



Implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa - Report to MOP8

Introduction

The reporting module on the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027 was established in accordance with Resolution 7.1 of the 7th Meeting of the Parties (MOP7) to AEWA (South Africa, December 2018). In line with the mandate from AEWA Resolution 7.1, the format for the AEWA PoAA reporting module was prepared by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, reviewed by the AEWA TC and StC and approved by the latter for the purpose of reporting to AEWA MOP8.

The PoAA reporting module complements the general National Reporting on the implementation of AEWA in the African region. Its purpose is to obtain feedback on the delivery of those actions and processes outlined in the AEWA PoAA which are under the lead responsibility of the AEWA African Contracting Parties. The present PoAA reporting module covers expected deliverables scheduled for the period 2019-2020, for the purpose of reporting to AEWA MOP8. Actions and processes scheduled to be delivered beyond MOP8 are not taken into account but will be captured for reporting to subsequent MOPs.

List of Acronyms

AEWA: Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds / African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement

CBD: Convention on Biological Diversity

CEPA: Communication, Education and Public Awareness

CEPA FP: (AEWA) CEPA Focal Point

CMS: Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

CSR: (AEWA) Conservation Status Report

EIA: Environmental Impact Assessment

FP: Focal Point

IBA: Important Bird and Biodiversity Area

IMSAP: (AEWA) International Multi-Species Action Plan

IRP: (AEWA) Implementation Review Process

ISWG: (AEWA) International Species Working Group

ISSAP: (AEWA) International Single Species Action Plan

IWC: International Waterbird Census

MAB: (UNESCO) Man and the Biosphere Programme

MEA: Multilateral Environmental Agreement

MOP: Meeting of the Parties

NBSAP: National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

NFP: (AEWA) National Focal Point

NGO: Non-Governmental Organisation

NSAP: National Species Action Plan

PoAA: (AEWA) Plan of Action for Africa

Ramsar: The Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention)

SAP: Species Action Plan

SDG: Sustainable Development Goal

SEA: Strategic Environmental Assessment

SPMS: (CMS) Strategic Plan for Migratory Species

UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme

WHS: World Heritage Site

WMBD: World Migratory Bird Day

WWD: (Ramsar) World Wetlands Day

General Information

Name of reporting Contracting Party

>>> Ethiopia

Sub-region to which the country belongs in the framework of AEWA

Northern Africa: ALGERIA, EGYPT, LIBYA, MOROCCO and TUNISIA;

Eastern Africa: BURUNDI, DJIBOUTI, Eritrea, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, RWANDA, Somalia, South

Sudan, SUDAN, UGANDA and TANZANIA;

Southern Africa: Angola, BOTSWANA, Comoros, ESWATINI, Lesotho, MADAGASCAR, MALAWI, MAURITIUS, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, SOUTH AFRICA, Zambia and ZIMBABWE;

Western Africa: BENIN, BURKINA FASO, Cabo Verde, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, THE GAMBIA, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, Liberia, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, Sierra Leone and TOGO;

Central Africa: Cameroon, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, CONGO, Democratic Republic of the Congo, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GABON and São Tomé and Príncipe;

Eastern Africa

Date of entry into force of AEWA in the Contracting Party:

>>> 1st February 2010

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Section 1. Species Conservation

Implementation of Objective 1: To strengthen species conservation and recovery and reduce causes of unnecessary mortality

1.1) Has a collaborative workflow /process been established, following the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP7) to AEWA, which guides the review and update of relevant domestic legislation taking into account the amendments to the AEWA Annex 3, Table 1 as adopted by MOP7 (PoAA Targets 1.1.a and 1.1.b)?

No, the workflow/process has not been established: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to establish the workflow/process and when:

>>> There is a plan to establish the workflow by early 2022.

Text field for additional information (optional)

>>> Because of the restructuring of the the institution which is responsible for the implemetation of AEWA/PoAA (the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority) there are delays to fully implement the actions in the PoAA especially those which need collaborations with other partners.

1.2) Has a review been undertaken in your country to assess the status of enforcement of relevant domestic legislation relating to AEWA species conservation (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?

No, such a review of enforcement is yet to be conducted: Please explain why the review has not yet been conducted and indicate whether there are plans to conduct it in the future and when

>>> The same reason as above and this activity will be done at the end of 2021 when the restructuring of the institution gets completed.

Text field for additional information (optional)

>>> Until now we are using the country's Wildlie Regulation 163/2008 which lists all bird species which are protected by law which also comprises the list of many of the AEWA species.

