered from Parties and others on lack of/poor implementation of guidance on reducing mortality, such that strategies for better support, including regional and/or sector-based initiatives, may be developed; pilot such an assessment on energy infrastructure and report to MOP9 conclusions on improving guidance implementation.</p> <p>(b) assess national reporting processes under other multilateral and/or international processes (e.g. Ramsar, CMS, CBD, EU) to assess sources of relevant information on waterbird mortality additional to information within AEWA national</p>	High	Not implemented	<p>No progress was made on this task.</p>	<p>--</p>

<p>reports, and make recommendations as to how this information could be routinely summarised.</p> <p>(c) update the list of AEWA and CMS decisions and guidelines relevant to avoiding additional and unnecessary mortality contained in Appendix 1 of Resolution 6.12 as well as including the inventory of relevant multilateral instruments and processes summarised in document AEWA/MOP 8.40 and make this synthesis available on AEWA's website in a form that can be regularly updated and broadened including with material and opportunities from fields beyond those motivated by biodiversity conservation. (<i>Resolution 8.15</i>)</p>				
<p>4.2. Reducing energy impacts – Energy Task Force</p> <p>Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.27 on Renewable energy and migratory species. 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>No (immediate) action required</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The Technical Committee is represented in the Task Force by Maria Dias (regional representation of North & South-west Europe).</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>4.3. Poisoning and agrochemicals</p> <p>Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 on Preventing poisoning of migratory birds. Task includes participation in the CMS Preventing Poisoning Working Group to provide further guidance and support in relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>). (<i>Resolution</i></p>	<p>No (immediate) action required</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The Technical Committee is represented in the Working Group by Ruth Cromie (invited expert).</p>	<p>--</p>

<p>6.12; <i>CMS Flyways Programme of Work, Resolution 12.11, Annex 1)</i></p>				
<p>4.4. Poisoning by lead shot Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 on Preventing poisoning of migratory birds. Task includes participation in the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Phasing Out the Use of Lead Ammunition and Lead Fishing Weights to provide further guidance and support in relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018 with pertinent updates based on CMS Resolution 11.15 (Rev.COP13)</i>). (<i>Resolution 6.12</i>)</p>	<p>No (immediate) action required</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Ruth Cromie, as invited experts, was assigned to represent the Technical Committee in the Task Force. The Task Force is yet to be convened by the CMS Secretariat.</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>4.5. Illegal killing Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.16 on the prevention of illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds and the CMS COP14 Resolution on the same subject. Task includes participation in the Intergovernmental Task Force to Address Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean, and the newly established TF for SW Asia, and technical support for implementation of the Plan of Action to Address Bird Trapping Along the Mediterranean Coasts of Egypt and Libya (<i>Resolution 6.12</i>). (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018; Resolution 8.15</i>)</p>	<p>No (immediate) action required</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Taulant Bino (regional representative of Central Europe), Hichem Azafzaf (regional representative of Northern Africa), and Nils Bunnefeld (thematic expert on rural economics) were assigned to represent the technical Committee in the Mediterranean Task Force.</p> <p>Mohammed Shobrak (TC chair and representative of South-west Asia) was assigned to represent the Technical Committee in the SW Asian Task Force.</p>	<p>--</p>

<p>4.6. Harvest data estimates from non-Party Range States Establish informed estimates of harvest of AEWA-listed waterbird species from non-Party Range States. (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>)</p>	<p>Essential</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p>	<p>The Technical Committee agreed to involve all non-Party Range States (nPRSs) in responding to the harvest data reporting module in the MOP9 reporting cycle, which the Secretariat implemented, but only one nPRSs submitted a report.</p> <p>Under this task the Technical Committee approved at its 18th meeting in March 2023 Terms of Reference (ToR) for outsourcing the compilation of guidance on methods and tools for harvest data collection. The ToR were compiled by the ad hoc working group as reported under task 2.4. Due to the lack of funding, the implementation of this sub-task could not be outsourced. It will be carried over for implementation in the next triennium, funding permitting.</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>4.7. Sustainability of harvest Undertake a rapid assessment of sustainability of harvest of declining quarry populations (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021/2022</i>). (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>)</p>	<p>Essential</p>	<p>Not implemented</p>	<p>Under this task the Technical Committee approved at its 18th meeting in March 2023 Terms of Reference (ToR) for outsourcing the rapid assessment of sustainability of harvest. The ToR were compiled by the ad hoc working group as reported under task 2.4. Due to the very low reporting rate of harvest data Parties and non-Party Range States as well as the lack of funding, the implementation of this sub-task could not be outsourced. It will be carried over for implementation in the next triennium, funding and data availability permitting.</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>4.8. World Coastal Forum (WCF) Note WCF and assess the significance of its knowledge products for AEWA. (<i>Resolution 8.7</i>)</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>Not implemented</p>	<p>No progress has been made on this task.</p>	<p>--</p>

