



8th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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DRAFT RESOLUTION 8.11

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Recalling that as per Article VII.3 of the Agreement, the Technical Committee has been assigned with the important tasks of providing scientific and technical advice and information to the Meeting of the Parties and, through the Agreement Secretariat, to Parties, as well as making recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties concerning the Agreement's Action Plan, the implementation of the Agreement and further research to be carried out, and carrying out any other tasks referred to it by the Meeting of the Parties,

Considering that at the present 8th Session of the MOP (MOP8), the term of office of five members of the Technical Committee expires - the regional representatives for North and South-western Europe, Northern Africa, and Southern Africa, as well as the thematic experts for game management and for rural economics, while the positions of regional representative for Central Africa and for Eastern Europe remained vacant in the past triennium,

Further considering the recommendation of the Advisory Group, as per Rule 8 of the Modus Operandi of the Technical Committee, regarding the nominated candidates for the vacant positions,

Thanking the members of the Technical Committee for their work in fulfilling the tasks stipulated by Article VII.3 of the Agreement, thereby contributing to the implementation of the Agreement over the past triennium,

Recalling the Work Plan of the Technical Committee for 2019-2021 adopted by MOP7 and *taking note* of the Report of the Technical Committee to MOP8 (document AEWA/MOP 8.7) which illustrates the increasing requests made of the Committee,

Noting that despite the dedicated work of the Technical Committee and the good results delivered to MOP8, the implementation of the Technical Committee Work Plan for 2019-2021 has been somewhat limited due to the large volume of requests to the Committee by the Meeting of Parties, the lack of any earmarked resources with which to contract significant elements of work (e.g. technical reviews) and thus consequent reliance on prior fundraising by the Secretariat to progress these work areas, and the constraints on the amount of *pro bono* input to the Committee's work by its members,

Recognising the expanding portfolio and workload of the Secretariat and the stagnant resources allocated to the Secretariat, which, *inter alia*, impacts on its facilitative role to the Technical Committee,

Noting that no Junior Professional Officer has been provided to the Secretariat by any Contracting Party following the MOP7 request as per Resolution 7.11,

Thanking those Contracting Parties and implementing partner organisations which have supported over the past triennium the work of the Technical Committee by providing financial grants or in-kind contributions,

Recognising the need of prior strategic review by the Meeting of the Parties of Technical Committee tasks for the forthcoming triennium, in order to allow prioritisation, and resource provision and mobilisation, so as to ensure adequate work allocation and implementation,

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Appoints* to the Technical Committee the members and alternates named in Appendix I to the present Resolution, taking into account terms of office in accordance with Rule 5 of the Modus Operandi of the Technical Committee and the geographical representation as laid down in its Annex;
2. *Approves* the Work Plan for 2022-2024, summarising the scientific and technical tasks for the AEWA Technical Committee and their prioritisation as presented in Appendix II to this Resolution;
3. *Instructs* the Secretariat to provide the necessary support to the Technical Committee, to the extent possible, in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement, as well as the provisions in the budget for the Agreement and the activities of the Technical Committee or the Agreement Secretariat, as adopted under Resolution 8.12 on Financial and Administrative Matters;
4. *Strongly reiterates* its call to the Contracting Parties which provide Junior Professional Officers (JPO) to the United Nations system to prioritise and allocate a JPO to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat for Technical Committee support, in order to strengthen the Secretariat in its role of facilitator of the Technical Committee;
5. *Urges* Contracting Parties and *invites* implementing partner organisations to plan and allocate sufficient financial resources or in-kind support for the implementation of the Technical Committee Work Plan 2022-2024 and, importantly, provide such contributions as early as possible in the next triennium to allow for timely implementation of tasks and delivery of results to MOP9;
6. *Encourages* Contracting Parties to include members of the Technical Committee in their delegations to the Meeting of the Parties, finances permitting, in order to enhance synergies between the bodies of the Agreement.

