



Report on the implementation of AEWA for the period 2018-2020

The format for reports on the implementation of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) for the period 2018-2020 was approved by the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP7, 4-8 December 2018, Durban, South Africa) through Resolution 7.1 and modified by the Standing Committee at its 15th meeting (11-13 December 2019, Bristol, UK) as mandated by the MOP. This format has been compiled following the AEWA Annex 3 (Action Plan), the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 and resolutions of the MOP.

In accordance with article V(c) of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, each Party shall prepare to each ordinary session of the MOP a National Report on its implementation of the Agreement and submit that report to the Agreement Secretariat. By Resolution 7.1 of the MOP the deadline for submission of National Reports to the 8th Session of the MOP was set at 180 days before the opening date of MOP8, which was scheduled to take place on 5-9 October 2021 in Hungary; therefore the deadline for submission of National Reports was Thursday 8 April 2021.

As per Resolution 7.1 of the MOP, Chapter 3 of the National Report Format for MOP8 reports was developed as a stand-alone online reporting module, which was administered through a separate reporting process on the population status of AEWA-listed (native) and non-native species of waterbirds for the period 2013-2018. This reporting process was concluded on 30 June 2020 as agreed by MOP7. Therefore, this report does not contain Chapter 3.

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1. General Information

Name of reporting Contracting Party

>>> RWANDA

Date of entry into force of AEWA in the Contracting Party

>>> 1 September 2014

List any reservations that the Contracting Party has made (if any) in respect of any population(s) listed in Table 1 of Annex 3 or any specific provision of the AEWA Action Plan - either upon deposition of its instruments of accession (per AEWA, Article XV) or subsequent to any amendment of Table 1 or the AEWA Action Plan, as adopted by a session of the Agreement's Meeting of the Parties (per AEWA, Article X.6).

EU member states should list also all reservations entered by the European Commission on behalf of the European Union.

>>> None

2. Institutional Information

Please update information on the National AEWA Administrative Authority, the National Focal Points, the Designated National Respondent and the other contributors to this report.

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Please select from the list below as appropriate.

The National Focal Point (NFP) has been designated as the National Respondent

Other contributors to the AEWA National Report 2018-2020

Please list the names and affiliations (institution, organisation) of the other contributors to this report. For Contracting Parties in which nature conservation is not an exclusive competence of national/federal government, Designated National Respondents are encouraged to seek input from other relevant levels of government.

- >>> 1. Rwanda Environment Management Authority
2. Rwanda Development Board, Conservation Department
3. Birding and Education Tour Company
4. Albertine Rift Conservation Society
5. Nature Rwanda
6. Partners in Conservation
7. Institute of National Museums of Rwanda (Natural Science Research Fellow)
8. Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Association
9. University of Rwanda, College of Science and Technology
10. Karisoke Research Centre

Pressures and Responses

4. Species Conservation

4.1 Legal Measures

1. Following MOP7, was a review undertaken in your country of the relevant domestic legislation against the provisions of the latest version of the Agreement text and its annexes, including Table 1 in Annex III, taking into account all amendments adopted by MOP7? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Actions 1.1 (a), 1.1 (b), 2.2(a) and 2.2(b))

Yes

Please indicate the outcome of this review

Relevant national legislation was fully in line with the Agreement text and its annexes

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[MINISTERIAL_ORDER.pdf](#) - MINISTERIAL ORDER N0 007/2008 OF 15/08/2008 ESTABLISHING THE LIST OF PROTECTED ANIMAL AND PLANT SPECIES

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> The law on biodiversity and wildlife was updated and accommodates AEWA species and it is in the pipeline for enactment

2. Was your country's national legislation reviewed following the Guidance on Measures in National Legislation for Different Populations of the Same Species, Particularly with Respect to Hunting and Trade (Resolution 6.7)?

See Appendix 1 / Appendix 2 / Appendix 3

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Yes

Did this require adjusting your national legislation?

Yes

Was your national legislation subsequently adjusted?

Yes. Please describe what these adjustments entailed

>>> Biodiversity and wildlife law adjusted to accommodate AEAWA and CITES species

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> The draft law on biodiversity and wildlife was updated and accommodates AEWA species and it is in the pipeline for enactment

3. Please confirm the protection status under your country's national legislation of the AEWA Table 1, Column A populations that are regularly occurring in your country (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1).

Guidance on responding to this question:

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2- Fill in the Excel template comprehensively;

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4. Please confirm whether there is an open hunting season for the AEWA Table 1, Column A, category 2 or 3 with an asterisk or category 4 populations that are regularly occurring in your country (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1).

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5. Please confirm whether taking is regulated for the AEWA Table 1, Column B populations that are regularly occurring in your country (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.2; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1).

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6. Please indicate if any of the following modes of taking are prohibited in your country: snares, limes, hooks, live birds which are blind or mutilated used as decoys, tape recorders and other electronic devices, electrocuting devices, artificial light sources, mirrors and other dazzling devices, devices for illuminating targets, sighting devices for night shooting comprising an electronic image magnifier or image converter, explosives, nets, traps, poison, poisoned or anesthetic baits, semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more than two rounds of ammunition, hunting from aircraft, motor vehicles, or boats driven at a speed exceeding 5 km p/h (18 km p/h on the open sea), other non-selective modes of taking. (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.2(b); AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1)

Yes, one or more modes of taking have been prohibited

Please provide details to each mode of taking in the list below:

Snares

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[Law_on_Environment_2018.pdf](#)

You have attached the following Web links/URLs to this answer.