Research and monitoring (Working Group 5)

Task	Priority	Status of implementation	Actions undertaken by the TC	Relevant MOP9 documents
5.1. Horizon scanning Periodically undertake horizon scanning exercises (for knowledge needs and gaps) working with others, as appropriate, and report the findings to the Meeting of Parties. (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027; Resolution 8.7</i>)	Other	Partially implemented	Based on document AEWA/MOP 8.30, the Technical Committee compiled and reviewed a draft of an updated review of the knowledge gaps and needs relevant for the implementation of the Agreement, but could not finalise it for submission to MOP9.	--
5.2. Integration of science-policy interface (task added by the TC at its 18 th meeting in March 2023)	Other	Partially implemented	The Technical Committee lead on task 5.2, the Chair of the Standing Committee and the Secretariat jointly compiled a draft paper on strengthening AEWAs science-policy interface, but due to time and capacity limitations, the document could not be finalised for submission to MOP9. Draft resolution 9.2 proposes the establishment of a MOP mandate for this task, which is to be delivered to MOP10.	Doc. AEWA/MOP9 DR.2

Education and information (Working Group 6)

Task	Priority	Status of implementation	Actions undertaken by the TC	Relevant MOP9 documents
6.1. Communication Strategy implementation Provide advice and prioritisation on the ongoing implementation of the Communication Strategy	Other	Fully implemented	Under this task, the Technical Committee compiled a CEPA work plan to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2019-2027 in the next triennium.	Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.11

(carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018). (Resolution 6.10)				
6.2. Experience sharing – AEWA priorities integration into NBSAPs Support Parties in compiling and sharing successful examples, best practice and guidance for the integration of AEWA priorities into NBSAPs and other national processes. (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>)	Essential	Not implemented	No progress has been made on this task.	--

Implementation (Working Group 7)

Task	Priority	Status of implementation	Actions undertaken by the TC	Relevant MOP9 documents
7.1. Conservation Status Review 9 Guide the process of preparation of Conservation Status Review 9 (Action Plan 7.4a) while taking into account reporting needs on the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027. (<i>AEWA Annex 3, paragraph 7.4</i>)	Essential	Fully implemented	At its 19 th meeting in March 2024, the Technical Committee agreed on the format for the 9 th Conservation Status Review (CSR9), which is the first CSR edition to feature assessment of pressures to AEWA populations and the responses to them. The production was outsourced to Wetlands International thanks to voluntary financial contributions from several Parties. The report was reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee by correspondence for submission to MOP9.	Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.13
7.2. Other international reviews Guide the process of preparation of a) review of (gaps of) information from surveys (<i>Action Plan</i>	Essential	Partially implemented	The updated review of the preparation and implementation of species action plans (7.4e) was	Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.13

<p>7.4b) – never compiled so far; b) updated review of pertinent hunting and trade legislation (<i>Action Plan 7.4d</i>) – 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 (<i>Action Plan 7.4e</i>) – last produced for MOP6 in 2015, next one is due for MOP8 in 2021. (<i>AEWA Annex 3, paragraphs 7.4 & 7.5</i>).</p>			<p>compiled as a chapter of the 9th edition of the Conservation Status Report.</p> <p>The other reviews could not be compiled due to the lack of resources.</p>	
<p>7.3. Review and reformatting of existing Conservation Guidelines Review AEWA Conservation Guidelines (CG) No. 3, 4, 7 and 8 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 12 (following the current review of CG format). Prioritise CG no.7 in particular considering issues of local community benefit in the context of the SDGs and other international targets. Submit any revised CGs to MOP 9. (<i>Resolution 7.8</i>)</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p>	<p>The Technical Committee undertook a revision of Conservation Guidelines No.4 on the Management of Key Sites for Migratory Waterbirds and No.7 on the Development of Ecotourism at Wetlands. The draft revisions were reviewed and agreed by the Technical Committee at its 20th meeting in February 2025 for submission to MOP9.</p> <p>Due to capacity issues, no further guidelines were reviewed or revised.</p> <p>In addition, a draft resolution was compiled for submission to MOP9.</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.26 Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.27 Doc. AEWA/MOP9 DR.5</p>
<p>7.4. Non-native species risk assessment 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</p>	<p>No (immediate) action required</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The Technical Committee agreed to scan horizon for any possible relevant new processes emerging and bring these to the Committee’s attention for decision on possible involvement.</p>	<p>--</p>