APPENDIX I

AEWA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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APPENDIX II

WORK PLAN FOR THE AEWA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 2022-2024

Introduction

1. This section provides explanatory notes concerning the two attached documents (Appendix II, Parts 1 and 2).
2. Part 1 provides a summary list of proposed top priority scientific and technical tasks for the 2022-2024 triennium. This is drawn from Part 2 which provides a summary of the full list of proposed scientific and technical tasks for the work of the Technical Committee in 2022-2024.
3. Themes relate largely to the structure of the AEWA Action Plan as follows:
 - a) **Field of application**
 - issues of the taxonomic and geographic scope of the Agreement
 - b) **Species conservation**
 - including issues of legal regulation of taking; international single species action plans and their implementation; emergency measures; re-establishments; and introductions
 - c) **Habitat conservation**
 - including issues of habitat and site inventories; conservation of areas; habitat conservation, rehabilitation and restoration; and climate change adaptation and mitigation
 - d) **Management of human activities**
 - including hunting (including lead issues); disturbance; species-conflicts and management of other human activities (e.g. impacts of energy generation and transmission, development, etc.)
 - e) **Research and monitoring**
 - including planning and funding of surveys and monitoring
 - f) **Education and information**
 - including all Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) issues
 - g) **Implementation**
 - including Conservation Guidelines; Action Plan para 7.4 international reviews; and other implementation issues
 - h) **Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues**
 - including strategic, reporting and other planning issues; emerging issues and horizon scanning
4. The 30 top priority tasks listed in Part 1 below have been identified from the full range of proposed scientific and technical tasks listed in Part 2. These include all 'Essential' tasks and a few additional 'High' priority tasks.
5. The provisional figure for the total estimated funds needed for full implementation of the recommended 2022-2024 top priority tasks over the triennium is € 697,000 plus the costs of tasks 3.2 and 3.4 which are being more precisely estimated as part of the development of a project concept, whilst the total cost of the implementation of the full Work Plan is € 825,000 plus the costs of tasks 3.2 and 3.4.

6. Part 2 provides further details of all proposed scientific and technical implementation support tasks for the Technical Committee during 2022-2024. It provides a summary description of each task with its anticipated outcomes and outputs and provisional estimated costs.
7. As indicated in Part 2, a number of the tasks listed are either ongoing or have been carried forward from the work plans adopted by previous MOPs, but for which capacity or funding has been insufficient in the previous triennia to undertake or complete them.
8. Provisional estimated costs in Part 2 are based on each task requiring the engagement of an expert (or experts) to undertake the work required. These provisional estimated costs have been prepared by the Technical Committee and the Secretariat to provide Contracting Parties with an initial assessment of delivery needs – more precise costings and the scope and ways and means for the delivery of each of the tasks will be developed at the beginning of the 2022-2024 cycle and reported to the Standing Committee at that time.

It is recognised that much of the funding estimated as being needed to enable further scientific and technical implementation support for the Agreement will need to be found from sources other than the Agreement's core budget.

9. Please note that some significant tasks and costings given, relate to the work involved in developing Terms of Reference for the respective project (including the assessment of full costs), not the cost of delivery of the project for which funding will need to be sought.

Appendix II - Part 1

Recommended Top Priority Scientific and Technical Tasks for the 2022-2024 Triennium

Recommended Top Priority Tasks 2022-2024 (summary of task only)	Indicative cost
1. Field of application	
1.1. Taxonomy & nomenclature. Maintain overview of taxonomic and nomenclatural issues and advise on the need to update Annex 2 to the Agreement as necessary.	-
1.2. Population definition. Early in the triennium, consider evidence supporting the delineation of current population boundaries for identified species as well as potential others, as necessary.	-
1.3. Review of Table 1 in Annex 3 to the Agreement. Prepare proposals for revision of Table 1 in Annex 3 for submission to MOP8.	-
1.4. Review of intended proposals for amendments to the Agreement. Review the submission by Contracting Parties of intended proposals for amendments to the Agreement and its annexes and provide its advice on the text of the proposed amendments and the reasons for it to the submitting Contracting Party for its consideration not later than 180 days before the opening of the session of the Meeting of the Parties.	-
1.5. Definition of the term “livelihood”. In the context of implementation of the Agreement, in particular paragraph 2.1.2 of Annex 3 (Action Plan), propose a definition of the term “livelihood” for consideration by MOP9.	-
1.6. Guidance of Favourable Reference Values. Develop more detailed guidance on the interpretation and establishment of Favourable Reference Values building on existing work under other relevant international frameworks.	€20,000
2. Species Conservation	
2.1. Priority list for species action and management planning. Review and update, as necessary, the list of priority species/populations for new Single Species Action and Management Plans and for retirement, revision or prolongation of existing plans.	-
2.2. Conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations. Compile new or improved conservation and management guidance for priority species/population with no action or management plan in place and disseminate that guidance.	€75,000
2.3. ISSAP Conservation Briefs. Facilitate the production of conservation briefs of the ISSAPs for the Great Snipe, Ferruginous Duck, Lesser Flamingo, Maccoa Duck, Madagascar Pond Heron and Greenland White-fronted Goose.	€12,000
2.4. Sustainable harvests and the socio-economic importance of waterbirds. Increase knowledge and understanding of the extent of traditional and other harvests; their modes of regulation; the conditions under which harvests are sustainable; and the significance of these harvests in the context of food security and human development.	€50,000
2.5. Priorities for seabird conservation. Review the seabird conservation priorities approved by MOP7 and provide guidance on their delivery.	€20,000
3. Habitat Conservation	
3.1. Site inventory framework. The TC is to be involved in reviewing submissions of site inventories by Contracting Parties.	-