[Environment Law](#)

Limes

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

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Rwanda environmental Law

Hooks

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

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Live birds which are blind or mutilated used as decoys

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

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Tape recorders and other electronic devices

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

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Electrocuting devices

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment

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Artificial light sources

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

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Mirrors and other dazzling devices

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

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Devices for illuminating targets

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

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Sighting devices for night shooting comprising an electronic image magnifier or image converter

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

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Explosives

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

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Nets

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

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Traps

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

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Poison

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

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Poisoned or anaesthetic baits

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

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Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more than two rounds of ammunition

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

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Hunting from aircraft, motor vehicles, or boats driven at a speed exceeding 5 km p/h (18 km p/h on the open sea)

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Law on Environment in Rwanda

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Other non-selective modes of taking

Yes, fully

Please specify which other non-selective modes of taking have been prohibited

>>> All mode of taking are prohibited by the law on environment in Rwanda

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited

>>> Environmental Law and Law Governing Biodiversity in Rwanda

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[Law_Governing_Biodiversity_in_Rwanda.pdf](#)

If one or more non-selective modes of taking have not been prohibited, please explain the reasons

>>> All selective and non selective mode of taking are prohibited

7. Has your country granted exemptions from any of the above prohibitions in order to accommodate livelihoods uses? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.2(b); AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1)

No

8. Were any exemptions granted to the prohibitions required by paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the AEWA Action Plan? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.1.3; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 1.1)

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No

9. Has a review of enforcement of and compliance with the domestic legislation relevant for AEWA implementation, [in particular the legislation which caters for the obligations under paragraphs 2.1 and 4.1 of the AEWA Action Plan], been undertaken in your country after MOP7? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Actions 1.1(c) and 2.2(c))

Yes

When was the review completed? Please attach a copy or provide a weblink, if available.

>>> Completed in 2020 (the new Biodiversity and Wildlife law, in the pipeline)

What is the assessed level of enforcement and compliance?

High (almost full compliance)

Please provide details and reasons for the high level of compliance. Please describe in which areas enforcement and compliance are still insufficient.

>>> Awareness raising on the importance of wildlife to economic development of the country

Have any measures been put in place to ensure strengthened enforcement and compliance?

Yes

Please describe the measures

>>> 1. Enforcement from the grassroot level

2. Protection of wetlands and relocation of illegal activities from them

3. Awareness raising on existing laws
4. Established environmental Committees from Cell level to Provincial level

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> Communities are trained on environment law and joint inspections are carried out for enforcement

10. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on National Legislation for the Protection of Species of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats?

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Yes

Please provide details.

>>> AEWA conservation guidelines were considered and used during the establishment of Biodiversity and Wildlife law.

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 4.1. Legal Measures

>>> None

4.2. Species Action and Management Plans

11. Please report on the progress of turning the International Single Species Action and Management Plans (ISSAP and ISSMP), as well as International Multi-species Action Plans (IMSAP), listed below, into National Action or Management Plans. (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.2; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 1.2 (d))

Please report on all listed ISSAP, ISSMP and IMSAP

Madagascar Pond-heron / *Ardeola idea*

National Plan for Madagascar Pond-heron / *Ardeola idea*

No NP and no action implemented

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> The country has taken measures to protect wetlands by removing all illegal activities from them. The habitat for Madagascar Pond Heron is known and well protected.

Shoebill / *Balaeniceps rex*

National Plan for Shoebill / *Balaeniceps rex*

No NP, but actions implemented

Please explain the reasons for having no NP in place

>>> Limited resources

Please provide a description of the actions implemented

>>> Monitoring programme of the the shoebill in collaboration with NGOs since 2018.

Please rate the degree of current implementation of the plan taking into account the time schedule of the ISSAP

Moderate implementation – some of the actions are underway as per the time schedule of the ISSAP

Please provide details and reasons for the lower degree of implementation.

>>> Insufficient resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Grey Crowned-crane / *Balearica regulorum*

National Plan for Grey Crowned-crane / *Balearica regulorum*

No NP, but actions implemented

Please explain the reasons for having no NP in place

>>> Limited resources

Please provide a description of the actions implemented

>>> - Sanctuary for disabled Grey Crowned-crane created

- Rehabilitation of cranes from captivity in households & release in the natural environment

- Monitoring and annual censuses

Please rate the degree of current implementation of the plan taking into account the time schedule of the ISSAP

Moderate implementation - some of the actions are underway as per the time schedule of the ISSAP

Please provide details and reasons for the lower degree of implementation.

>>> limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Corncrake / *Crex crex*

National Plan for Corncrake / *Crex crex*

No NP, but actions implemented

Please explain the reasons for having no NP in place

>>> Limited resources

Please provide a description of the actions implemented

>>> Actions to protect its habitat (wetlands) implemented

Please rate the degree of current implementation of the plan taking into account the time schedule of the ISSAP

Moderate implementation - some of the actions are underway as per the time schedule of the ISSAP

Please provide details and reasons for the lower degree of implementation.

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Great Snipe / *Gallinago media*

National Plan for Great Snipe / *Gallinago media*

No NP and no action implemented

Please explain the reasons

>>> Its habitat lays in Akagera National Park which is a protected area

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Black-winged Pratincole / *Glareola nordmanni*

National Plan for Black-winged Pratincole / *Glareola nordmanni*

No NP and no action implemented

Please explain the reasons

>>> Its habitat lays in Akagera National Park which is a protected area

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Maccoa Duck / *Oxyura maccoa*

National Plan for Maccoa Duck / *Oxyura maccoa*

No NP and no action implemented

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

12. Has your country provided assistance for the coordination and implementation of International Species Action or Management Plans through funding of AEWA International Species Working and Expert Groups? (Resolution 7.5)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Rwanda provided annual contributions to the General Trust Fund of AEWA

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

13. Has your country provided financial or in-kind assistance for the development of new International Species Action or Management Plans? (Resolution 7.5)

Yes

Please provide details, including amount of funds donated

>>> Contribution in the elaboration of East Africa Single Action Plan of the Grey Crowned Cranes

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> The elaboration of East Africa Single Action Plan of the Grey Crowned Cranes held in Rwanda

14. Has a review and prioritization been undertaken in your country of the resources needed to develop national action plans in response to ISSAPs, implement those plans and coordinate their implementation? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 1.2(g))

No

Please explain the reasons.

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

15. Does your country have in place or is your country developing a National Single Species Action Plan for any species/population for which an AEWA ISSAP has not been developed? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.2.2)

No

16. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines for the preparation of National Single Species Action Plans for migratory waterbirds?

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No

Please explain the reasons. What has been used instead as a basis for the preparation of NSSAPs?

>>> No National single Species action plans for migratory waterbirds developed due to limited resources.

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 4.2. Single Species Action Plans

>>> None

4.3 Emergency Measures

17. Please report on any emergency situation that has occurred in your country over the past triennium and has threatened waterbirds. (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.3)

Please indicate whether an emergency situation threatening waterbirds, such as botulism, chemical pollution, earthquake, extreme weather, fire, harmful algal bloom, infectious disease, introduction of alien species, lead poisoning, nuclear accident, oil spill, predation, volcanic activity, war or other emergency (please specify), has occurred in the country over the past triennium.