1.3.) Has a review been undertaken in your country to assess the degree of compliance of relevant domestic legislation with the obligations relating to AEWA species conservation (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?

No, such a review of the degree of compliance is yet to be undertaken: Please explain why the review has not been undertaken and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when:

>>> Change in the Focal Point for AEWA did make unable to get all full information about the AEWA/PoAA and this has made a delay in getting all the agreement duties and responsibilities to catch up with the implementation of the actions.

1.4) Following MOP7, has your country established any measures to strengthen compliance with domestic legislation relating to the conservation of AEWA species (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?

No, such measures to strengthen compliance are yet to be established: Please explain why measures have not been established and indicate whether there are plans to establish them and when

>>> Change in the Focal Point for AEWA did make unable to get all full information about the AEWA/PoAA and this has made a delay in getting all the agreement duties and responsibilities to catch up with the implementation of the actions.

Text field for additional information (optional)

>>> At present the degree of compliance and law enforcement for species in the country is very weak. inspite of this illegal killing of wild birds is forbiden by law.

1.5) Has the national AEWA implementing agency in your country taken any actions to raise the awareness of relevant national stakeholders regarding any updates to domestic legislation and related obligations that resulted from the amendments to the AEWA Text Annex 3, Table 1 adopted by AEWA MOP7 (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?

Not applicable, as no domestic legislative updates/new provisions were required following the review of the amendments to the AEWA Text, Annex 3, Table 1 adopted by AEWA MOP7: Please provide any additional explanation/justification

1.6) Based on the current priority list of AEWA species/populations requiring International Single Species Action Plans (ISSAPs)/International Multi-Species Action Plans (IMSAPs), has the AEWA National Focal Point (NFP) created or updated the national list of AEWA species

requiring AEWA ISSAPs/IMSAPs (PoAA Target 1.2.a)?

No, such a national AEWA ISSAP/IMSAP list has not yet been created/updated. Briefly explain why and indicate whether the list will be created/updated in future and when

1.7) Following MOP7, has your country been involved in / contributed to the development or revision of any AEWA ISSAPs/IMSAPs relevant for the country (PoAA Target 1.2.b)?

Not relevant, as there was no AEWA ISSAP/IMSAP development or revision process relevant for my country during this reporting period

1.8) For each of the existing AEWA ISSAPs/IMSAPs (i.e. Species Action Plans - SAPs) relevant for your country and for which International Species Working Groups (ISWGs) have been convened, please indicate what actions have been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the plans, by selecting all applicable responses from the drop-down menu and providing additional information as required (PoAA Targets 1.2.c, 1.2.d and 1.2.g):

Ethiopia

Ferruginous Duck / *Aythya nyroca*

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> This is not relevant for our country and no priority was given. There was not government representative assigned.

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> It is not relevant for our country and no priority was given.

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> Not Relevant for our country and was not a priority.

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> Not Relevant to our country and no priority is given.

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why

>>> Not Relevant for our country and no priority was given

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Not Relevant for our country and no priority was given.

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> Not relevant for our country and it was not a priority.

Shoebill / *Balaeniceps rex*

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

Yes. Please indicate their names

>>> Mr. Kumera Wakjira

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

Yes: please indicate their names

>>> Mr. Mihret Ewnetu

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> Activities during the COVID period were limited and little has been done to establish a National Working Group.

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> There was limited financial and technical capacity to do this. We are now approaching people to raise funds and share experience on the way to proceed with action plan development. The development of the plan depends on the factors mentioned above and if everything goes well

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why

>>> As there was no any species action plan to implement there was no any effort to secure in-kind and financial resources for implementation.

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Because all the strategic objectives mentioned in the NBSAP are broad in their content which focus on ecosystem conservation and livelihood improvement of the community by improving the biodiversity values of the country. The only specific target mentioned in the document is By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained. We shall include the ISSAP/IMSAP issues after 2020 when the NBSAP of the country is revised.

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> There has not been SAPs for the species indicated and no actions were proposed. This will be high priority in the coming years from 2021 onwards if the peace and security issues of the region where the bird lives is guaranteed.

Great Snipe / Gallinago media

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> Not Relevant for our country and priority was not given.

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> Not Relevant for our country and there is no national expert designated. This species is not a priority.

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> Not relevant for our country and there was no NSWG established.

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> Not relevant for our country and was not a priority action.

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why

>>> It was not a priority of the country. Not relevant for the country.