<p style="text-align: center;">Recommended Top Priority Tasks 2022-2024 (summary of task only)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Indicative cost</p>
<p>3.2. Site monitoring framework. Develop the monitoring protocol set out in the Site Monitoring Framework adopted by MOP8 and, where appropriate, guidance for Contracting Parties on reporting on the status of, threats to, and the effectiveness of conservation measures at their flyway network sites.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">€20,000</p>
<p>3.3. Status of principal waterbird habitats. Conduct Agreement-level assessment of the status of principal waterbird habitats in the wider environment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">tbc</p>
<p>3.4. Sea-level rise impact. Increase understanding of the consequences of sea-level rise on the Critical Site Network and the waterbird populations dependent on coastal habitats.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">€100,000</p>
<p>3.5. Habitat conservation action plan. On the basis of the assessment under the previous task, develop an action plan, identifying priorities, opportunities and a set of recommended actions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">tbc</p>
<p>4. Management of human activities</p>	
<p>4.1. Processes contributing to tackling of the four causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other threats Identify those multilateral processes that can contribute most to progressing AEWA priorities related to the four causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats to migratory waterbirds and their habitats and identify strategic opportunities for positively influencing these processes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">€10,000</p>
<p>4.6. Harvest data estimates from non-Party Range States Establish informed estimates of harvest of AEWA-listed waterbird species from non-Party Range States.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
<p>4.7. Sustainability of harvest. Undertake a rapid assessment of sustainability of harvest of declining quarry populations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">€50,000</p>
<p>4.8. Sustainable ecotourism. Collate case studies of ecotourism initiatives with proven benefits for both community livelihoods and conservation of AEWA species and their habitats.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">€20,000</p>
<p>6. Education and Information</p>	
<p>6.2. Experience sharing – AEWA priorities integration into NBSAPs Support Parties in compiling and sharing successful examples, best practice and guidance for the integration of AEWA priorities into NBSAPs and other national processes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
<p>7. Implementation</p>	
<p>7.1. Conservation Status Review 8. Guide the process of preparation of Conservation Status Review 9 for submission to MOP9.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">€100,000</p>
<p>7.2. Other international reviews. Guide the process of preparation of a) updated review of information from surveys, b) updated review of pertinent hunting and trade legislation, and c) updated review of the preparation and implementation of Single Species Action Plans.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">€150,000</p>
<p>7.3. Conservation Guidelines. Review Conservation Guidelines nos. 3, 4, 7 and 8 to ensure they continue to reflect best conservation practice, and reformat as necessary following conclusion of ongoing review of format.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">€40,000</p>
<p>8. Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues</p>	