Emergency situation has occurred

Please provide information on each emergency situation which occurred

Extreme weather

Indicate when the emergency situation took place

>>> Flooding in 2019

Indicate where the emergency situation took place (including geographical coordinates)

>>> Akagera Wetlands

Nyabarongo wetland

Indicate which species were affected by the emergency situation and the estimated magnitude of the impact

Grey Crowned-crane / *Balearica regulorum*

Number of individuals affected (all individuals exposed to the emergency situation)

>>> 8

What proportion of the national (breeding, passage, wintering/nonbreeding, whichever is applicable) population does this number represent?

< 10%

If mortality has been recorded, indicate number of individuals

>>> only eggs affected

If a waterbird site has been affected, indicate area of habitat impacted (in hectares)

>>> Waterbirds were not affected

Have emergency response measures been implemented?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> 1. Long term plans for wetlands protection including erosion control in the catchments

2. Law enforcement for wetlands protection

Field for additional information (optionally, you can provide additional information on the emergency case)

>>> Communities are involved in the erosion control activities in the catchment

18. Are there any other emergency response measures, different from the ones applied in response to the emergency situations reported above, that were developed and are in place in your country so that they can be used in future in emergency cases?

No

19. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on identifying and tackling emergency situations for migratory waterbirds?

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> Optimization of recovery by protecting wetlands

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 3.3. Emergency Measures

>>> None

4.4 Re-establishments

20. Is your country maintaining a national register of re-establishment projects occurring or planned to occur wholly or partly within your country? (Resolution 4.4)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> There are no re-establishment projects for waterbird species implemented

21. Is there a regulatory framework for re-establishments of species, including waterbirds, in your country (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.4)?

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> There is no regulatory framework but the draft Biodiversity and Wildlife Law provides other regulatory instruments including the re-establishment projects

22. Has your country considered, developed or implemented re-establishment projects for any species/population listed on AEWA Table 1? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.4)

No

23. Has your country used the AEWA conservation Guidelines on the translocation of waterbirds for conservation purposes?

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Yes

Please explain

>>> Captive Grey Crowned Cranes have been translocated back to the wild from captivity.

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 4.4. Re-establishments

>>> None

4.5 Introductions

24. Does your country have legislation in place, which prohibits the introduction into the environment of non-native species of animals and plants which may be detrimental to migratory waterbirds? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.5.1)

Yes, and being enforced

Please provide the following details: title of legislation, year of adoption, institution that adopted it, institution that enforces it. Please clarify whether legislation applies to/is consistent throughout the entire country or only to particular states/provinces.

>>> -Law Governing Biodiversity in Rwanda

- Law on environment

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[Law_Governing_Biodiversity_in_Rwanda.pdf](#) - Biodiversity Law

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> The new law on Biodiversity and wildlife provides more information on prohibited acts including introduction.

25. Does your country impose legislative requirements on zoos, private collections, etc. in order to avoid the accidental escape of captive animals belonging to non-native species which may be detrimental to migratory waterbirds? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.5.2)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Exists generally but not specific to the migratory waterbirds.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> N/A

26. Has your country considered, developed or implemented programmes to control or eradicate non-native species of waterbird so as to prevent negative impacts on indigenous species? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 2.5.3)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> limited resources to implement such programmes

27. Has your country considered, developed or implemented programmes to control or eradicate other non-native species (in particular aquatic weeds and terrestrial predators) so as to prevent negative impacts on migratory waterbirds? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraphs 2.5.3 and 4.3.10 and Resolution 5.15)

Yes

Please list the non-native species for which relevant action has been undertaken

>>> The focus was put on water hyacinth and other weeds

Please provide further information for each relevant programme

>>> Projects implemented by the Government and local NGOs working in Environment as initiatives to conserve the degraded lakes and wetlands by removing water Jacinth and other weeds.

28. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on avoidance of introductions of non-native waterbird species?

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> All international laws, policies and guidance are considered, consulted during the development of national laws

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 4.5. Introductions

>>> N/A

4.6 Seabirds

The country has maritime territories and the AEWA seabird conservation priorities are relevant for the country:

No

Pressures and Responses

5. Habitat Conservation

5.1 Habitat Inventories

39. Has your country identified the network of all sites of international and national importance for the migratory waterbird species/populations listed on Table 1? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 3.1.2; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 3.1(a))

Yes

Please provide full reference, e.g. title, year, authors, etc. or a web link

>>> Important Bird Areas identified

Wetlands of national and international importance identified and recommendation for further management made to relevant institutions.

Have you reviewed, confirmed and communicated to the AEWA Secretariat after MOP7 the inventory of known nationally and internationally important sites in your country?

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> There are 7 IBAs in Rwanda but there is no reviewed inventory communicated to AEWA Secretariat after MOP 7

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

40. If your country has identified or is currently identifying the networks of sites of international and national importance, were the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on the preparation of site inventories for migratory waterbirds used?

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> They were considered in NBSAP

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Optionally, you can provide additional information on section 5.1. Habitat Inventories

>>> N/A

5.2. Conservation of Areas and Habitats

41. Has your country assessed the future implications of climate change for protected areas and other sites important for waterbirds (i.e. resilience of sites to climate change)? (Resolution 5.13)

For one or more single sites

Yes

Please give details as to where relevant information about these assessments have been published (either as publications or web-link).

>>> Conservation of the endemic species of the Albertine Rift under the future climate change

You have attached the following Web links/URLs to this answer.

[Conservation of the endemic species of the Albertine Rift under future climate change](#)

For the national protected area network

Yes

You have attached the following Web links/URLs to this answer.

[Impacts of climate Change and Industrial Development on the long-term changes in Wildlife Behavior in the Greater Virunga Landscape](#)

Please give details as to where relevant information about these assessments have been published (either as publications or web-link).

>>> Impact of climate change and industrial development on the long-term changes in Wildlife behavior in the Greater Virunga Landscape

42. Which sites that were identified as important, either internationally or nationally, for Table 1 migratory waterbird species/populations have been designated as protected areas under the national legislation and have management plans that are being implemented, including with the aim to increase resilience to the effects of climate change? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 3.2.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 3.3)

Please report separately on internationally important sites, nationally important sites and buffer zones.

