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Sub-regional collaboration

AEWA PoAA workshop

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Background

AEWA:

- an intergovernmental treaty dedicated to the **conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in Africa**, Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, Greenland and the Canadian Archipelago
- brings **together countries** and the wider **international conservation community** in an **effort to establish coordinated conservation and management** of migratory waterbirds throughout their entire migratory range.





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RESOLUTION 4.9:

- Concerned decreasing trends rather than increasing trends
 - Africa holds the highest proportion of these populations
- Acknowledging that Range States, especially in Africa, lack the expertise and finances to provide adequate conservation responses
- Recalling the need to mobilize resources for the conservation of migratory species of waterbirds and their habitats
- Implementation of AEWA is relatively low in Africa
- **AEWA African Initiative** was adopted





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AEWA African Initiative

- **African Initiative for the Conservation of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats in Africa**
 - The AEWA Plan of Action for Africa (AEWA MOP5)
 - Measures included in the Plan cover the key activity areas of the Agreement such as
 - developing and implementing Species Action Plans
 - Lesser Flamingo
 - Corncrake
 - Maccoa duck
 - Slaty Egret
 - White-winged Flufftail
 - Grey crowned crane





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AEWA African Initiative

- **African Initiative for the Conservation of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats in Africa**
 - Measures included in the Plan cover the key activity areas of the Agreement such as
 - identifying and establishing a network of well-managed and protected sites of national and international importance for waterbirds
 - capacity-building for waterbird conservation and increasing the membership of the Agreement in Africa
 - South Africa - hosted the capacity building workshop in Cape Town






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AEWA African Initiative - Sub-regional Coordination

- In 2013 in Cape Town meeting the African region called for regional coordination
- At sub-regional level, specific guidance is provided by five Sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators
 - nominated from among the AEWA National Focal Point
 - NORTHERN AFRICA
 - EASTERN AFRICA
 - SOUTHERN AFRICA
 - WESTERN AFRICA
 - CENTRAL AFRICA
- Additional technical support is provided by a Technical Support Unit (TSU), offered by the Governments of France and Senegal.





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AEWA African Initiative - Sub-regional Coordination

Big question?????
Is Sub-Regional Coordination working?

Lessons can be shared





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AEWA African Initiative - African Regional Coordination/Collaboration

Actions that have taken place at a regional collaboration :


- White-winged Flufftail Species project - Eastern and Southern African region
- Support from the Secretariat
- Implementation and review of the White-winged Flufftail International Single species action Plan - 2008
- BirdLife South Africa:
 - South African partner of BirdLife International
 - Coordinator of this project
 - Middelpunt Wetland Trust
 - DEA - partially supported the project financially
 - National White-winged Flufftail Working Group - Government /Research institutions/NGOs
 - South Africa has recently been approved to be the Chair in the International WG





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Sub-regional collaboration actions that have taken place





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Sub-regional collaboration actions that have taken place

- Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs)
 - !Ai-!Ais/Richtersveld Transfrontier Conservation Park: South Africa and Namibia
 - Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (KTP): South Africa and Botswana.
 - Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area: South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe
 - Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park: (Formerly Gaza-Kruger-Gonarezhou Transfrontier Park) Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe.
 - Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation and Resource Area: Swazilandn Mozambique, and South Africa.
 - Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Area: Lesotho and South Africa.
- SADC protocols





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Any ideas on how to improve collaboration on the ground?

- Assistance from the AEWA Secretariat in terms of Coordination
 - White-winged Flufftail Species project - Eastern and Southern African region
- Commitment from parties
- Collaboration in terms of project funding - small grants
- Communicate more
 - Reporting time only
- We keep saying we need capacity building and thereafter everything goes back to normal
 - Working in silos (again)
- Maybe as Africa we need to indicate the type of capacity needed
- Maybe we need a coordinator not attached to government
 - Sourcing funding for projects



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THANK YOU!