related legal instruments (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018). (<i>Resolution 6.4</i>)				
<p>7.5. Revision and update of Conservation Guidelines</p> <p>Implement its rolling programme to revise and update existing conservation guidelines and guides to guidance (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>). (<i>Resolutions 6.5; 7.6 and 7.8</i>)</p>	High	Partially implemented	Under this task the Technical Committee reviewed and signed off an overview of AEWA Conservation Guidelines and other MOP-adopted guidance, which was compiled by the Secretariat. This overview is presented as an annex to a MOP9 draft resolution.	Doc. AEWA/MOP9 DR.5
<p>7.6. Information supplementary to Conservation Guidelines</p> <p>Proactively research for relevant information supplementary to Conservation Guidelines and disseminate it to the Contracting Parties following the concept approved by the 16th meeting of the Standing Committee. (<i>Resolution 8.8</i>)</p>	Other	Not implemented	No progress has been made on this task.	--
<p>7.7. Register of conservation interventions</p> <p>Consider how information in national reports concerning conservation interventions may best be synthesised so as to build over time, a simple searchable register of shared experience which will support actions by Parties and others. (<i>Resolutions 8.7</i>)</p>	Essential	Not implemented	No progress has been made on this task.	--
<p>7.8. Approach to AEWA Conservation Guidelines</p> <p>Consider how to approach the provision of conservation guidelines, incl. vis-à-vis the mandate</p>	Medium	Fully implemented	At its 20 th meeting in February 2025 the Technical Committee reviewed the approach to compiling conservation guidelines and agreed that the new format used for the revision of Conservation Guidelines Nos. 4	--

contained in the Agreement, so that it is fit for purpose (<i>task added by the TC at its 19th meeting in March 2024</i>)			and 7 (see task 7.3 above) is to be utilised for future revisions or new guidelines.	
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Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues (Working Group 8)

Task	Priority	Status of implementation	Actions undertaken by the TC	Relevant MOP9 documents
<p>8.1. National Reports Revise, amend and enhance the national report format for 2021-2024 and make the necessary adjustments following MOP8 and particularly to review the reporting templates and frequency of reporting on the site network in line with the framework for the monitoring of the AEWA site network as well as with respect to addressing identified international priorities for capacity gaps and capacity needs (incl. national level assessments, qualitative self-assessment of level of knowledge and capacity, etc.). (<i>Resolutions 7.1, 8.3 and 8.6</i>)</p> <p>Prepare the draft national report format for MOP10 (2025-2027) to be submitted for consideration by MOP9. (<i>Resolution 8.3</i>)</p>	Essential	Fully implemented	<p>The Technical Committee reviewed and approved at its 18th and 19th meetings (March 2023 and March 2024) two iterations of the revision compiled by the Secretariat of the national report format for the period 2021-2024 adopted by MOP8 to accommodate the latest decisions by the MOP requiring reporting. The two iterations of the draft revised format were approved by the Standing Committee at its 23rd and 24th meetings in June 2023 and July 2024, and were administered by the Secretariat as two modules with submission deadlines on 31 December 2024 (Waterbird Harvest Data reporting module) and 13 May 2025 (Main National Report module).</p> <p>The Secretariat also prepared a draft national report format for the period 2025-2027 (Main National Report module) and for the period 2019-2024 (Population Status reporting module) for reporting to MOP10, which were reviewed and approved by the Technical</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.17 Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.18</p>