Reporting on designation and management of internationally important sites

Reporting on designation and management of nationally important sites. (Sites of national importance excludes the sites already reported above as internationally important)

Reporting on establishing buffer zones around waterbird sites (as an approach for maintaining or increasing resilience of ecological networks, including resilience to climate change)

All sites of international importance

(sites recognized as having international importance for migratory waterbirds following criteria of, for instance, the AEWA Critical Site Network, the Ramsar Convention, the EU Birds Directive (SPAs), the Bern Convention Emerald Network, the BirdLife International's Important Bird Areas)

Total number

>>> 5

Total area (ha)

>>> 240395

Number of internationally important sites under national protection designation

>>> 1

Area of international importance under national protection designation (ha)

>>> 6,736

Please rate the effectiveness of the national protection designation

High

Please provide details and reasons for the high level of effectiveness.

>>> The designated site is full protected

Internationally important protected sites with a management plan in place which is being implemented

Number of sites

>>> 1

Area (in ha)

>>> 6736

Please rate the effectiveness of the management measures

High

Please provide details and reasons for the high level of effectiveness.

>>> The site is full protected and surrounding communities are aware

Rehabilitation activities implemented by different stakeholders including the buffet zone

Internationally important sites with a management plan in place which is being implemented and includes management objectives related to maintaining or increasing the resilience of existing ecological networks, including resilience to climate change

Number of sites

>>> 1

Area (in ha)

>>> 6736

Please rate the effectiveness of the climate resilience measures

High

Please provide details and reasons for the high level of effectiveness.

>>> The site is fully protected

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

All sites of national importance

Total number

>>> 7

Number of nationally important sites under national protection designation

>>> 7

Please rate the effectiveness of the national protection designation

High

Please provide details and reasons for the high level of effectiveness.

>>> 1. Surrounding Communities are involved in the protection activities and benefit from tourism revenue sharing programme.

2. Awareness raising for communities to be involved in protection of national protection designation

3. Law enforcement for prohibited acts in national protection designation

Nationally important protected sites with a management plan in place which is being implemented

Number of sites

>>> 7

Please rate the effectiveness of the management measures

High

Please provide details and reasons for the high level of effectiveness.

>>> 1. Surrounding Communities are involved in the protection activities and benefit from tourism revenue sharing programme.

2. Awareness raising for communities to be involved in protection of national protection designation

3. Law enforcement for prohibited acts in national protection designation

4. Establishment of local committers

Nationally important sites with a management plan in place which is being implemented and includes management objectives related to maintaining or increasing the resilience of existing ecological networks, including resilience to climate change

Number of sites

>>> 7

Please rate the effectiveness of the climate resilience measures

High

Please provide details and reasons for the high level of effectiveness.

>>> 1. Fire burning are prohibited,

2. Any activities that can lead to desertification are prohibited

3. Agriculture activities are not allowed

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Has your country identified around which nationally or internationally important sites the establishment of buffer zones is needed to maintain or increase resilience?

Yes

Number of sites that have been identified to be in need of the establishment of buffer zones around them

>>> 8

Number of areas with established and adequately managed buffer zones

>>> 8

Please rate the effectiveness of the management measures

Moderate

Please provide details and reasons for the lower level of effectiveness.

>>> Buffer zone are well protected

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Examples of best practice (optional)

If any site, in your opinion, represents an outstanding process of management planning or implementation, please highlight it as an example of best practice (alternatively provide a web link or attach a file)

>>> Rugezi Wetland

43. Has your country developed a national strategy / action plan for filling gaps in designation and/or management of internationally and nationally important sites? (Resolution 5.2; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 3.3(a))

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[NATIONAL_BIODIVERSITY_STRATEGY_AND_ACTION_PLAN_Final_version.pdf](#)

DESIGNATION GAP FILLING

Yes

Please provide full reference or a web link, as well as details concerning the process and the status of this strategy / plan

>>> NATIONAL_BIODIVERSITY_STRATEGY_AND_ACTION_PLAN

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[NATIONAL_BIODIVERSITY_STRATEGY_AND_ACTION_PLAN_Final_version.pdf](#) - NBSAP

Has it been implemented?

Yes, being implemented

Please provide details, including when it is expected to be concluded

>>> N/A

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

MANAGEMENT GAP FILING

Yes

Please provide full reference or a web link, as well as details concerning the process and the status of this strategy / plan

>>> NATIONAL_BIODIVERSITY_STRATEGY_AND_ACTION_PLAN

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[NATIONAL_BIODIVERSITY_STRATEGY_AND_ACTION_PLAN_Final_version.pdf](#)

Has it been implemented?

Yes, fully completed

Please provide details

>>> None

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

44. Is the network of nationally and internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds integrated into your country's water- and land-use policies and planning and decision-making processes? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 3.4)

Yes, partially

Please provide details and reasons for partial integration

>>> Land use policies are not specific to water birds but accommodate their habitats

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

45. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on the management of key sites for migratory waterbirds?

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No

Please explain the reasons. What guidance has been used instead?

>>> Biodiversity law

46. Has the Critical Site Network (CSN) Tool for the AEWA area been accessed and used in your country? (Resolution 7.9)

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No

Please explain the reasons

>>> There is a need to be trained on the use of Critical Site Network (CSN) Tool

47. Following MOP7, has your country been involved in the establishment of innovative, international, multi-stakeholder partnerships to guide the development and implementation of habitat management, creation and restoration projects in the wider environment? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 4.4(a))

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 5.2. Conservation of Areas and Habitats

>>> None

Pressures and Responses

6. Management of Human Activities

6.1. Hunting

48. Does the legislation of your country implement the principle of sustainable use of waterbirds, as envisaged in the AEWA Action Plan, taking into account the full geographical range of the waterbird populations concerned and their life history characteristics? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 2.2)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Hunting is prohibited by the law

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

49. Does your country have an established system for the collection of harvest data, which covers the species/populations listed in Table 1? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.3; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 2.1(b))

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Hunting is prohibited by the law

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

50. Has your country phased out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.4; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 2.2(d))

Fully

When was lead shot use in wetlands banned?