<p align="center">Recommended Top Priority Tasks 2022-2024 (summary of task only)</p>	<p align="center">Indicative cost</p>
<p>8.1. National reports. Revise, amend and enhance the national report format for 2021-2023 and make the necessary adjustments following MOP8 and particularly to review the reporting templates and frequency of reporting on the site network in line with the framework for the monitoring of the AEWA site network. Prepare the draft national report format for MOP10 (2024-2026) to be submitted for consideration by MOP9.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p>8.2. Plan of Action for Africa (PoAA) module for national reports. Prepare the draft module on the Plan of Action for Africa for MOP10 (2024-2026) national reports for consideration by MOP9.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p>8.3. Monitoring of implementation of the Strategic Plan and the PoAA (2019-2027). Further develop the concept for the monitoring of the implementation of the SP and the PoAA with respect to assessing trend in implementation rate and undertake work to facilitate data availability for assessing all SP and PoAA indicators.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p>8.5. AEWA's contribution to relevant global frameworks. Finalise document AEWA/MOP 8.36 once the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework has been adopted by CBD COP15. Compile concise triennial summaries of AEWA's contributions to the relevant global frameworks, particularly with the view of promoting the relevance of AEWA amongst development and aid agencies.</p>	<p align="center">€20,000</p>
<p>8.8. Periodicity of the sessions of the MOP. Assist the Standing Committee in evaluating the implications of moving from a 3-year to a 4-year cycle of the sessions of the Meeting of the Parties.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p>8.9. Implementation capacity criteria. Establish criteria for assessing implementation capacity at subregional level.</p>	<p align="center">€10,000</p>
<p>Total estimates budget for recommended top priority tasks</p>	<p align="center">€697,000</p>

Appendix II – Part 2

Summary of Scientific and Technical Tasks for the AEWA Technical Committee: 2022-2024

- A. The scientific and technical tasks for the Technical Committee are organised under eight broad themes, as follows:
- Field of application
 - Species conservation
 - Habitat conservation
 - Management of human activities
 - Research and monitoring
 - Education and information
 - Implementation
 - Strategic, reporting, emerging or other issues
- B. Prioritisation of tasks is as follows:
- Essential** (highest priority) – other MOP or Strategic Plan processes depend on the task being undertaken *e.g.* reporting to MOP9
- High** – important to progress before MOP9 i.e. to start work within the next two years
- Other** – important but initiation could take place on a longer timescale
- Rolling** – important and ongoing or soon-to-be-launched long-term activity
- C. The categorisation of types of tasks is coded in the tables below as follows:
1. New or revised guidance for Contracting Parties
 2. Technical support and advice – ongoing and *ad hoc*
 3. Advice on new and emerging issues
 4. Input to scientific or technical products/initiatives undertaken by other relevant organisations
 5. Review of knowledge as a basis for developing guidance for Parties and others
- D. Note that costs are significantly approximate and not derived from detailed costing of the specific tasks. Costs are for broad planning purposes only at this stage and will be further refined.

Theme 1: Field of application

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€) – see note above
<p>1.1. Taxonomy & nomenclature Maintain overview of taxonomic and nomenclatural issues and advise on the need to update Annex 2 to the Agreement as necessary (<i>Resolution 6.1</i>) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Essential Rolling task	2	CMS Scientific Council	Strategic Plan: Objective 5	–
<p>1.2. Population definitions Early in the triennium, consider evidence supporting the delineation of current population boundaries for the following species as well as potential others, as necessary. TC17 to make any recommendations to the 20th Standing Committee meeting for interim approval such that any changes can be included within work to develop proposals for MOP8 (<i>CSR9 and proposed changes to Table 1 of AEWA's Action Plan</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maccoa Duck (<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>) (review of the boundary delineation of the E Africa population); - Tundra Swan (<i>Cygnus columbianus bewickii</i>) (potential splitting of the Northern Siberia/Caspian population into a Central Asian (w) and a Black Sea (w) one); - Greylag Goose (<i>Anser anser</i>) (potential splitting of the Central Europe/North Africa population because it represents a mixture of two ssp (<i>anser</i> and <i>rubrirostris</i>); - Bean Goose (<i>Anser fabalis</i>) (potential for elevating the management units of ssp <i>fabalis</i> to populations; taxonomic revision of ssp <i>johanseni</i>); - Black Stork (<i>Ciconia nigra</i>) (potential for listing the South Asia (non-bre) population since its majority breeds in the agreement area); - Glossy Ibis (<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>) (potential merging of the SW Asia/E Africa population with the S Asia population); - Eurasian Shag (<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>) (review the currently Table-1-listed Adriatic population vis-à-vis the other populations in the Mediterranean as well as other populations in the Agreement area that are possibly qualifying for listing); 	Essential Rolling task	2	Wetlands International and its relevant Specialist Groups	Strategic Plan: Objective 5	-