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Because all the strategic objectives mentioned in the NBSAP are broad in their content which focus on ecosystem conservation and livelihood improvement of the community by improving the biodiversity values of the country. The only specific target mentioned in the document is By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained. We shall include the ISSAP/IMSAP issues after 2021 when the NBSAP of the country is revised.

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> This is not relevant for the country and priority was not given.

Northern Bald Ibis / *Geronticus eremita*

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

Yes. Please indicate their names

>>> Different individuals at different times. Dr. Kifle Argaw, Mr. Ewnetu Bilata, Mr. Kahsay Gebre Tensae. Currently Mr. Kumera wakjira

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

Yes: please indicate their names

>>> Mr. Mihret Ewnetu
Mr. Megistu Wondafrash

A National Species Working Group has been established

Yes: Please indicate the members of the ISWG

>>> Mr. Kahsay Gebre Tensae, Mr. Mihret, Mr. Mengistu Wodafrash, Mr. Yilma delelegn, Dr. Bruktait Abdu

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> Finance is a limitation and there was no support provided from international experts from AEWA.

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

Yes: Please indicate the type of resources secured, and specify the amounts and sources (donors)

>>> It was from government budget for the survey of Northern bald Ibis in its wintering ground in 2019. It was 226 dollars,

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Because all the strategic objectives mentioned in the NBSAP are broad in their content which focus on ecosystem conservation and livelihood improvement of the community by improving the biodiversity values of the country. The only specific target mentioned in the document is By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained. We shall include the ISSAP/IMSAP issues after 2021 when the NBSAP of the country is revised.

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

Yes: Please indicate the kinds of activities, when they were conducted and any flyway collaboration efforts engaged (e.g. relating to flagship species or twinning of sites)

>>> Survey work to know whether the species is using the site at its wintering ground in the central highlands of the country in December 2019.

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[In search of the Northern Bald Ibis in Central Ethiopia \(1\).docx](#)

Black-winged Pratincole / *Glareola nordmanni*

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> There was no any request either from AEWA or the responsible coordinator. If the request comes either from AEWA or the coordinator of the Black-winged Pranticole International Single species Action Plan.

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> There was no any request either AEWA or the responsible coordinator. If the request comes either from AEWA or the resonsible coordinator for the Black-winged Pranticole ISSAP.

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> The country is not a member of the ISSWG and a NSWG is not established.

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> There is no NSWG to facilitate the development of NSAP and also finacial constriant.

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why

>>> No NSAP to implemnet for the species and no resource secured.

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Because all the strategic objectives mentioned in the NBSAP are broad in their content which focus on ecosystem conservation and livelihood improvement of the community by improving the biodiversity values of the country. The only specific target mentioned in the document is By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained. We shall include the ISSAP/IMSAP issues after 2021when the NBSAP of the country is revised.

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

Yes: Please indicate the kinds of activities, when they were conducted and any flyway collaboration efforts engaged (e.g. relating to flagship species or twinning of sites)

>>> Annual waterbird monitoring scheme considers the Black-winged pratincole as a species to be monitored in its habitats.

Black-tailed Godwit / Limosa limosa

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

Yes. Please indicate their names

>>> Different individuals at different times that include Dr. Kifle Argaw, Mr. Ewnetu Bilata, Mr. Kahsay Gbre Tensae and the current governemet rrepresentative is Mr. Kumera Wakjira

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> Priority was given to other species.

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No, but this is ongoing: Indicate when it is expected to be completed

>>> There was no NSWG who has been responsible for the development of NSAP.

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why

>>> There was no NSAP to be implemented and no financial and in-kind resources have been secured.

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

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Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> Annual Waterbird monitoring which also takes into consideration the count of Black-tailed Godwit.

Maccoa Duck / Oxyura maccoa

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> There was no request from AEWA or the concerned International coordinator for the assignment of a government representative for the species.

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> There was no request from AEWA or the concerned International coordinator for the assignment of a national expert for the species.

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> This is not a priority species to establish a NSWG.

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> There is financial limitation and lack of experts.

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why

>>> There is no NSAP for implementation and there have not been any in-kind and financial resources secured for implementation.

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Because all the strategic objectives mentioned in the NBSAP are broad in their content which focus on ecosystem conservation and livelihood improvement of the community by improving the biodiversity values of the country. The only specific target mentioned in the document is By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained. We shall include the ISSAP/IMSAP issues after 2021 when the NBSAP of the country is revised.

