

Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds



Looking back
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Looking forward

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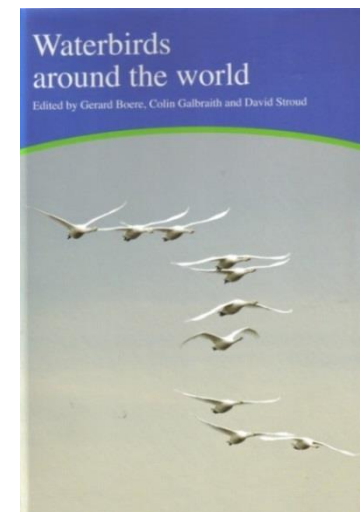
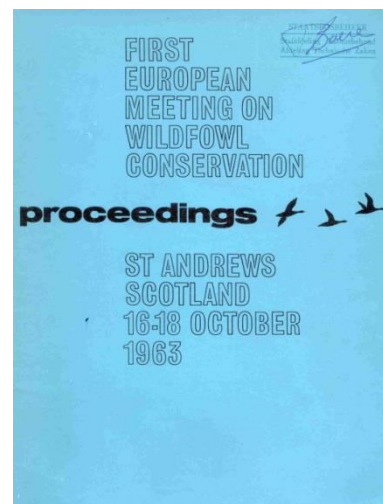
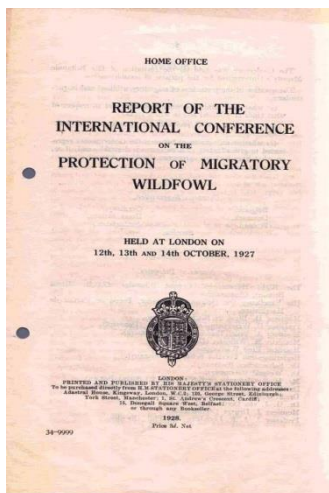
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Migratory waterbird conservation has a long history



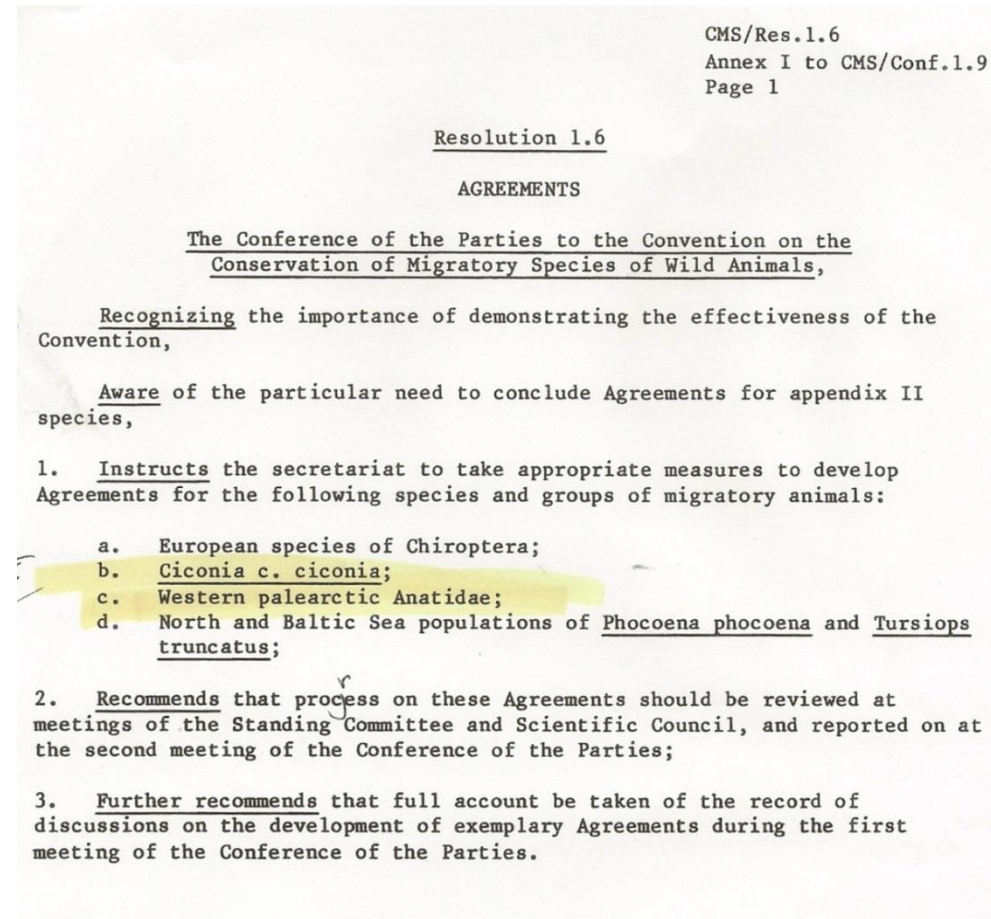
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The process of developing AEWA