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€) – see note above
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eurasian Oystercatcher (<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>) (potential for ssp <i>longipes</i>, SE Eur & W Asia/SW Asia & NE Africa population expansion of the E border towards S Asia); - Spur-winged Lapwing (<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>) (potential expansion of the Black Sea & Mediterranean (bre) population towards the Gulf); - Bar-tailed Godwit (<i>Limosa lapponica</i>) (potential splitting of ssp <i>taymyrensis</i> Central Siberia/South & SW Asia & Eastern Africa population based on morphological differences); - Caspian Tern (<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>) (Baltic (bre) population – potential revision of the wintering range; potential for listing the Madagascar population since it is wintering in Tanzania). 					
<p>1.3. Review of Table 1 in Annex 3 to the Agreement Prepare a proposal for revision of Table 1 in Annex 3 for submission to MOP9 (<i>AEWA Article VII.3 (b)</i>).</p>	Essential Rolling task	2		Strategic Plan: Objective 1	-
<p>1.4. Review of intended proposals for amendments to the Agreement Review the submission by Contracting Parties of intended proposals for amendments to the Agreement and its annexes and provide its advice on the text of the proposed amendments and the reasons for it to the submitting Contracting Party for its consideration not later than 180 days before the opening of the session of the Meeting of the Parties (<i>Resolution 8.1</i>).</p>	Essential Rolling task	2		Strategic Plan: All objectives	-
<p>1.5. Definition of the term “livelihood” In the context of implementation of the Agreement, in particular paragraph 2.1.2 of Annex 3 (Action Plan), propose a definition of the term “livelihood” for consideration by MOP9 (<i>Resolution 8.3</i>)</p>	High	2		Strategic Plan: Objective 2	-
<p>1.6. Guidance of Favourable Reference Values Develop more detailed guidance on the interpretation and establishment of Favourable Reference Values building on existing work under other relevant international frameworks (<i>Resolution 8.4</i>)</p>	High	2	European Commission	Strategic Plan: Targets 1.2 & 2.4	[€20,000]

Theme 2: Species conservation

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>2.1. Priority list for species action and management planning Review and update at its first meeting after each MOP, as necessary, the list of International Species Action and Management Plans required for priority species/populations, involving adaptive harvest management processes where relevant, taking into account the possible need to develop new plans and retire, revise or extend existing plans (<i>Resolution 6.8; Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>).</p>	Essential Rolling	2		Strategic Plan: Targets 1.2 & 2.4	-
<p>2.2. Conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations Compile new or improved conservation and management guidance for priority species/population with no action or management plan in place and disseminate that guidance (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021</i>).</p>	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: Target 1.3	[€75,000]
<p>2.3. ISSAP Conservation Briefs Facilitate the production of conservation briefs of the ISSAPs for the Great Snipe, Ferruginous Duck, Lesser Flamingo, Maccoa Duck, Madagascar Pond Heron and Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Resolutions 7.5 and 8.4</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021</i>).</p>	High	2		Strategic Plan: Targets 1.2	[€12,000]

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>2.4. Sustainable harvests and the socio-economic importance of waterbirds</p> <p>Increase knowledge and understanding of the extent of traditional and other harvests; their modes of regulation; the conditions under which harvests are sustainable; and the significance of these harvests in the context of food security and human development.</p> <p>Initial work should compile Terms of Reference for a modular programme, identifying possible collaborating individuals and organisations as well as funding possibilities that will progressively address the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying those geographical areas where harvesting waterbirds for subsistence and/or commercial purposes is prevalent and the species concerned; - Information, as available, on trends in prevalence of harvesting for socio-economic motivations; - Identification of case studies demonstrating good practice in the sustainable management and regulation of waterbirds harvests; and - Options to highlight the importance of sustainable and well-regulated waterbird harvest within the context of development and aid programmes, notably in the context of national delivery of Aichi target 2 and the Sustainable Development Goals. <p><i>(Resolutions 6.4; 6.15 and 7.2; CMS Flyways Programme of Work, Resolution 12.11, Annex 1) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018)</i></p>	High	1	<p>CMS, CBD, CMS Flyways Working Group, FAO/FFEM/EU "RESSOURCE" project</p> <p>Linked to task 3.6.</p>	Strategic Plan: Objectives 2 & 5	[€50,000]
<p>2.5. Priorities for seabird conservation</p> <p>Review the seabird conservation priorities approved by MOP7 and provide guidance on their delivery (<i>Resolutions 7.6) (carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021).</i></p>	High	2		Strategic Plan: Objectives 1, 2, 3 & 4	[€20,000]