			Committee at its 20 th meeting (February 2025) for submission to MOP9 for consideration and adoption.	
<p>8.2. Plan of Action for Africa module for national reports</p> <p>Prepare the draft module on the Plan of Action for Africa for MOP10 (2025-2027) national reports to be submitted for consideration by MOP9. (<i>Resolution 8.3</i>)</p>	Essential	Fully implemented	The Secretariat compiled a draft revised format for the PoAA reporting to be used for MOP10 (period 2025-2027), which was reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee at its 20 th meeting in February 2025 for submission to MOP9 for consideration and adoption.	Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.19
<p>8.3. Monitoring of implementation of the Strategic Plan and the PoAA (2019-2027)</p> <p>Develop as a priority indicators for measuring implementation of the PoAA (<i>Resolution 8.3</i>); further develop the concept for the monitoring of the implementation of the SP and the PoAA with respect to assessing trend in implementation rate (<i>Resolution 7.1</i>) and undertake work to improve the assessment of the SP (plan for the assessment of the 22 postponed target-level indicators and the other target-levels indicators where need of additional or improved data has been identified, as well as purpose-level indicator P4). (<i>Resolution 8.3</i>)</p>	Essential	Fully implemented	<p>The Secretariat outsourced the development of indicators for measuring implementation of the PoAA, which were reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee at its 20th meeting (February 2025).</p> <p>The Technical Committee considered the mandate for developing a concept for the monitoring of the implementation of the SP and the PoAA with respect to assessing trend in implementation rate and agreed that the current assessment approach provides sufficient options for demonstrating trend in implementation rate.</p> <p>The proposed approach to assessing the 22 postponed target-level indicators of the SP and the other target-levels indicators where need of additional or improved data has been identified, as well as purpose-level indicator P4, was reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee at its 20th meeting in February 2025.</p>	--

<p>8.4. Harmonisation of reporting 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). (<i>Resolution 7.1</i>)</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p>	<p>In the current triennium the Technical Committee advanced the harmonisation of reporting by aligning the AEWA reporting on population status with the one under Article 12 of the Birds Directive of the European Union. This involved a close alignment of the reporting template and synchronisation of the reporting period and the frequency of reporting.</p> <p>This task will be carried over to the next triennium and further opportunities for harmonisation of reporting with other legal frameworks will be sought.</p>	<p>Doc. AEWA/MOP 9.18</p>
<p>8.5. AEWA's contribution to relevant global frameworks Finalise document AEWA/MOP 8.36 once the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework has been adopted by CBD COP15 and subsequently prepare a mid-term assessment of AEWA's contribution for MOP10. Compile concise triennial summaries of AEWA's contributions to the relevant global frameworks, i.e. SDGs, 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 (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021/2022</i>). (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027; Resolution 8.9</i>)</p>	<p>Essential</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p>	<p>At its 18th meeting in March 2023 the Technical Committee finalised document AEWA/MOP 8.36 for submission to the Standing Committee. The StC adopted the final version of the document at its 23rd meeting in June 2023.</p> <p>Due to capacity constraint, the triennial summary of AEWA's contributions to the relevant global frameworks could not be compiled.</p>	<p>--</p>

<p>8.6. Emerging diseases Continue to participate in the CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Wildlife Diseases (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>).</p>	<p>No (immediate) action required</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Zurab Javakhishvili (regional representative of Eastern Europe) and Ruth Cromie (invited expert) were assigned to represent the Technical Committee in CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Wildlife Diseases.</p> <p>Ruth Cromie compiled a note to the AEWA Contracting Parties on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and other outcomes on wildlife health coming out of CMS COP14, which the Secretariat disseminated to the Parties.</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>8.7. Implementation 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 (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>). (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027; CMS Flyways Programme of Work, Resolution 12.11, Annex 1</i>)</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Fully implemented</p>	<p>In this triennium the Technical Committee reviewed a submission for one potential IRP case file and provided advice to the Standing Committee.</p> <p>No other requests for advice have been received.</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>8.8. Other international guidance relevant to AEWA Review, contribute to (as appropriate) and disseminate to Parties and others, relevant guidance from other multilateral fora on the following issues: -Spatial planning; -Habitat restoration;</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>Not implemented</p>	<p>No progress has been made on this task.</p>	<p>--</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Addressing air- and water-borne nutrient pollution;-Agricultural sustainability;-Mainstreaming biodiversity requirements into other policies;-Provision of suitable information to decision makers. (<i>Resolution 8.9</i>)				
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