1972: Stockholm conference
1979: Bonn Convention ready
1983: CMS/Bonn Convention came into force
1985: CMS/COP 1 in Bonn; Agreement Resolution 1.6
1987: start of work: Kalden, Nowak and Boere
1989: first presentation outline WPWA in Astrakhan
1990: Working group meeting The Hague
1994: informal consultations at COP Bonn in Nairobi
1995: June formal negotiation meeting; Final Act
1999: AEWA into force and MOP1 in Cape Town

2015: 20th Anniversary in Bonn

International arrangements of all types, take their time!



The 1985 Res.1.6 starting the process to develop WPAA towards AEWA

Original suggested aims for a Western Palearctic Waterbird Agreement

“Proper protection and management on a biological basis

Continuation of monitoring (counts, ringing etc.)

Collection of bag statistics

***Education of hunters to get knowledgeable and highly qualified
hunters***

Coordination of management plans”

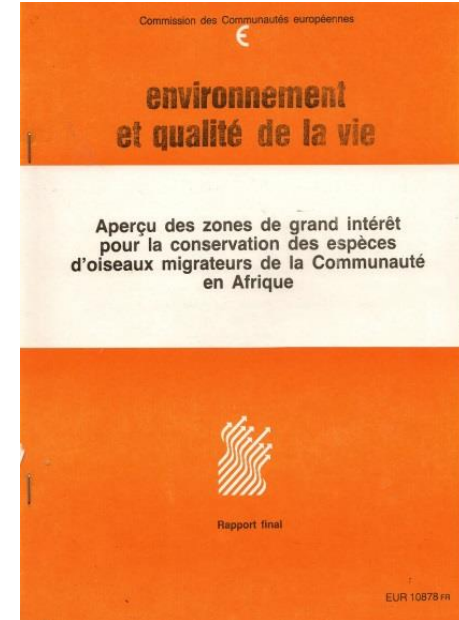
The Hague 1990



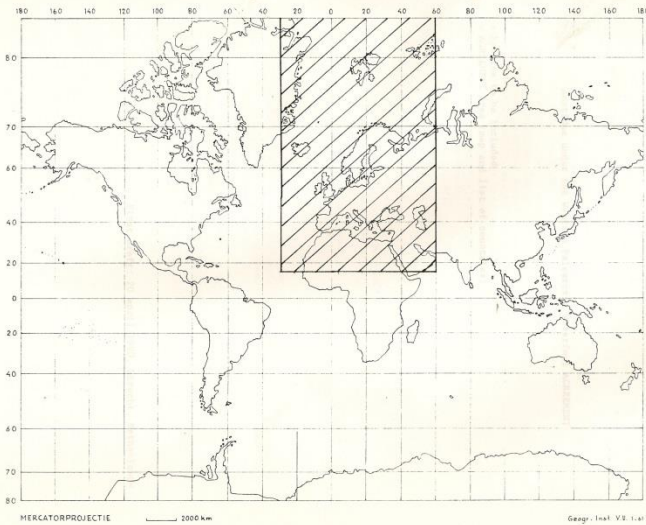
Opposition and problems..... Times have changed !

EU 1986

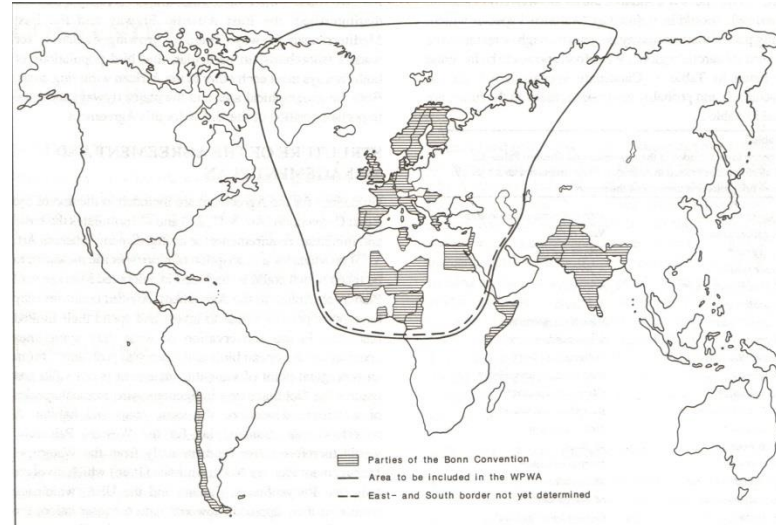
- **CMS not developing fast enough; CBD to take over?**
 - **EC competence Bird Directive; position of the Netherlands**
 - **Ramsar Convention: Article 5 is enough; no need**
 - **ICBP (BirdLife International): only hunted species; the rest is ours**
 - **Please not another 'Bird Directive' this time for Africa and Asia (hunting organisations)**
 - **Hunting legislation in the Netherlands;**
- can you trust them in developing AEWA?**



