



7th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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“Beyond 2020: Shaping flyway conservation for the future”

DRAFT RESOLUTION 7.8

**ADOPTION OF GUIDANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE AEWA ACTION PLAN**

Recalling Resolution 4.3 which requested the Technical Committee, amongst other things, to review the purposes for exemptions listed in paragraph 2.1.3 a-e of the AEWA Action Plan and provide advice,

Thanking the Technical Committee for its comprehensive work on this request and the compilation of guidance on the application of exemptions from the prohibitions laid down in paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 as per paragraph 2.1.3,

Further thanking the Technical Committee for its initiative to develop guidance on implementation of the AEWA’s provisions on non-native species, in order to assist with the implementation of paragraphs 2.5, 3.3, 4.3.10 and 4.3.11 of the AEWA Action Plan,

Recalling Resolution 5.6 which requested the Technical Committee to continue to develop ideas as to how to address multi-species and regional scale declines and *thanking* the Committee for developing a guide to guidance on these issues in the past triennium,

Thanking the African-Eurasian Waterbird Monitoring Partnership for supporting the Technical Committee in revising the AEWA Conservation Guidelines No. 9 on Waterbird Monitoring and the Government of the Netherlands for providing financial resources for this work,

Further recalling Resolution 5.10 that, *inter alia*, adopted guidance on defining periods of breeding and pre-nuptial migration for migratory African-Eurasian waterbirds, with respect to the implementation of paragraph 2.1.2(a) of the AEWA Action Plan, which can be primarily utilised for Palearctic migrants while intra-African migrants would benefit from further focused work,

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Adopts* the following:

a. Guidance on Satisfying the Conditions of Paragraph 2.1.3 of the AEWA Action Plan as presented in document AEWA/MOP 7.32,

b. Guidance on AEWA’s Provisions on Non-native Species, as presented in document AEWA/MOP 7.33,

c. *Guidance on Taking a Systematic Approach to responding to Waterbird Declines: A Checklist of Potential Actions* as presented in document AEWA/MOP 7.34,

d. *Revised Conservation Guidelines No. 9 on Waterbird Monitoring* as presented in document AEWA/MOP 7.35;

2. *Urges* Parties to implement these guidances and to report to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat without delay when applying exemptions to the provisions of paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the AEWA Action Plan;

3. *Requests the Technical Committee and the Secretariat to maintain the guide to guidance on taking a systematic approach to waterbird declines, as well as other similar types of guidance, previously adopted by the Meeting of the Parties, as rolling guidance on the AEWA website and to update it whenever necessary and possible;*

4. *Urges* all Contracting Parties in Africa to identify at national level, the periods of breeding and of pre-nuptial migration for all AEWA-listed species and their respective populations occurring on their territories and apply this knowledge in the context of implementation of paragraph 2.1.2(a) of the AEWA Action Plan.