>>> Hunting itself is not authorized.

What legislation is in place?

>>> Law Governing Biodiversity in Rwanda

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[Law_Governing_Biodiversity_in_Rwanda.pdf](#) - Biodiversity law

Who enforces this legislation?

>>> Rwanda Development Boards who is in charge of National Parks management

Has assessment of compliance with the legislation been undertaken?

No

If appropriate, please explain the reasons for not doing this.

>>> None

Has measurement of impact of the legislation been undertaken i.e. where there was a problem of lead poisoning in waterbirds, has this been reduced?

No

If appropriate, please explain the reasons for not doing this.

>>> None

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

51. Are there measures in your country to reduce/eliminate illegal taking? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.6; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 2.2(e))

Yes

How would you rate the effectiveness of the measures?

High

Please provide details and reasons for the high level of effectiveness.

>>> Illegal taking is prohibited

Please provide details

>>> -National biodiversity law

-National wildlife law in progress of enactment

-Law governing environment in Rwanda

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

52. Does your country maintain an adequate system for making realistic estimates of the number of waterbirds taken illegally? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 2.1(b))

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Not yet in place

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

53. Is legally binding proficiency testing for hunters, including amongst other things bird identification, in place in your country? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.8; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 2.2)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Because hunting is prohibited in Rwanda

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

54. Are best practice codes and standards for hunting in place in your country in support of enforcement of hunting laws and regulations? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.1.7; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 2.3)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> The hunting is prohibited

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

55. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on sustainable harvest of migratory birds?

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> The country has established measures including impact assessment and high measures on enforcement

Optionally, you can provide additional information on section 6.1. Hunting

>>> None

6.2. Ecotourism

56. Is wetland- and waterbird-related ecotourism integrated into your country's national tourism development strategies or other relevant national strategies? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.2.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 2.5(c))

Yes

Please describe and provide details

>>> Ecotourism development is integrated into the national development framework including vision 2020 and national strategy for transformation

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

57. Are there existing ecotourism initiatives in your country specifically based on migratory waterbirds and their habitats? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 2.5)

Yes

Please describe how many initiatives are in place and provide details for each of them

>>> There are natural park reserves based on migratory waterbirds and habitats

Please rank the degree to which these initiatives are designed to deliver both conservation and community benefits:

High

Please provide details

>>> The conservation is done and ecotourism takes place. The community takes benefits,

Please rank the degree to which these dual benefits are being delivered in practice:

High

Please provide details and the reasons for successful delivery

>>> The community benefit in ecotourism activities is granted and ensured by revenue sharing mechanisms.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 6.2. Ecotourism

>>> None

6.3. Other human activities

58. Have restrictions on use of lead fishing weights been introduced in your country? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.3.12). When answering this question please also consider question 78 in chapter 7 - Research and monitoring.

No

If appropriate, please provide further details.

>>> There is no such hunting in Rwanda

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

59. Does your country have legislation in place, which provides for Strategic Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA/EIA) of activities potentially negatively affecting natural habitats or wildlife? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.3.1; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 3.5)

Yes and being implemented

Does this legislation apply to the entire country or only to particular states/provinces thereof?

Entire country

Please provide details

>>> SEA/ EIA are provided in legislation of Rwanda and are being implemented in entire territory

Do the SEA/EIA processes consider waterbirds and habitats on which they depend?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Waterbirds and their habitats are considered in SEA/EIA processes in Rwanda

Do the SEA/EIA processes include public participation?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> The public is consulted and participation ensured in all levels of SEA/EIA implementation.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

60. Are there any other legal and/or administrative measures in your country to avoid, mitigate and compensate for adverse impacts of development activities on the sites of national and international importance for migratory birds? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 3.5)

Yes

Please describe each measure and provide details for each of them

>>> There are legal and administrative measures in Rwanda for mitigation and compensation of adverse impacts of development activities.

Please rank the effectiveness of these measures:

High

Please provide details and the reasons for the high effectiveness

>>> The effectiveness is stimulated by the participatory process and law enforcement

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

61. In the last three years, has your country used SEA/EIA for all relevant projects, including energy sector projects such as renewable energy developments and power lines installation, to assess the impact of proposed projects on migratory waterbird species listed on Table 1 and/or habitats/sites on which they depend? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.3.1, Resolution 5.11 and Resolution 5.16; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 3.5(b))

Yes, all proposed projects

Please provide information on the outstanding cases

>>> SEA/ EIA have been used in all Policy, Programmes and Plans for the cycle of all big development projects, including energy and power lines installation

Where an SEA/EIA has identified a likelihood of significant negative impacts on migratory waterbirds, have steps been taken to avoid these impacts, including avoidance of protected areas and other sites of importance for migratory waterbirds?

Yes

Please describe the measures put in place

>>> Always measures have been taken to avoid adverse impacts in protected areas.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

62. Do you maintain a record of the cases of adverse impacts of development activities and other pressures on sites of national and international importance for migratory waterbirds in your country? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 3.5(a))

Yes

Please report the number of sites of national and international importance for migratory waterbirds in your country that are subject to adverse impact of development activities or other pressures. Please list those sites with their names, central geographic coordinates and observed impacts.

>>> Nyabarongo wetland and Akagera wetland complex

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[List of sites of national Int importance for migr species Nyabar Akag.doc](#)

Please report the number of sites of national and international importance for migratory waterbirds in your country where adverse impact of development activities or other pressures has been effectively avoided, mitigated or compensated. Please list those sites with their names, central geographic coordinates and the

impacts that have been addressed.

>>> Kamiranzovu wetland and Rugezi wetland

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

List of sites of national Int importance for migr species Kamir Rugezi (1).doc

Please report the number of sites of national and international importance for migratory waterbirds in your country where no effective avoidance, mitigation or compensation has been implemented for adverse impact of development activities or other pressures. Please list those sites with their names, central geographic coordinates and observed impacts.

>>> None

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

63. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on how to avoid, minimize or mitigate impact of infrastructural developments and related disturbance affecting waterbirds?

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> The international legal framework has been used in preparation of all legislation and regulations

64. Please report on the implementation of Resolution 5.11 on Power Lines and Migratory Waterbirds.

64.1. Are relevant stakeholders, including government agencies, scientific bodies, nongovernmental organisations and the energy sector, being regularly consulted in order to monitor jointly the impacts of power lines on waterbirds and to agree on a common policy of action?