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

Yes: Please indicate the kinds of activities, when they were conducted and any flyway collaboration efforts engaged (e.g. relating to flagship species or twinning of sites)

>>> Annual waterbird monitoring scheme which includes the monitoring scheme of Maccoa Duck

Lesser Flamingo / Phoeniconaias minor

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

Yes. Please indicate their names

>>> Different Individuals at different times that include Dr. Kifle Argaw, Mr. Ewnetu Bilata, Mr. Khsay Gebre Tensae and the current governemet representative Mr. Kumera Wakjira

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

Yes: please indicate their names

>>> Mr. Mihret Ewnetu

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> People from other institutions were not ready to collaborate eventhough we inform them by formal letter to establish the NSWG.

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> Financial limitation is crucial and also there is lack of expertees

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why

>>> There is no NSAC for implemetation and securing financial and in-kind resources were not tried.

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Because all the strategic objectives mentioned in the NBSAP are broad in their content which focus on ecosystem conservation and livelihood improvement of the community by improving the biodiversity values of the country. The only specific target mentioned in the document is By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained. We shall include the ISSAP/IMSAP issues after 2021when the NBSAP of the country is revised.

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

Yes: Please indicate the kinds of activities, when they were conducted and any flyway collaboration efforts engaged (e.g. relating to flagship species or twinning of sites)

>>> Annual Waterbird monitoring scheme which takes into account the monitoring of the Lessere Flamingo and its habitats.

White-winged Flufftail / Sarothrura ayresi

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

Yes. Please indicate their names

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A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

Yes: please indicate their names

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A National Species Working Group has been established

Yes: Please indicate the members of the ISWG

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A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

Yes: Please indicate when it was developed and provide a copy

>>> In November 2019

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[IWG 3.5 WwF 3IWG Implementation plan 4 Feb 2020.docx](#)

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

Yes: Please indicate the type of resources secured, and specify the amounts and sources (donors)

>>> \$15,000 dollars has been secured by the auspices of AEWA and the government of Ethiopia made an in-kind support in the form of vehicles to travel to the field on accomplishing the project activities at Berga wetland to safeguard white-winged Flufftail.

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Because all the strategic objectives mentioned in the NBSAP are broad in their content which focus on ecosystem conservation and livelihood improvement of the community by improving the biodiversity values of the country. The only specific target mentioned in the document is By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained. We shall include the ISSAP/IMSAP issues after 2021 when the NBSAP of the country is revised.

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

Yes: Please indicate the kinds of activities, when they were conducted and any flyway collaboration efforts engaged (e.g. relating to flagship species or twinning of sites)

>>> Strengthening the role of Site Support Groups around the wetland habitat, Awareness raising of the communities living around the wetlands, promoting community based development projects to safeguard the habitat of White-winged Fluff-tail. The annual waterbird monitoring scheme also includes the White-winged Flufftail.

Sociable Lapwing / Vanellus gregarius

A government representative to the ISWG has been designated

Yes. Please indicate their names

>>> Different individuals at different times that include Dr. Kifle Argaw, Mr. Ewnetu Bilata, Mr. Kahsay Gebere Tensae and the current government representative is Mr. Kumera Wakjira

A National expert to the ISWG has been designated

Yes: please indicate their names

>>> Mr. Mihret Ewnetu

A National Species Working Group has been established

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> The species is not a priority in the country as there are only a pair of old records which visited the country in the last 40 years.

A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> This is not a priority species for National Action Plan and not relevant for the country.

Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?

No: Please explain why

>>> There was no national action plan of the species for implementation.

The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Because all the strategic objectives mentioned in the NBSAP are broad in their content which focus on ecosystem conservation and livelihood improvement of the community by improving the biodiversity values of the country. The only strategic objective mentioned in the document says by 2021 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained. We shall include the ISSAP/IMSAP issues after 2020 when the NBSAP of the country is revised.

Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> As it is not relevant for the country, priority is not given and as such there is no SAP for the species.

Text field for additional information (optional)

>>> There was an effort to establish the ISAP for the social Lapwing and the first international working Group meeting was launched in Palmyra Syria in 2011. Unfortunately, this effort has ceased in later years and if this resumes it will be nice for the species to get more information on the current status which will be achieved through experience sharing among countries and also exchange of information.

1.9) Has your country produced the national list of waterbird populations for which it hosts >1% of the population and which have been identified as being in unfavorable conservation status and requiring conservation and management guidance (PoAA Target 1.3.c)?