Theme 3: Habitat conservation

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>3.1. Site inventory framework [Develop a simple framework for use by the Parties to review and confirm the inventory of known nationally and internationally important sites. This framework should include provision of brief guidance on interpreting AEWA Action Plan references to “<i>sites of international or national importance</i>” and “<i>internationally accepted criteria of international importance</i>”. It should also take into account existing site network criteria, including those used to identify EU SPAs, Ramsar Sites, Emerald Network Sites and IBAs]. Task implemented in triennium 2019-2021. In the following triennium 2022-2024 the TC is to be involved in reviewing submissions of inventories by Contracting Parties (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021</i>).</p>	Essential	1, 2	Wetlands International, BirdLife International	Strategic Plan: Target 3.1	-
<p>3.2. Site monitoring framework Develop the monitoring protocol set out in the Site Monitoring Framework adopted by MOP8 and, where appropriate, guidance for Contracting Parties on reporting on the status of, threats to, and the effectiveness of conservation measures at their flyway network sites. (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027; Resolution 8.6</i>)</p>	Essential	1, 2	Wetlands International, BirdLife International	Strategic Plan: Target 3.2	[€20,000]
<p>3.3. Status of principal waterbird habitats Conduct Agreement-level assessment of the status of principal waterbird habitats in the wider environment, drawing on existing studies wherever possible (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021</i>).</p>	Essential	5	CMS, Raptors MoU	Strategic Plan: Target 4.1	[tbc]
<p>3.4 Sea-level rise impact Increase understanding of the consequences of sea-level rise on the Critical Site Network and the waterbird populations dependent on coastal habitats (<i>Resolution 7.9</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021</i>).</p>	High	5	Ramsar Convention STRP	Strategic Plan: Target 3.2	[€100,000]
<p>3.5. Habitat conservation action plan On the basis of the assessment under the previous task (3.3), develop an action plan (identifying priorities, opportunities and a set of recommended actions), taking into account regional and sub-regional differences in key habitat types and threats/drivers and identify which international policy mechanisms AEWA should focus its attention on to maximise delivery of</p>	Essential	2	CMS, Raptors MoU	Strategic Plan: Target 4.1	[tbc]

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
the prioritised actions (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021</i>).					
3.6. Socio-economic importance of waterbirds Explore the potential to develop a number of case studies summarising the socio-economic benefits (including food security) accruing to local populations from the sustainable management of wetlands and the sustainable use of the waterbirds that depend on these areas (<i>Resolution 5.13</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>).	Other Rolling task	4	Linked to task 2.4. FAO/FFEM/EU "RESSOURCE" project	Strategic Plan: Objectives 1, 2, 3 & 4	[€5,000]

Theme 4: Management of human activities

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
4.1. Processes contributing to tackling of the four causes² of unnecessary additional mortality and other threats Identify those multilateral processes that can contribute most to progressing AEWA priorities related to the four causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats to migratory waterbirds and their habitats and identify strategic opportunities for positively influencing these processes (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021</i>).	Essential	1	All relevant multilateral processes	Strategic Plan: Target 1.6	[€10,000]
4.2. Reducing energy impacts – Energy Task Force Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.27 on <i>Renewable energy and migratory species</i> . Task includes participation in the CMS Energy Task Force to provide further guidance and support in relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.27.	Other Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	Strategic Plan: Objectives 1 & 5	[€10,000] (T&S for meetings)
4.3. Poisoning and agrochemicals Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 on <i>Preventing poisoning of migratory birds</i> . Task includes participation in the CMS Preventing Poisoning Working Group to provide further guidance and support in relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 (<i>Resolution 6.12; CMS Flyways Programme of Work, Resolution 12.11, Annex 1</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>).	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	Strategic Plan: Objectives 1 & 5	[€5,000] (T&S for meetings)

² Causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats include: energy infrastructure (especially powerlines, wind turbines); illegal taking & killing; fisheries bycatch; and invasive alien species.