Partially

Please provide details.

>>> Relevant stakeholders from private and public institutions have been involved in monitoring of the impacts of power lines on waterbirds. They are consulted and their views are taken into considerations.

64.2. Has a baseline of waterbird distribution, population sizes, migrations and movements (including those between breeding, resting and feeding areas) been established as early as possible in the planning of any power line project, over a period of at least five years, and with particular emphasis on those species known to be vulnerable to electrocution or collision?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> baseline of waterbird distribution, population sizes, migrations and movements established in the planning of power line projects

64.3 If such studies, as described in the question above, have identified any risks, has every effort been made to ensure these are avoided?

Yes

Please provide details.

>>> Mitigation measures proposed and implemented

64.4. Have the location, route and direction of new power lines been designated on the basis of national zoning maps?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> EIA should be conducted for all new power lines projects to provide mitigation measures

64.5. Has, wherever possible, the construction of power lines along major migration flyways and in habitats of conservation importance* been avoided, where such construction is likely to have significant effects on waterbirds?

* such as Special Protection Areas under the EU Birds Directive, Important Bird Areas, protected areas, Ramsar sites,

the West/Central Asian Site Network for Siberian Crane and other waterbirds and other critical sites as identified by the Critical Site Network (CSN) Tool for the African-Eurasian region.

Yes

Please provide details.

>>> Mitigation measures provided in EIA are implemented

64.6. Are bird-safe designs in the construction of new power infrastructure, including measures designed to reduce electrocution and collisions being used in your country?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Measures have been taken to prevent and avoid electrocution of waterbirds

64.7. Have those sections of existing power lines that are causing relatively high levels of waterbird injury and/or mortality due to electrocution and/or collision been identified?

No

Please explain the reasons. What are the constraints preventing implementation of this activity?

>>> Limited resources

64.8. Where sections of existing power lines have been identified to cause relatively high levels of waterbird injury and/or mortality due to electrocution and/or collision, have they been modified as a matter of priority?

Not applicable

Please explain the reasons.

>>> When there are identified in EIA study and provided mitigation measures are proposed and implemented

64.9. Is there in your country regular monitoring and evaluation of the impact of power lines on waterbird populations at the national scale?

No

Please explain the reasons. What are the constraints preventing implementation of this activity?

>>> Limited resources

64.10. Is there in your country regular monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of mitigation measures put in place to minimise the impact of power lines on waterbird populations?

Not applicable

Please explain the reasons.

>>> Limited resource

64.11. Have the measures contained in Resolution 5.11. been included in your country's National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and relevant legislation?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Those measures of safety assurance in development projects are taken into consideration and general measures and guidelines for pollution control are taken in NBSAP.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

65. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on how to avoid or mitigate impact of electricity power grids on migratory birds in the African-Eurasian region?

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> In our legislation preparation, global and international guidelines have been considered

66. Please report on the implementation of Resolution 5.16 on Renewable Energy and

Migratory Waterbirds.

66.1. Has a national sensitivity and zoning mapping to avoid overlap of renewable energy developments with areas of importance for migratory waterbirds been developed in your country?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> The national sensitivity and zoning mapping was done. There is a study done on avifauna study for the 1010-2020 kv Kigoma Butare Ngozi-Gitega transmission line report.

66.2. Have any international environmental guidelines, recommendations and criteria been followed in your country for impact assessment of renewable energy developments and the utilization of renewable energy sources?

Yes

Please describe which guidelines, recommendations and criteria have been followed.

>>> The international environmental guidelines, recommendations and world bank standards have been followed.

66.3. Is post-construction monitoring being undertaken of the renewable energy installations and associated infrastructure in your country?

Not applicable

Please explain

>>> None

66.4. Where damage cannot be avoided or mitigated, has compensation for damages to biodiversity been provided?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Compensation for damages to biodiversity has been provided

Operate wind farms in ways that minimise bird mortality, for example by introducing shortterm shutdowns during peak migration and minimising lighting in wind farms.

Not applicable

Please explain the reasons

>>> There are no wind farms

Dismantling of wind turbines in existing installations, should waterbird mortality have an effect on the population status of a species and other mitigation measures have proved insufficient.

Not applicable

Please explain the reasons

>>> There are no wind farms

Focusing research efforts on alleviating the negative effects on waterbirds from wind farms, such as the mapping of the main migration corridors and migration crossings for waterbirds also allowing the optimising of wind farm layouts.

Not applicable

Please explain the reasons

>>> No wind farms

66.6. Have any specific measures been put in place to assess, identify and reduce potential negative impacts of biofuel production on migratory waterbirds and their habitats?

Not applicable

Please explain

>>> No biofuel production in the country

66.7. Have the measures contained in Resolution 5.11. been included in your country's National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and relevant legislation?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> The NBSAP, laws and other relevant regulations have been considered in the framework of SEA/EIA requirements,

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

67. Has your country used the following AEWA Conservation Guidelines - Renewable Energy Technologies and Migratory Species: Guidelines for Sustainable Deployment (Resolution 6.11)?

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> Generally, the international guidelines and standards are considered in preparation of national regulations and legislations

68. Is by-catch of waterbirds in fishing gear taking place in your country? (Resolution 3.8) (Please respond to this question only with respect to species, which are NOT considered seabirds. Seabird by-catch is dealt with in section 4.6 Seabirds)

Not applicable

Please explain

>>> No such fishing

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

69. Please report on the implementation of Resolution 5.12 on Adverse Effects of Agrochemicals on Migratory Waterbirds in Africa (this question is applicable only to Contracting Parties in Africa).

69.1. Have relevant government authorities developed and implemented regulations on the trade and application of agrochemicals known to have a direct or indirect adverse effect on waterbirds?

Yes and being implemented

Please provide details

>>> There are responsibilities to follow up regulations of agrochemicals being lodged in various institutions.

69.2. Is the use of such agrochemicals regulated around nationally and internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds, particularly in wetlands, also taking into account run-offs from agriculture affecting aquatic ecosystems?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Development activities are not allowed in wetlands under the international protection statutes. There are development activities allowed under certain conditions (wise use), including alternatives being developed and implemented in line with the national development strategy.

