



AEWA International Working Group for the Black-tailed Godwit

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FACT SHEET

Dear participants of the AEWA Black-tailed Godwit IWG meeting in Portugal,

We are delighted to welcome you in Alcochete for our meeting from 30 January-1 February. With this final update we would like to make sure that you have all the up-to-date information that you need.

Meeting documents

All formal documents for the meeting can be found attached to the same email as this document and will also be uploaded on the meeting page on the AEWA website ([link](#)). These documents include the final agenda, the workplan, the participants list, and the report of the 2017 meeting in Senegal.

- **Agenda:**

Although we may have to make some last minute changes (depending on final attendance of participants), the attached agenda is final. Please help us make sure we can start in time and stick to the time slots reserved for you. If possible, send your (powerpoint) presentation to Erik before the meeting.

- **Workplan:**

Note that the main aim of the meeting is to develop activities that will contribute to the implementation of the [Single Species Action Plan for the Black-tailed Godwit](#). These activities will be listed in the workplan (last updated after the meeting in 2017). **Please review the workplan before the meeting** to 1) report progress on listed activities, 2) determine which activities are still relevant, and 3) propose new activities. This will be the basis for the workplan revision on day 3 of the meeting.

- **Participants list:**

The attached participants list includes email addresses and will only be shared among the participants. A final list of people attending the meeting will be made after the meeting and published on the AEWA website. Please contact Erik if you do not want your email address on the list. If we don't hear from you, we assume you agree with publishing your details on the list.

Travel

Most participants will arrive in Portugal via Lisbon Airport, which is the nearest and most convenient airport to reach Alcochete. From Lisbon Airport you can reach the venue by public transport (~1 hour). You can get there by first taking the Red (Vermelho) Line of the metro (the only line at the airport) from Aeroporto to Oriente (in the direction of São Sebastião) and transferring to bus 4702, 4703 or 4704 at Oriente. All these buses take you to Alcochete. Please contact us if you need assistance with your travel to Alcochete.

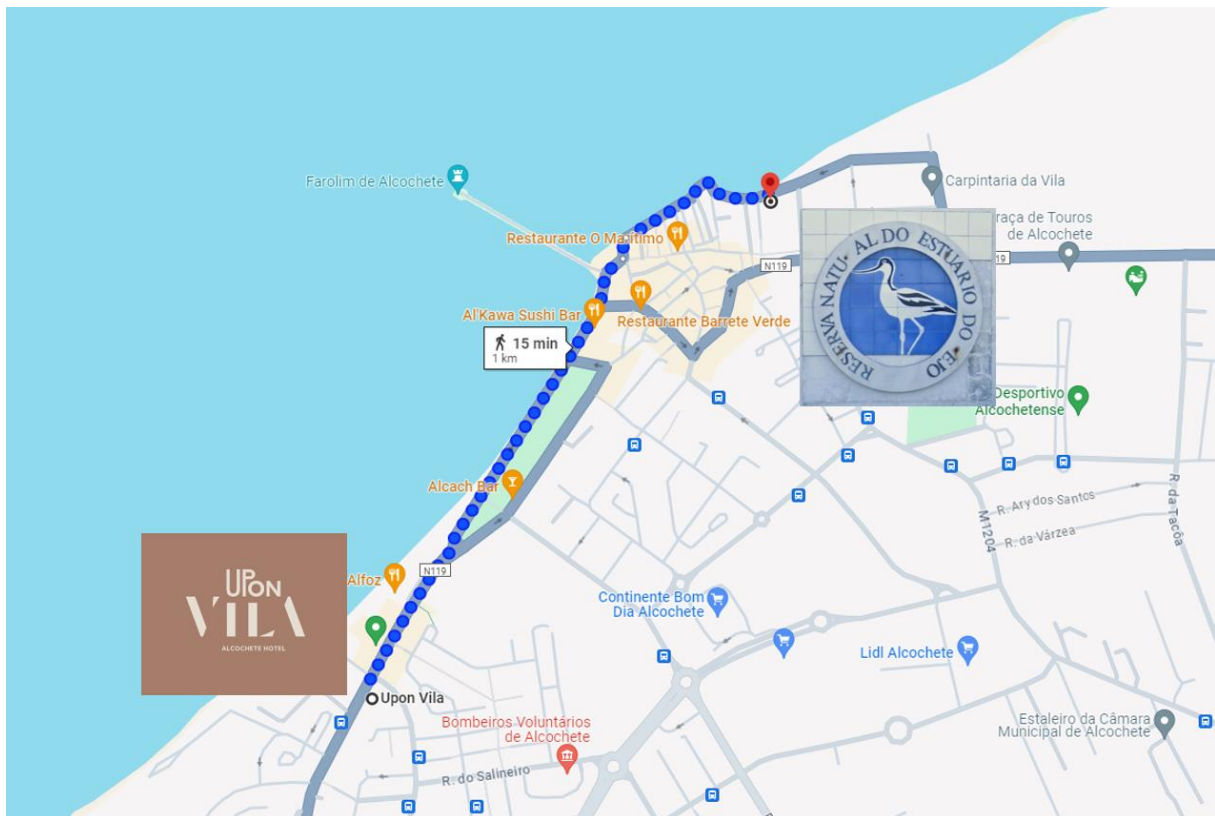
Venue

As communicated before, the venue of the meeting will be the Direção Regional da Conservação da Natureza e Florestas de Lisboa e Vale do Tejo. The venue is located at Av. Dos Combatentes da Grande Guerra 1, 2890-015 Alcochete, Portugal.



Accommodation

During the meeting, most of us stay at [Upon VILA hotel](#), which is a nice 15 minute walk along the harbour side to the meeting venue. You can use the discount code [AEWA2024](#) when booking your room at the Upon VILA hotel, for a 10% discount.



Route from Upon Vila Hotel to the meeting venue (with the sign “Reserva Natural Do Estuário Do Tejo”).

Excursion

The excursion on Wednesday 31 January will consist of a walk to the mudflats and a bus ride to the rice fields in the Tagus Estuary, which are both very important for non-breeding waders, including the Black-tailed Godwit. The long term weather forecast looks rather good, but anticipate on wet or chilly weather. Good walking shoes that can deal with a bit of wet sand and slippery pebbles are advised. But most importantly, bring your binoculars!

Catering

Catering will be provided during the meeting for all invited guests. This will include coffee breaks, lunch and dinner (from Monday evening dinner until Thursday evening dinner). Breakfast should be included with your hotel reservation.

Visa

If applicable, please let us know the status of your visa application. We are helping several participants with problems with their visa application and would like to have an overview of who has already received a visa. Note that this has consequences for the number of people attending the meeting, and thus hotel reservations, catering, etc.

Contact

Don't hesitate to contact the organisation for information or assistance:

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If you have any other questions, let us know!

We look forward to meeting you in Alcochete. Have a good trip!