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>4.4. Poisoning by lead shot Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 on <i>Preventing poisoning of migratory birds</i>. Task includes participation in the CMS Preventing Poisoning Working Group to provide further guidance and support in relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 (Resolution 6.12) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	Strategic Plan: Objectives 1, 2 & 5	{Costs included in poisoning and agrochemicals task above}
<p>4.5. Illegal killing Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.16 on the prevention of illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds. Task includes participation in the Intergovernmental Task Force to Address Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean and technical support for implementation of the Plan of Action to Address Bird Trapping Along the Mediterranean Coasts of Egypt and Libya (Resolution 6.12) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	Strategic Plan: Objectives 1, 2 & 5	[€8,000] (T&S for attendance at Task Force meetings)
<p>4.6. Harvest data estimates from non-Party Range States Establish informed estimates of harvest of AEWA-listed waterbird species from non-Party Range States (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: Target 2.1	-
<p>4.7. Sustainability of harvest Undertake a rapid assessment of sustainability of harvest of declining quarry populations (Strategic Plan 2019-2027) (carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021).</p>	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: Target 2.4	[€50,000]
<p>4.8. Sustainable ecotourism Collate case studies of ecotourism initiatives with proven benefits for both community livelihoods and conservation of AEWA species and their habitats and identify one or more potential strategic partners with ecotourism expertise to work with (Strategic Plan 2019-2027) (carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021).</p>	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: Target 2.5 Aichi Target: Targets 4 & 14	[€20,000]

Theme 5: Research and monitoring

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
5.1. Horizon scanning Periodically undertake horizon scanning exercises (for knowledge needs and gaps) working with others, as appropriate, and report the findings to the Meeting of Parties (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027; Resolution 8.7</i>)	Other	2		Strategic Plan: Target 5.1	[€10,000]

Theme 6: Education and information

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
6.1. Communication Strategy implementation Provide advice and prioritisation on the ongoing implementation of the Communication Strategy (<i>Resolution 6.10</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>).	Other Rolling	2		Strategic Plan: All objectives	–
6.2. Experience sharing – AEWA priorities integration into NBSAPs Support Parties in compiling and sharing successful examples, best practice and guidance for the integration of AEWA priorities into NBSAPs and other national processes (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>).	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: Target 5.5	-

Theme 7: Implementation

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
7.1. Conservation Status Review 9 Guide the process of preparation of Conservation Status Review 9 (Action Plan 7.4a) while taking into account reporting needs on the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 (<i>AEWA Annex 3, paragraph 7.4</i>).	Essential	2, 5	Wetlands International and its Specialist Groups	Strategic Plan: Objectives 1,2 & 5	[€100,000]

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>7.2. Other international reviews Guide the process of preparation of a) updated review (of gaps) of information from surveys (Action Plan 7.4b) – never compiled so far; b) updated review of pertinent hunting and trade legislation (Action Plan 7.4d) – last produced for MOP4 in 2008, next one was due for MOP7 in 2018; c) updated review of the preparation and implementation of Single Species Action Plans (Action Plan 7.4e) – last produced for MOP6 in 2015, next one was due for MOP8 in 2021 (<i>AEWA Annex 3, paragraph 7.4</i>).</p>	Essential	2, 5		Strategic Plan: All objectives	[€150,000] 7.4b) [€40,000] 7.4d) [€60,000] 7.4e) [€50,000]
<p>7.3. Review and reformatting of existing Conservation Guidelines Review AEWAs Conservation Guidelines (CG) nos. 3, 4, 7 and, 8³ to ensure they continue to reflect best conservation practice.</p> <p>Undertake any necessary updates or revision and reformat in the context of any new CG format agreed by Standing Committee 11 (following the current review of CG format). Submit any revised CGs to MOP 9 (<i>Resolution 7.5</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021</i>).</p>	High	1	Wetlands International and others	Strategic Plan: All objectives	[€40,000] 4 x [€10,000]
<p>7.4. Non-native species risk assessment Contribute to the development of internationally-agreed standards and guidance for risk assessment with respect to non-native waterbirds in order to facilitate the implementation of the Agreement and related legal instruments (<i>Resolution 6.4</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>).</p>	Other	2, 5		Strategic Plan: Objectives 1 & 5	-
<p>7.5. Revision and update of Conservation Guidelines Implement its rolling programme to revise and update existing conservation guidelines and guides to guidance (<i>Resolutions 6.5; 7.6 and 7.8</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>).</p>	High Rolling	1		Strategic Plan: All objectives	-
<p>7.6. Information supplementary to Conservation Guidelines Proactively research for relevant information supplementary to Conservation Guidelines and disseminate it to the Contracting Parties following the concept approved by the 16th meeting of the Standing Committee (<i>Resolution 8.8</i>).</p>	Other Rolling	5		Strategic Plan: All objectives	-
<p>7.7. Register of conservation interventions Consider how information in national reports concerning conservation interventions may best be synthesised so as to build over time, a simple</p>	Other	5		Strategic Plan: All objectives	-

