



AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS



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“Making flyway conservation happen”

RESOLUTION 6.5

REVISION AND ADOPTION OF CONSERVATION GUIDELINES

Recalling Article IV paragraph 4 of the Agreement, and paragraph 7.3 of the Agreement’s Action Plan, which require the development and review of conservation guidelines in order to assist Contracting Parties with their implementation of the Agreement,

Further recalling Resolutions 1.10, 2.3 and 4.13 and 5.10, which adopted 14 conservation guidelines focusing on various aspects of waterbird conservation practice,

Noting that these conservation guidelines, although legally non-binding, provide a common framework for action, which aids the coherent implementation of the Agreement by the Contracting Parties to the Agreement, as well as other Range States and interested parties and that it is for each Party to determine whether or how to implement the recommended guidance, whilst having regard to their international obligations and commitments,

Recalling the request to the Technical Committee by MOP5 for a fundamental review of the format of AEWA’s conservation guidance so as to ensure that this information is easily understood and accessible by Contracting Parties and other stakeholders, and is presented in ways that make best use of new communication technologies,

Recalling also the potential to develop joint guidance with other bodies on matters of mutual concern, including with the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the CMS Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors MOU) and the Ramsar Convention,

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The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Adopts* the following newly developed and revised conservation guidelines:
 - a) Guidelines on National Legislation for the Protection of Species of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats (document AEWA/MOP 6.35),
 - b) Guidelines on Sustainable Harvest of Migratory Waterbirds (document AEWA/MOP 6.36), and
 - c) Renewable Energy Technologies and Migratory Species: Guidelines for Sustainable Deployment (document AEWA/MOP 6.37),

in accordance with Article IV.4 of the Agreement, as guidance for the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Agreement and its Action Plan;

2. *Calls upon* Contracting Parties to utilise these guidelines in a practical way that leads to a minimum of additional bureaucracy and that recognises the different social, economic and environmental conditions within the Agreement area;

3. *Instructs* the Secretariat to disseminate these guidelines to all Range States, and relevant international governmental and non-governmental organisations, and to promote and monitor their use to the extent that this is possible;

4. *Requests* the Technical Committee, as a matter of priority to:

- Complete its review of the style and format of AEWA Conservation Guidelines as outlined by Resolution 5.10;
- Make inter-sessional recommendations regarding any proposed changes to the Standing Committee; and
- Following the Standing Committee's approval and resources permitting, put in place a rolling programme to revise and update existing guidelines, as necessary, and developing any new guidelines according to new formats as agreed.