Not applicable, as there are no AEWA populations identified as being in unfavorable conservation status and for which the country hosts >1% of the individuals: Please provide any further information/justification/explanations as applicable

1.10) Has a national waterbird monitoring scheme been developed/updated for your country (PoAA Target 1.4.a)?

Yes

Please indicate in which period

Later than 12 months after MOP7: Please indicate when, mention the key stakeholders involved and provide a brief overview and/or supporting documentation/weblink of the developed/updated national waterbird monitoring scheme

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[IWC_Report_2019.pdf](#)

Does the new/updated national waterbird monitoring scheme take into account relevant site management and other national and international priorities?

Yes: Briefly outline the key site management and other national and international priorities taken into consideration

>>> Key waterbird feeding and staging grounds are highly invaded with invasive species of Water Hyacinth and *Persicaria* spp. which is threatening the life support systems of waterbirds. To reduce the negative effects of these invasive species on the habitats of waterbirds and other lifeforms that depend on wetlands the government has allocated budget to remove these vegetations and create optimum space as feeding, breeding and foraging grounds starting from 2020.

1.

The national waterbird monitoring scheme does not include a resource mobilization plan for securing resources for its implementation: Briefly explain why and indicate whether the national resource mobilization plan will be developed in the future and when

>>> The waterbird monitoring scheme is based on the annual budget allocation scheme and there is no any resource mobilization for its implementation.

2.

Resources (financial and/or in-kind) have been secured to support the implementation of the national waterbird monitoring scheme: Please indicate the type of resources (e.g. financial or in-kind), when they were secured, the donors and the amounts secured

>>> Resources both in-kind and financial are secured from the government treasury on an annual basis with no donors supporting the scheme up to now.

3.

Access to waterbird monitoring data has been granted to key stakeholders: Please indicate which stakeholders

>>> Ethiopian Electric Power, Ethiopian Electric Utility and Ethiopian Wildlife & Natural History Society.

Text field for additional information (optional)

>>> To strengthen the effectiveness of the waterbird monitoring scheme the participation of international donors is crucial as getting funds for this cause is very difficult at national level.

1.11) At the time of this reporting, has a national committee been established/re-activated to coordinate the waterbird monitoring activities conducted by different stakeholders in your country (PoAA Target 1.4.a)?

No, a national waterbird monitoring committee is yet to be established: Please explain why such a committee has not yet been established and indicate whether measures will be taken to establish it in the future and when:

>>> The interest of Environmental institutions to be involved in the national waterbird monitoring scheme is very minimal and only Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority which is the focal institution for AEWA is trying its best to continue the scheme which of course the support of the local NGO the Ethiopian Wildlife & Natural History Society cannot be undermined.

Text field for additional information (optional)

>>> Efforts to establish the national waterbird committee is our priority in the future and will try our best to convince institutions for the the formation and strengthening of the waterbird monitoring scheme in the country.

1.12) Following MOP7, has your country conducted any joint waterbird monitoring activities with neighbouring countries (transboundary) or other countries along the flyway (PoAA Target 1.4.a)?

No: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are any plans to foster collaboration for waterbird monitoring at the transboundary or flyway level

>>> There was any partnership established for waterbird monitoring scheme at tranboundary level.

Text field for additional information (optional)

>>> We have a future plan to make a joint effort of transboundary water monitoring with South Sudan and Djibouti as we have a lot of shared waterbirds which require consrvation collaboration.

1.13) Has your country established any mechanisms to collect relevant information/data on drivers of waterbird population trends in collaboration with existing schemes such as the International Waterbird Census (IWC) or Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBA) (PoAA Target 1.4.b)?

No, so far, no such mechanisms have been established: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be addressed in the future and when:

>>> We have insufficient experts and we are trying to address this in the future in 2022.

1.14) Has monitoring of drivers of waterbird population trends been incorporated into the national biodiversity monitoring programme for your country (PoAA Target 1.4.b)?

Not applicable, as there is no national biodiversity monitoring programme: Please provide any additional explanation/information/justification

1.15) Following MOP7, did the AEWA NFP/Technical Focal Point (TFP) retrieve from national IWC Coordinators waterbird data analysis based on the 7th edition of the Conservation Status Report (CSR7), IWC and other national monitoring data/schemes (PoAA Target 1.5.b)?

No, national waterbird data analysis based on CSR7, IWC and other monitoring data/scheme has not yet been retrieved from the national IWC Coordinator: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

1.16) In the years 2019 and 2020, did the AEWA TFP coordinate the analysis of national waterbird monitoring data (PoAA Target 1.5.b)?