³ Guidelines = 3. Preparation of Site Inventories; 4. Management of Key Sites; 7. Ecotourism; and 8. Reducing Crop Damage, Damage to Fisheries, Bird Strikes and other Forms of Conflict.

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searchable register of shared experience which will support actions by Parties and others (<i>Resolutions 8.7</i>).					

Theme 8: Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective/Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>8.1. National Reports Revise, amend and enhance the national report format for 2021-2023 and make the necessary adjustments following MOP8 and particularly to review the reporting templates and frequency of reporting on the site network in line with the framework for the monitoring of the AEWA site network (<i>Resolution 8.3</i>).</p> <p>Prepare the draft national report format for MOP10 (2024-2026) to be submitted for consideration by MOP9 (<i>Resolution 8.3</i>).</p>	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: All objectives	-
<p>8.2. Plan of Action for Africa module for national reports Prepare the draft module on the Plan of Action for Africa for MOP10 (2024-2026) national reports to be submitted for consideration by MOP9 (<i>Resolution 8.3</i>).</p>	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: Objective 5	-
<p>8.3. Monitoring of implementation of the Strategic Plan and the PoAA (2019-2027) Further develop the concept for the monitoring of the implementation of the SP and the PoAA with respect to assessing trend in implementation rate (<i>Resolution 7.1</i>) and undertake work to facilitate data availability for assessing all SP and PoAA indicators (<i>Resolution 8.3</i>).</p>	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: All objectives	-
<p>8.4. Harmonisation of reporting Continue to promote synchronised timing and other synergies with the reporting cycles of CMS, Ramsar, EU Birds Directive (Article 12) and others as opportunities permit, in particular with respect to reporting on the status of species/populations, and contribute to the StC report to MOP8 on this matter (<i>Resolution 7.1</i>) (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Secretariat and Scientific Council; Ramsar Secretariat and STRP; European Commission and others	Strategic Plan: Objective 5	-

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<p>8.5. AEWA's contribution to relevant global frameworks Finalise document AEWA/MOP 8.36 once the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework has been adopted by CBD COP15. Compile concise triennial summaries of AEWA's contributions to the relevant global frameworks, i.e. SDGs, Aichi Targets, Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, etc, that can be used by Parties, StC and TC members, and the Secretariat to highlight at national and international levels the role of AEWA, particularly with the view of promoting the relevance of AEWA amongst development and aid agencies (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027; Resolution 8.9</i>) (carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021).</p>	Essential Rolling	2		Strategic Plan: Target 5.4	[€20,000]
<p>8.6. Emerging diseases Continue to participate in the CMS Working Group on Migratory Species and Health (<i>carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018</i>).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council, FAO, Ramsar STRP, OIE and others	Strategic Plan: Objectives 1 & 5	No direct costs, possible T&S need for meetings [€2,000]
<p>8.7. Implementation On request, assist Parties with implementation of the Agreement including review of possible Implementation Review Process (IRP) cases and possible participation in IRP missions, as well as other advisory services, as needed (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027; CMS Flyways Programme of Work, Resolution 12.11, Annex 1</i>) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	Contracting Parties	Strategic Plan: Targets 2.2 and 3.5	[€30,000] per IRP case
<p>8.8. Periodicity of the sessions of the MOP Assist the Standing Committee in evaluating the implications of moving from a 3-year to a 4-year cycle of the sessions of the Meeting of the Parties (<i>Resolution 7.12</i>) (carried over from Work Plan 2019-2021).</p>	Essential	2		-	-
<p>8.9. Implementation capacity criteria Establish criteria for assessing implementation capacity at subregional level (<i>Strategic Plan 2019-2027</i>).</p>	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: Target 5.3	[€10,000]