69.3. Are there any steps undertaken to control or reduce the use of avicides in areas frequented by populations listed in Table 1 of the Agreement?

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> No such use in our country

69.4. Have education and training activities been implemented for relevant target groups on the proper use of agrochemicals that may have possible adverse effect on waterbirds?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> The education and training activities have been implemented through regular extension and farmer field school programmes,

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

70. Has any project / initiative been implemented in your country that promotes the integration of cultural and provisioning ecosystem services of migratory waterbirds into policy and decision-making affecting them or their habitats? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 2.6)

Yes

Please provide details for each project / initiative

>>> Different projects and initiatives have been implemented to restore and rehabilitate the critically degraded wetlands with importance on migratory waterbirds.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 6.3. Other Human Activities

>>> None

Pressures and Responses

7. Research and Monitoring

71. Does your country have in place waterbird monitoring schemes for the AEWA species? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Actions 1.4(a) and 1.4(b))

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> it was done only 2002,2008 and 2015

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> N/A

72. Is data collected through the International Waterbird Census or other relevant monitoring schemes being actively used in your country to inform national-level implementation of AEWA? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 1.5(a))

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> N/A

73. Has your country supported, technically or financially, other Parties or Range States in designing appropriate monitoring schemes and developing their capacity to collect reliable waterbird population data? (Resolution 5.2)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> N/A

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

74. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on waterbird monitoring?

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No

Please explain the reasons. What guidance has been used instead?

>>> None

75. Has your government provided over the past triennium funds and/or logistical support for the International Waterbird Census and/or other waterbird monitoring scheme at international or national level? (Resolution 6.3)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> N/A

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

76. Has your country donated funds to the African-Eurasian Waterbird Fund in the past triennium (Resolution 6.3, Resolution 7.7)?

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No

Please explain the reason

>>> N/A

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

77. (Applicable to African Contracting Parties only) Were the periods of breeding and of pre-nuptial

migration for all AEWA-listed species and their respective populations occurring on the territory of your country identified at national level? (Resolution 7.8)

No

Please explain the reason

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

78. Has the impact of lead fishing weights on waterbirds been investigated in your country? (AEWA Action Plan, paragraph 4.3.12). When answering this question please also consider question 58 in chapter 6 – Management of human activities.

No

Are there plans to investigate the impact of lead fishing weights on waterbirds in your country?

No

Please provide reason(s)

>>> N/A

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 7. Research and Monitoring

>>> None

Pressures and Responses

8. Education and Information

8.1. Communication, Education and Public Awareness

79. Has your country developed and implemented programmes for raising awareness and understanding on waterbird conservation and about AEWA specifically? (Strategic Plan 2009-2017, Objective 4, Target 4.3 and AEWA Action Plan, paragraphs 6.1-6.4, Resolution 3.10, Resolution 5.5; Resolution 6.10)

Guidance: Such programmes should consist of a series of established, long-term communication activities, which are guided by clearly defined goals, target audiences and communication channels. A programme does not constitute a single, one-off communication activity, product or event. In other words, an established national programme to raise awareness and understanding on waterbird conservation and about AEWA would ideally be a number of targeted communication activities which are guided by a communication plan and are backed by sufficient human and financial resources.

Yes, being implemented

Please describe the awareness programmes which have been developed. Please upload any relevant sample materials which have been developed and add contact details of a contact person for each programme.

>>> -Training on waterbirds counting

-Field visit to watch birds including migratory water birds

-Training workshop on habitat conservation

- Environmental clubs and outreach programmes to raise awareness for Grey Crowned Crane

Does the programme specifically focus on AEWA and the provisions of its Action Plan?

No

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

80. Has a National AEWA Focal Point for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) been designated by your country? (Resolution 5.5; Resolution 6.10)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> National AEWA Focal Point undertake the responsibilities of CEPA

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

81. Have measures been taken by your country to implement the provisions related to "Education and Information" in the AEWA Action Plan over the last triennium? (AEWA Action Plan, Paragraphs 6.1-6.4)

Yes

Please indicate which measures have been taken:

a. National training programmes have been arranged for personnel responsible for implementing AEWA

Yes

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[Birding on boat-Kivu Lake Rwanda.jpg](#) - Bird counting

How can the effectiveness of the measures be rated?

Moderate

Please provide details

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

b. Training programmes and materials have been developed in cooperation with other Parties and/or the Agreement Secretariat

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> limited resources

Generally Training programmes and materials for AEWA have been developed by local NGOs and CBOs working on biodiversity.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

c. AEWA related information and training resources have been exchanged with other Parties and/or shared with the Agreement Secretariat

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> AEWA related information and training resources were shared with stakeholders in the country.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

d. Specific public awareness campaigns for the conservation of populations listed in Table 1 have been conducted

Yes

How can the effectiveness of the measures be rated?

Low

Please provide details

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

82. Have World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) activities been carried out in your country during this reporting cycle? (Resolution 5.5)

Yes

Please describe the activity/activities briefly and upload any sample materials, links or photos available related to the activity/event.

>>> Participation in the online celebration of World Migratory Water Bird Day 2020

83. Has your country provided funding and/or other support, as appropriate (e.g. expertise, network, skills and resources) towards the implementation of the AEWA Communication Strategy and/or towards priority CEPA activities in the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027? Please consider both national and international funding and different types of support provided. (Resolution 6.10)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Optionally can provide additional information on section 8.1. Communication, Education and Public Awareness

>>> None

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9. Implementation

84. Have you undertaken a national assessment of the resources needed for the delivery of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 5.6.(b))

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

85. Has your country approached non-contracting party range states to encourage them to accede to the Agreement? (Resolution 3.10; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 5.2)

Report only on activities over the past triennium

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> There is no established platform to work or to communicate with non-contracting party range states on AEWA agreement

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

86. Does your country have in place a national coordination mechanism for implementation of AEWA, possibly linking to national coordination mechanisms for other biodiversity Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)? (Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 5.3(b))

Guidance: Such mechanism can be a dedicated cross-institutional working group, involving representatives of the civil society and other relevant stakeholders, aimed at planning, coordinating and reporting the implementation of the Agreement in the country. Alternatively, the implementation of AEWA at national level can be coordinated as an extension of larger national coordination mechanisms for other MEAs, such as National Ramsar Committees or CBD NBSAPs coordination.