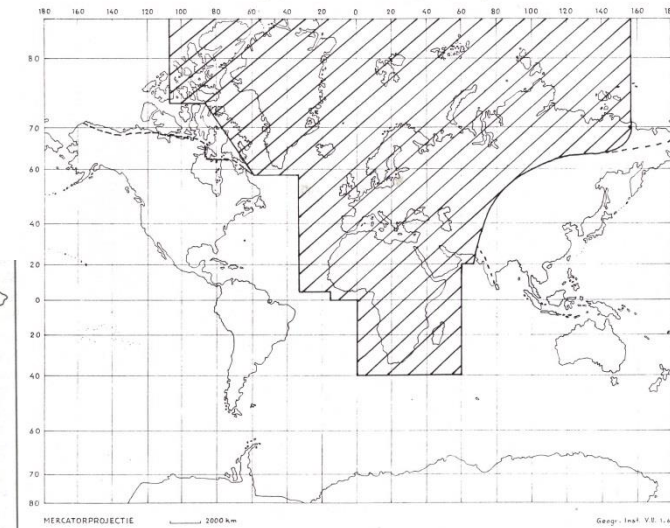
AEWA Map development



1988



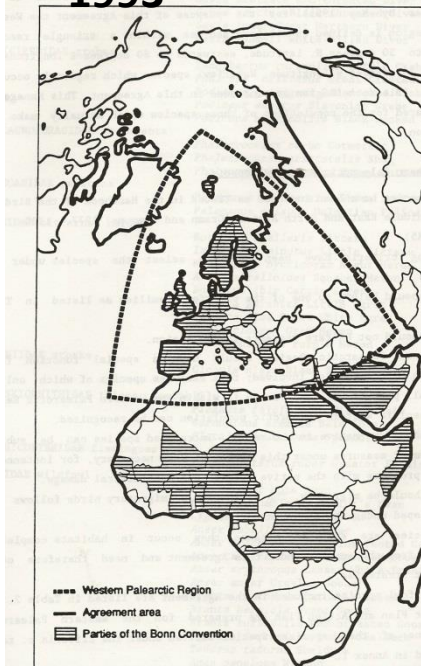
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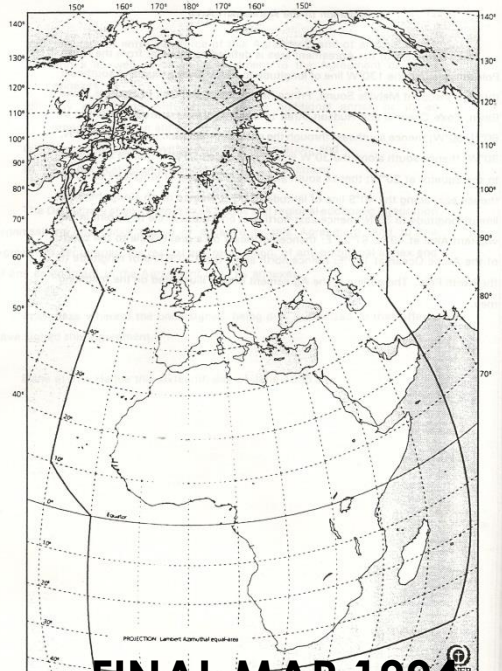
1991

FIGURE 1. THE WESTERN PALEARCTIC REGION AND THE AGREEMENT AREA.

1993



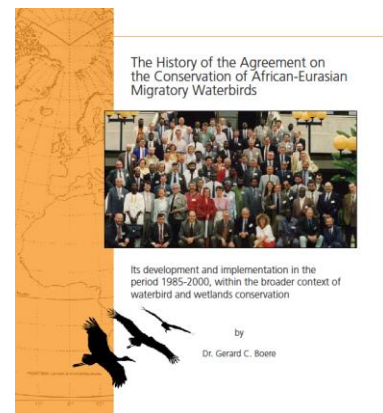
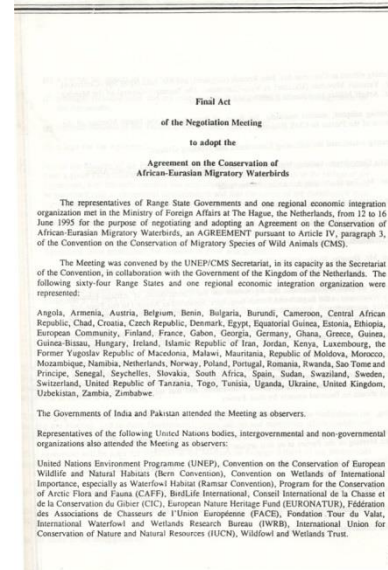
Annex 1a: Map of the Agreement Area



