Inventory & monitoring of the AEWA Flyway Site Network

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AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027: Target 3.1

• Review and confirm the list of known sites of international and national importance
• By MOP8 Parties shall review and confirm the national inventory of sites
• The Technical Committee developed in 2019 a framework and workflow for this process, which the Secretariat rolled out in 2020
• To date only 9 African Parties submitted inventories (24%); 4 African non-Party Range States also submitted
• Follow-up activities post MOP8: gap filling surveys and reporting of updated inventories by MOP10 (2027)
AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027: Target 3.2

• Assess the status of, the threats to, and the effectiveness of conservation measures implemented at flyway network sites

• By MOP8, develop a monitoring framework for the AEWA flyway site network that is coordinated with similar reporting under other multilateral processes

• The Technical Committee developed such a draft monitoring and reporting framework (outsourced to BLI, WI, SOVON) – document 8.29

• Follow-up activities post MOP8: Parties start assessing and reporting on the status of their sites (by MOP9); the TC compiles a flyway-level assessment of the status of the site network (for MOP10)
Draft Site Monitoring Framework: document 8.29

• Makes use of the earlier work in the Technical Committee (draft Site Network Report – MOP5; 2012) and the recommendations for waterbird monitoring priorities for AEWA populations (document 8.27)

• Aims to avoid duplication - aligned with similar reporting processes under multilateral processes, notably:
  • the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands;
  • the EU Birds Directive; and
  • the Bern Convention Emerald Network.

• Proposes options for developing indicators of *State, Pressure* and *Response* for identified sites of national and international importance

• Proposes options for the potential application of remote sensing data in supporting these assessments

• Proposes a relatively simple framework, based on a selection of data fields from the Natura 2000 (and Emerald Network) Standard Data Forms

• Makes recommendations how such a site monitoring and reporting system could be rolled out at national and at Agreement-wide level
Draft Resolution 8.6

• Amongst others:

• Urges Parties to complete or revise, if requested, their site inventories and submit to the Secretariat by 31 March 2023;

• Approves for use the site monitoring and reporting framework (doc 8.29);

• Requests the Technical Committee, by MOP9, to further develop the monitoring protocol set out in document 8.29 and a guidance for Contracting Parties on reporting on the status of, threats to, and the effectiveness of conservation measures at their flyway network sites.
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