No, the AEWA TFP did not coordinate the analysis of national waterbird monitoring data in 2019 and/or 2020: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to coordinate the analysis of national waterbird monitoring data in future years Text Field

>>> We did not have the 2020 waterbird count data to do the analysis and comparison.

1.17) Following MOP7, has your country influenced multilateral processes for advancing AEWA priorities related to preventing four causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats to migratory waterbirds and their habitats (i.e. energy infrastructure, especially powerlines and wind turbines; illegal taking & killing; fisheries bycatch; and invasive alien species), at the national, international or regional levels? (PoAA Targets 1.6.b, 1.6.c and 1.6.d)

Yes

If yes, in which of the following ways did your country influence these multilateral processes ? Please select all applicable options.

Through collaborating with other AEWA Parties / partners to implement ongoing or new Action Plans/activities/projects/initiatives that contribute to preventing/minimizing these threats: Please specify the Parties / partners concerned, the Action Plans/activities/ projects/initiatives concerned and the key AEWA priorities taken into consideration:

>>> CMS through its Energy Task Force (ETF) network.

Section 2. Sustainable Use: Implementation of Objective 2 “To ensure that any use and management of migratory waterbird populations is sustainable across their flyways”

2.1) Following MOP7, has your country established any national mechanism(s) to estimate waterbird harvest (PoAA Target 2.1.b)?

No, so far, no national mechanism to estimate harvest of waterbirds has been established in the country: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to establish this in the future, and when

>>> Water bird harvest is not a common practice in the country with almost no hunting practices of waterbirds.

2.2) Following MOP7, has your country conducted any inventory of waterbird harvest at markets, production and supply chains, recreational hunting agencies, etc. (PoAA Target 2.1.b)?

No, so far, no inventory on waterbird harvest has been initiated in the country: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such an inventory in the future and when

>>> Waterbird harvest is not practiced in the country as there is no hunting of waterbirds.

2.3) Following MOP7, did the AEWA NFP coordinate the review of relevant domestic legislation relating to the use and management of waterbirds, based on the amendments to the AEWA Annex 3 (AEWA Action Plan), as adopted by MOP7 (PoAA Target 2.2.a)?

No, such a domestic legislative review has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to coordinate this review in the future and when

2.4) With reference to the outcomes of the domestic legislative review relating to the use and management of waterbirds based on MOP7 amendments to the AEWA Action Plan (Annex 3), has a formal request been submitted to the relevant national institutions to amend existing legislation or adopt new legislative measures (PoAA Target 2.2.b)?

No, such a formal request has not yet been submitted: Please briefly explain why and when it will be submitted

2.5) Following MOP7, has your country conducted a review of the enforcement of relevant domestic legislation relating to waterbird use, harvest and management (PoAA Target 2.2.c)?

No, the review of the enforcement of domestic legislation relating to waterbird use and harvest has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be conducted in the future and when

2.6) Following MOP7, has your country conducted a review of compliance of relevant domestic legislation with AEWA obligations relating to waterbird use, harvest and management (PoAA Target 2.2.c)?

No, the review has not yet been initiated: Please briefly explain why and indicate whether it will be conducted in the future and when

2.7) Does your country coordinate among relevant institutions/stakeholders the application of compliance mechanisms relating to waterbird use, harvest and management (PoAA Target 2.2.c)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are future plans to coordinate the application of these compliance mechanisms among relevant institutions/stakeholders

2.8) Has your country developed a time-bound work plan to phase out the use of lead shot in wetlands (PoAA Target 2.2.d)?

Not relevant: Please explain why

>>> No hunting practice with leadshot.

2.9) Following MOP7, has your country organized any events or disseminated any information, news or other communication on any national/regional/international forums regarding best practices relating to waterbird use and management (PoAA Target 2.2.f)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are any future plans to share such best practices on waterbird use and management from your country, and when

2.10) Has your country developed/updated best practice hunting codes (PoAA Target 2.3.a)?

No, so far, no best practice hunting codes have been developed/updated for the country: Please briefly explain why and indicate whether this will be developed in the future and when

2.11) Following MOP7, did your country identify training needs aimed at enhancing competence and responsibility within hunting communities (PoAA Target 2.3.a)?

No, the identification of such training needs has not been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> There is no huntig hunting of waterbirds in the country.

Section 3. Flyway Network of Sites

Implementation of Objective 3 “To establish and sustain a coherent and comprehensive flyway network of protected areas and other sites, managed to maintain - and where necessary restore - their national and international importance for migratory waterbird populations”

3.1) Following MOP7, has a review of known sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations been conducted in your country, based on the process developed by the AEWA Technical Committee and launched by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat in August 2020 (PoAA Target 3.1.a)?

