DRAFT work plan for the AEWA Eurasian Curlew International Working Group 2018-2021 *(N. a. arquata* Breeding range states*)*

**Introduction**

The AEWA Eurasian Curlew International Working Group is charged with coordinating and facilitating the implementation of the AEWA International Single Species Action Plan.

In order to increase the implementation of key international conservation actions for the species, the Working Group is recommended to develop and adopt a work plan for the next inter-sessional period. This will not only allow for better and more timely planning of and fundraising for activities, but also for a more coherent overall implementation of the Action Plan.

A draft outline for the workplan is attached below, which will be populated during the course of the meeting based on urgent issues and implementation/research gaps identified during the country presentations, various discussions and the facilitated brainstorming session.

A final draft version will be prepared by the Coordinator following the meeting and will be sent to all participants for review, including those government representatives and Principle Range States not present at the meeting.

It should be noted that such workplans are rolling documents meant to support the implementation of AEWA International Species Action Plans and as such do not constitute additional binding obligations for the Range States concerned - beyond their existing obligations under the Agreement and the AEWA International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Eurasian Curlew.

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| **Project/activity** | **Timeframe** | **Lead** | **Detailed actions** | **Budget** | **Comments** |
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| ***Activities delivering towards Result 1.1. “Important breeding sites for Eurasian Curlew are appropriately protected and managed”*** | | | | | |
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| ***Activities delivering towards Result 1.2. “Important staging, stopover, and wintering sites for Eurasian Curlew are appropriately protected and managed”*** | | | | | |
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| ***Activities delivering towards Result 2.1. “The impact of farming operations on breeding success is minimised and beneficial farming practices are supported and encouraged”*** | | | | | |
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| ***Activities delivering towards Result 2.2. “Land management techniques that reduce levels of nest and chick predation to those associated with stable or increasing populations are promoted and investigated”*** | | | | | |
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| ***Activities delivering towards Results 3.1. “Any harvest, if undertaken, is sustainable”*** | | | | | |
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| ***Activities delivering towards Results 4.2. “The necessary data and information required to make a better understanding of N. a. arquata and N. a. orientalis populations in Russia is obtained.*** | | | | | |
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| ***Activities delivering towards Results 4.3. “Survey, monitoring and research activities on N. a. arquata are undertaken to address knowledge gaps and improve population and demographic gaps”*** | | | | | |
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| ***Activities delivering towards Results 4.4. “The impact of other poorly-understood threats is investigated”*** | | | | | |
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