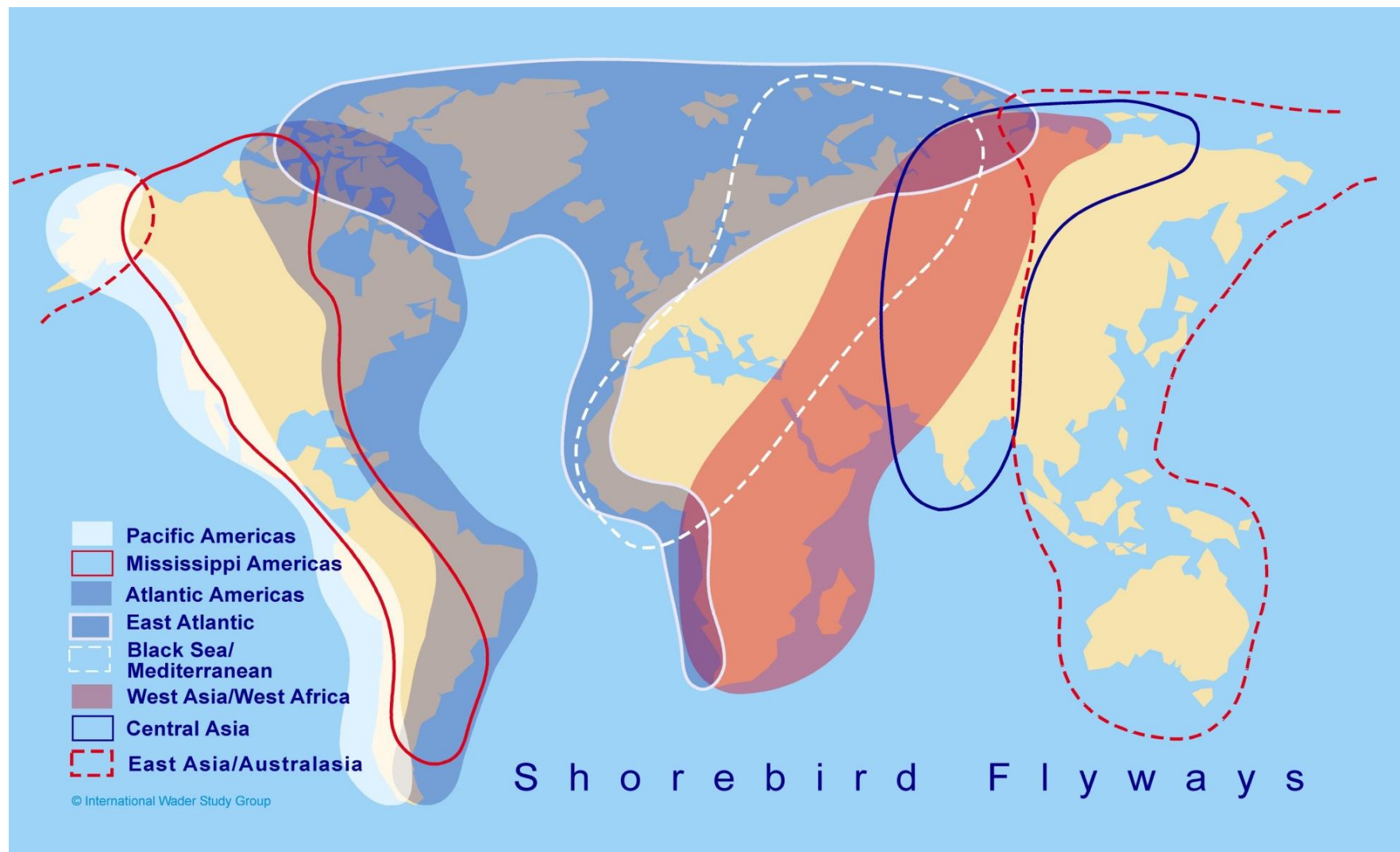
FINAL MAP 1994

The development of the AEWA area in the period 1987 - 1995

Negotiation Meeting June 1995



Global flyways; the general picture



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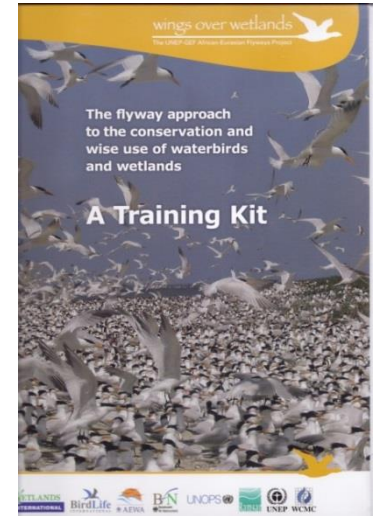
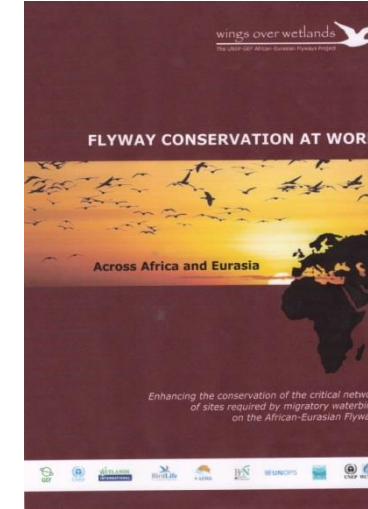
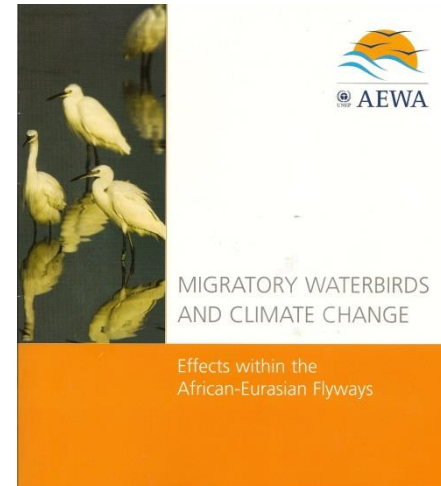