No, such a site review process has not yet been initiated: Briefly explain why and indicate whether a review is planned in the future, and when

3.2) Has the list of confirmed sites of international importance for AEWA populations been assessed (in collaboration with the Ramsar National Administrative Authority/National Focal Point) to identify sites which qualify as Wetlands of International Importance (i.e. Ramsar Sites) (PoAA Target 3.3.b)?

No, the assessment of the sites of international importance for AEWA populations that could qualify as Ramsar Sites has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be conducted in the future and when Text Field

>>> The country is not a party to the Ramsar Convention and working relations with Ramsar does not exist.

3.3) Has the national wetlands inventory for your country been established/updated in collaboration with the Ramsar NFP, taking into consideration the confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.b)?

Not applicable: Please explain why

>>> The country is not a party to the Ramsar convention.

3.4) Are there any existing World Heritage Sites (WHSs) or Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Reserves among the list of confirmed sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.c)?

Yes: Please indicate which WHSs/MAB Reserves were confirmed as being of national or international importance for AEWA populations

>>> Lake Tana

If yes, have any activities been conducted at the national level in collaboration with the responsible national authorities for the WHSs/MAB Reserves for the management of these sites (i.e. sites which are both WHSs/MAB Reserves and of national/international importance for AEWA populations)?

Yes: Briefly outline the kinds of site management activities conducted in synergy, when they were conducted, the relevant national authorities involved, and the sites concerned

>>> Removal of the invader Water Hyacinth which has recently become a serious threat to the wetlands of Lake Tana and a lot of institutions have been involved in the process of clearing the Water Hyacinth. Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority, Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy of the country and many other institutions at Federal and Regional levels

Also if yes, has your government liaised with any Range States or partners at flyway level to promote synergies for the management of existing WHSs/MAB Reserves that are of national or international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.c)?

Yes: Please indicate the key actions undertaken, when they were undertaken and the concerned flyway, site(s) and range states/partners involved

3.5) Has the list of confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations been assessed (in collaboration with the relevant national authorities) to identify sites which qualify for future designation as WHSs/MAB Reserves (PoAA Target 3.3.c)?

No, such an assessment has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether the assessment will be conducted in the future and when

3.6) Has your country developed/updated any national strategy/plan for the protection and management of the confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations it hosts (PoAA Target 3.3.a)?

No, the development/update of such national strategy/plan has not yet been initiated: Please briefly explain why and indicate whether this will be conducted in the future and when

3.7) Have any management plans been developed/updated for the confirmed key sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.a)?

No, so far, no management plans have been developed/updated for any of these confirmed sites: Please indicate whether this is planned in the future and when

>>> There is no any future plan to do so

3.8) Has your country established any framework or mechanism to monitor and record adverse impacts at the confirmed sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Targets 3.5.a and 3.5.b)?

No: So far, no such framework/mechanism has been established: Please explain why and indicate when such a framework/mechanism this is expected to be developed

3.9) Following MOP7, were there any cases of developmental activities with ongoing or potential adverse impacts on sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations, but which have not been communicated to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat (PoAA Target 3.5.a)?

Yes: Please describe the nature of the incidents/activities, when they occurred, the sites concerned, and any mitigation measures taken

>>> Lake Tana Biosphere Reserve and Lake Zeway which critical habitats as feeding and staging grounds for many migratory birds have been invaded with Water Hyacinth an alien species heavily affecting these waterbird habitats.

3.10) Has a national CEPA Action Plan been developed for your country (PoAA Target 3.4.c)?

No: So far, no national CEPA Action Plan has been developed: Briefly explain why and indicate whether it will be developed in the future and when

>>> Limited financial resource and expertise.

Section 4. Habitat in the Wider Environment

Implementation of Objective 4 “To ensure there is sufficient quantity and quality of habitat in the wider environment for achieving and maintaining favourable conservation status for migratory waterbird populations”

4.1) Has your country undertaken any collaborative efforts with other countries within shared lake/river basins to promote and coordinate efforts for the conservation, management and monitoring of habitats of importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 4.4.a)?

No, so far, no such collaborative efforts have been undertaken: Briefly explain why and indicate whether such efforts will be deployed in the future and when

>>> We have limited financial and human resources to do so.

4.2) Following MOP7, has your country compiled a project portfolio to secure resources for activities to support the conservation of key habitats for AEWA species/populations in the country (PoAA Target 4.4.b)?

No, the development of a project portfolio for habitat management activities has not yet been initiated: Please indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

4.3) Following MOP7, has your country compiled/highlighted any examples of best practices for habitat conservation projects/activities/actions (PoAA Target 4.4.d)

Not applicable, given that no habitat conservation activities have been conducted so far in the country: Please provide any additional explanations/justifications

4.4) Did your country share any experience gained from the implementation of habitat conservation projects?

Not applicable, given that no habitat conservation activities have been conducted in the country so far: Please provide any additional explanations

Section 5. Secure Resources

Implementation of Objective 5 “To ensure and strengthen the knowledge, capacity, recognition, awareness and resources required for the Agreement to achieve its conservation objectives”

5.1) Based on the identified gaps in scientific and technical information required for the implementation of AEWA at the Agreement level, has your country identified priority issues to be addressed at the national level (PoAA Target 5.1.a)?

No, the identification of such priority issues has not yet been undertaken: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to address this in the future and when

5.2) Following MOP7, has your country actively engaged with any non-Party African range state to promote their accession to the Agreement (PoAA Target 5.2.a)?

No: Please explain why

5.3) Has your country established a national mechanism (e.g. national committee) responsible for coordinating the implementation of AEWA at the national level (PoAA Targets 5.3.b and 5.4.b)?

No, the national AEWA coordination mechanism has not yet been established: Briefly explain why and indicate whether the establishment of such a mechanism is planned in the future and when

5.4) Does your country have an officially designated AEWA National Focal Point (NFP), Technical Focal Point (TFP) and Focal Point (FP) for Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA), each with updated contact details communicated to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat (PoAA Targets 3.4.c, 5.4.b and 5.6.a)?

Yes, all required AEWA FPs have been designated: Please ensure that their names and up-to-date contact details have been provided under the section of this report relating to general information and indicate whether these have been officially communicated to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat

If yes, have any actions been taken to enhance the efficacy of the designated AEWA FPs in your country (PoAA Target 5.6.a)?

No: Please indicate whether there are any plans to enhance the efficacy of the AEWA FPs in your country and when

>>> This is done from the support of other agencies. When we get any international or national support to do so we are ready to enhance the efficacy of the FPs.

5.5) Following MOP7, has your country conducted any activities to enhance the skill base or capacity of the network of persons involved in the implementation of AEWA at the national level (i.e. AEWA FPs, technical experts, members of the national AEWA coordination mechanism, etc.) (PoAA Target 5.4.b)?

No, so far, no such capacity building activities have been undertaken: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans for conducting this in the future and when

5.6) Following MOP7, has the national AEWA implementing authority in your country been involved in national planning activities/actions related to other relevant international frameworks and processes, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Aichi Targets/the post-2020 biodiversity framework, Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (SPMS) and Ramsar Strategic Plan (PoAA Target 5.4.a)?

No: Briefly explain why and indicate whether the national AEWA implementing authority is expected to be involved in future planning relating to relevant international frameworks and processes in your country

5.7) Following MOP7, has your country developed a national AEWA PoAA implementation plan (PoAA Targets 5.4.a, 5.4.b and 5.6.b)?

No, the country has not yet developed a national AEWA PoAA implementation plan: Please explain why and indicate whether it is expected to be developed in the future and when

5.8) Following MOP7, has the national AEWA implementing authority in your country engaged in activities/measures to secure resources (financial, human or material) in contribution to the implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan/PoAA/national AEWA PoAA implementation plan? (PoAA Target 5.6.b)?

No: Please explain why and indicate whether resource mobilization will be conducted in the future and how it will be done

5.9) Following MOP7, has the national AEWA implementing agency in your country identified any mechanisms to coordinate collaboration between the AEWA FPs (NFP, TFP or CEPA FP) and Focal Points of other MEAs in your country in order to communicate and promote the role and importance of AEWA (PoAA Target 5.4.b)?

No, please briefly explain why and indicate whether there are future plans to measures to promote such collaboration and when

Confirmation

This is to confirm that the information provided in the current AEWA PoAA National Report has been verified and approved for submission

In addition, a scanned copy of an official letter from the relevant state institution, approving the report for submission, can be attached.

Please confirm by checking this box

I declare that the information provided in the current report on the implementation of AEWA Plan of Action for Africa for the period 2019-2020 has been verified and that the relevant state institution in the country has approved submission of the report

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Date of submission

>>> 17.02.2021