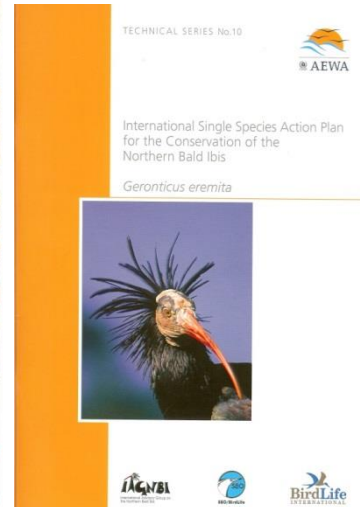
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MOP1 in 1999 and follow up.....



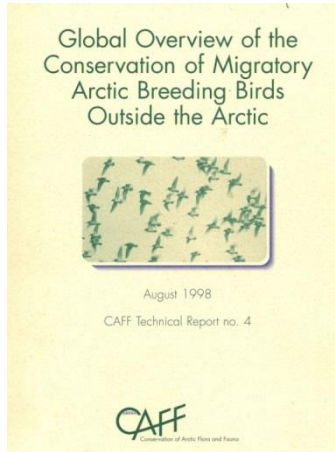
The African Initiative



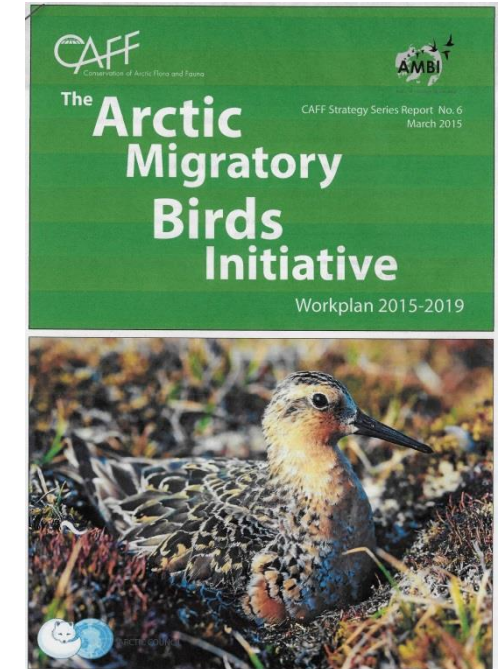
The Small Grants Fund



Arctic, sustainable use, politics, research, degrading habitats; etc.

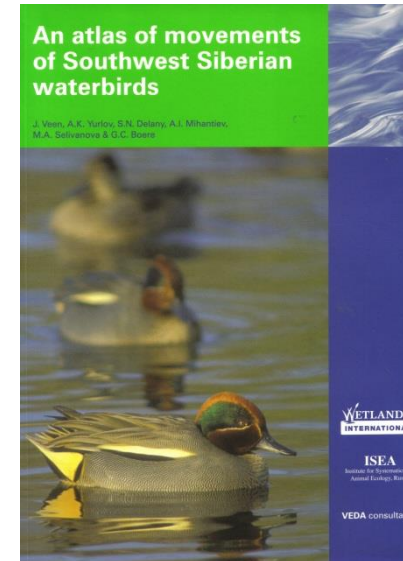
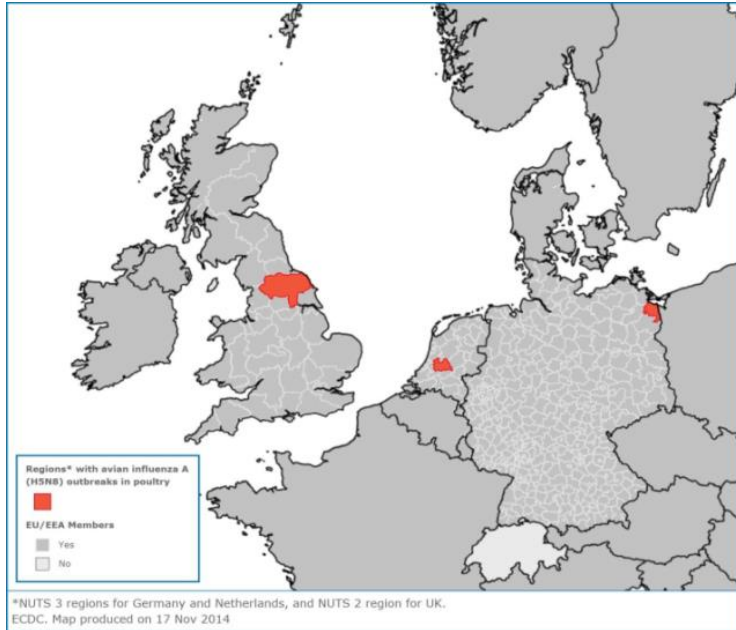


CAFF report 1998 CAFF Meeting in Nuuk, Greenland



AMBI Report 2015

Avian Influenza (H5N8; H5N1; what else....?)

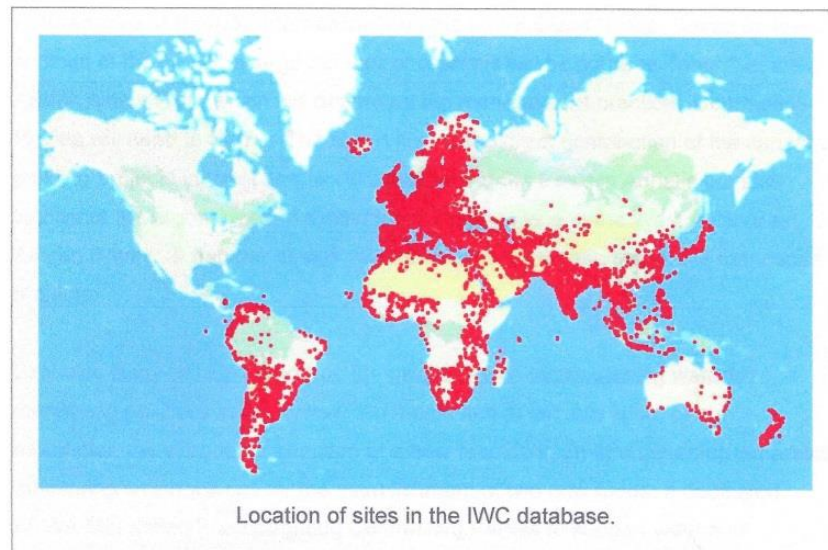
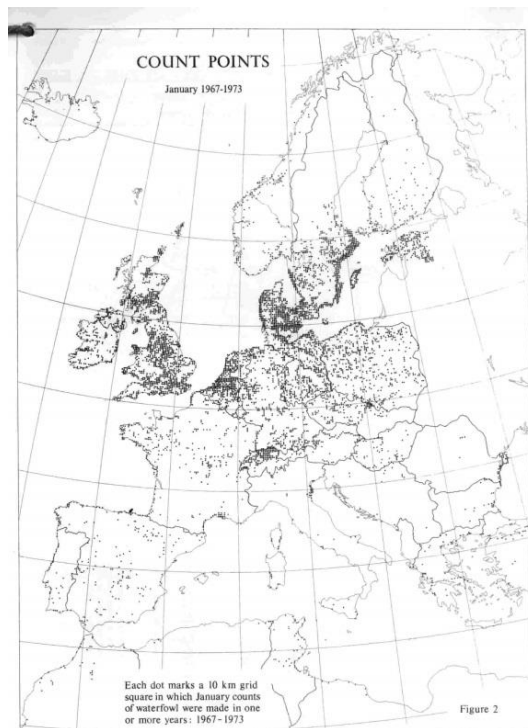


Veen c.s. 2005

ECDC data 2014; H5N8 outbreak

It is time for solid research on the East-West Migration and interconnections of migration routes within Central Asia. Funding from the European poultry industry?

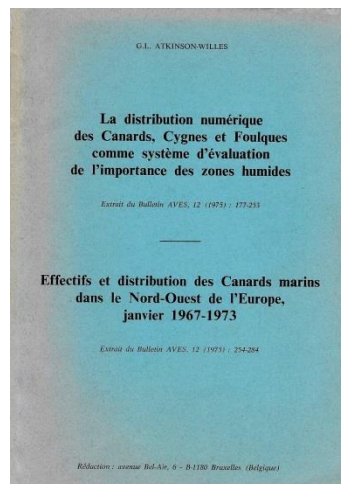
International Waterbird Census



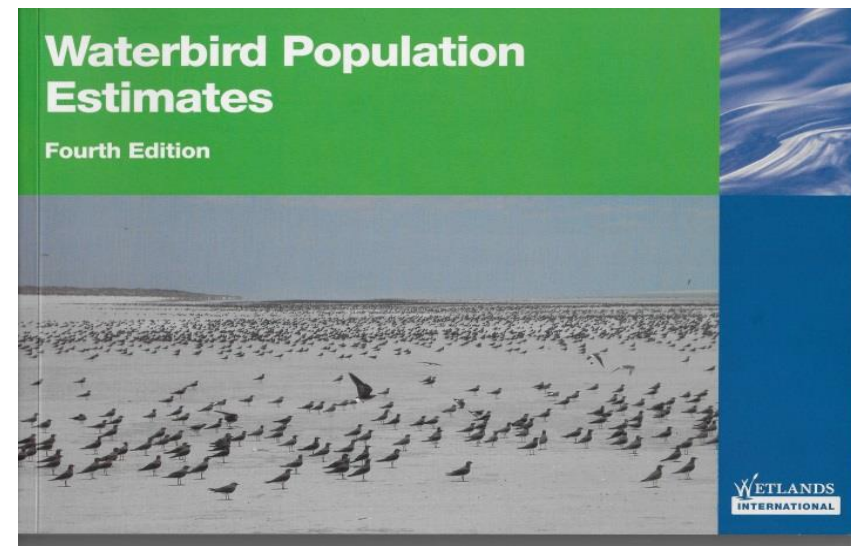
IWC sites 2014

IWC sites in 1974

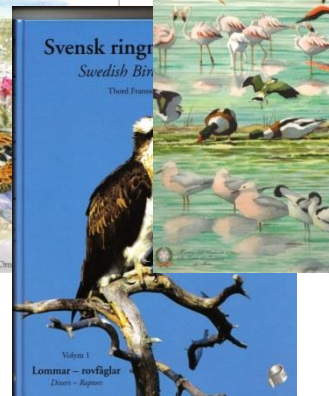
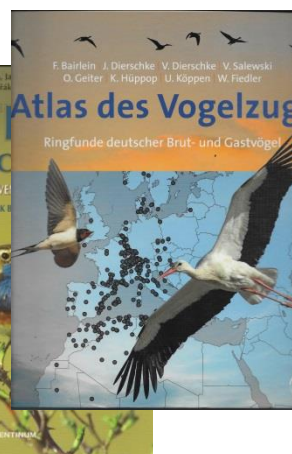
First published IWC report 1975



WSFI Report on the entire flyway 2014

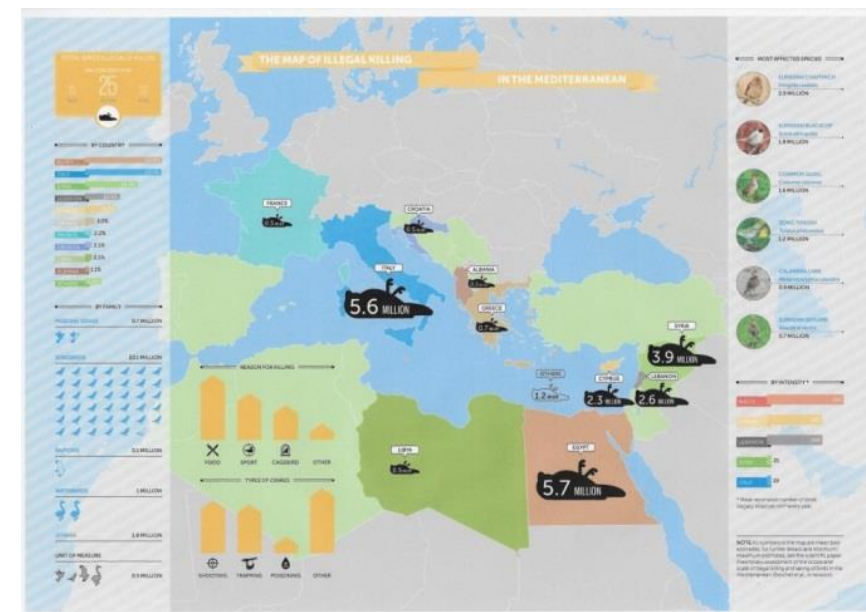


WPE publication 2006



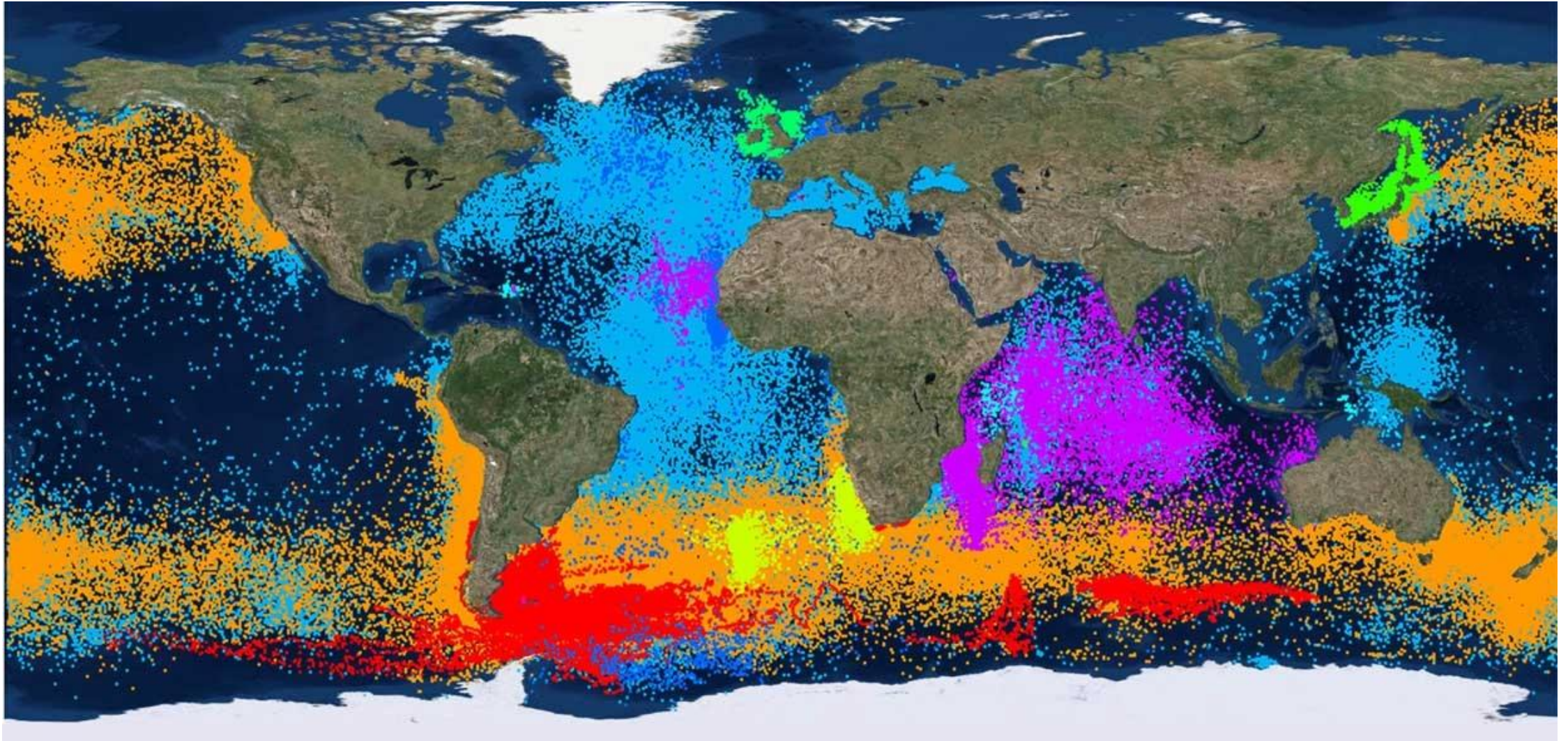
Landbird Action Plan region

Atlases with ringing results of many European countries



Illegal killing of birds BirdLife 2015

Global Seabird Tracking Database



(BirdLife, October 2015)

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Common Cranes above Noison