Yes, it is operational on a regular basis

Please provide details

>>> A steering committee composed by Public institutions, Civil Society Organisation was established and contribute to development of this online National Report

Are priority capacity gaps addressed by the coordination mechanism?

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> limited resources

Please rank the effectiveness of the national coordination mechanism for AEWA implementation:

Low

Please provide details and the reasons for the low effectiveness

>>> National Steering Committee for AEWA is currently established.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

87. Have you undertaken a national assessment of the capacity needs for AEWA implementation? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 5.3.(e))

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

88. Has your country concluded, or considered concluding, twinning schemes between sites with other countries, the sites of which share common migratory waterbirds or conservation issues? (Resolution 5.20)

Yes

Please provide details on each twinning arrangement

>>> Wetlands and rivers managed under Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) may serve as habitats of migratory water birds.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

89. Are those officers in your country's government responsible for AEWA implementation co-ordinated and engaged with national processes contributing towards the Aichi Targets and the assessment of achieving these targets? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 5.4(a))

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Institutions are engaged through mainstreaming approach to ensure implementation of NBSP.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

90. Are those officers in your country's government responsible for AEWA implementation co-ordinated and engaged with national processes contributing towards the relevant Sustainable Development Goals and the assessment of achieving these goals? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 5.4(a))

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Institutions working closely on biodiversity are engaged through mainstreaming approach to ensure implementation of activities related to Protection and restoration of protected area, forests, wetlands and rivers.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

91. Are those officers in your country's government responsible for AEWA implementation co-ordinated and engaged with national processes to implementation and assess the delivery of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023? (AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Action 5.4(a))

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Institutions working closely on biodiversity are engaged through mainstreaming approach ensure implementation of activities related to Migratory species.
There is also private birding and educational tour company which facilitate tourism based on education and birding watching .

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

92. Are the AEWA priorities incorporated into your country's National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (NBSAP) and/or other similar strategic plans and policies (Resolution 6.3; AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027, Target 5.5)?

92.1 NBSAP

Yes

Please provide details

>>> AEWA priorities incorporated

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

92.2 Other strategic plans and policies

Yes

Please name the other strategic planning processes

>>> Established a national list of threatened terrestrial ecosystems and species in need of protection in Rwanda

Please provide details

>>> None

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

Sustainable Development Goals

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Protection and restoration of protected area, forests, wetlands and rivers, e.g Gishwati Mukura National park

Aichi Targets

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Mainstreamed in National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2016

Strategic Plan for Migratory Species

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Mainstreamed in National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, 2016

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

94. How would your country suggest promoting further links between the biodiversity MEAs to which your country is a Contracting Party, so as to make your work more efficient and effective?

>>> 1. Every 6 months, there is a workshop which brings together all MEAs Focal Points to share the implementation status and planned activities.

2. All biodiversity MEAs focal points support the AEWA online national report 2018/2020

3. We recommend to have continuous training workshop of all stakeholders working on Biodiversity including focal point to understand and use different AEWA guideline tools and share experiences and best practices.

95. Has your country donated funds to the AEWA Small Grants Fund (SGF) over the past triennium? (Resolution 7.1)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited budget

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

96. Has your country donated other funding or provided in-kind support to activities coordinated by the Secretariat?

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited resources

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

97. Has your country prioritised and allocated a Junior Professional Officer (JPO) to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat for Technical Committee support or for any other area of work? (Resolution 7.11, Resolution 7.12)

Not Applicable: the country has no arrangement with the UN to provide JPOs

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> None

98. Please report on the implementation of Resolution 6.21 on Resource mobilisation for the implementation of AEWA.

98.1 Did your country's government provide in the last triennium financial and/or in-kind resources to support national activities which are intended to achieve the objectives of this Agreement, particularly those in line with the AEWA Strategic Plan including the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa, and in accordance with your national plans, priorities and programmes?

Yes

Please describe the resources provided

>>> Budget to support workshop to develop AEWA National report

98.2 Does your country's government have unpaid dues to the AEWA Trust Fund (annual assessed contributions to the Agreement's budget as approved by each session of the Meeting of the Parties)?

No

98.3 Has your country's government provided funding to support developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, to meet their obligations under AEWA, and the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027? Under this question please report for support provided outside of formal and established intergovernmental cooperation. For the latter, please refer to the next question 98.4.

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited resources

98.4 Does your country's government participate in any South-South, North-South or triangular cooperation to enhance financial and technical support for the successful implementation of AEWA activities?

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> None

98.5 Does your country's government use innovative financing mechanisms for implementing the AEWA Strategic Plan such as a (national) Migratory Waterbirds Fund?

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Generally, the government established the Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA) to respond to Rwanda's current and future financing needs for environment, climate change, and green growth to accelerate goals of national sustainable economic development.

98.6 Does the implementation of AEWA in your country benefit from synergies between biodiversity-related conventions at national level, amongst others, through information sharing on potential funding opportunities and sharing of financial resources such as the Desertification Fund, Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Fund, and the Global Environmental Facility?

Yes

Please describe each synergetic arrangement and benefits acquired

>>> Technically, National Focal points of CBD, Cartagena protocol and CMS supported the development of this national report.

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 9. Implementation

>>> None

Pressures and Responses

10. Climate Change

99. Please outline relevant climate change research, assessments and/or adaptation measures that are relevant to migratory waterbirds and which have been undertaken or planned in your country. (Resolution 5.13)

a. Research and studies of climate change impacts on waterbirds

Undertaken

Please provide references or weblinks to any such work so as to facilitate their use as potential case-studies to assist other Contracting Parties

>>> Regional climate sensitivity of wetland environments in Rwanda: the need for a location-specific approach

You have attached the following Web links/URLs to this answer.

[Regional climate sensitivity of wetland environments in Rwanda: the need for a location-specific approach](#)

b. Assessment of the potential vulnerability to climate change of key habitats used by waterbird species (including those outside protected area networks) (Please note that the question asks about habitats, rather than sites. Question 41 in Section 5, sub-section 5.2 investigates vulnerability of sites to climate change)

No relevant activities

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited resources

c. Assessment of the potential vulnerability of waterbird species to climate change.

No relevant activities

Please explain the reasons

>>> Insufficient resources

d. Review of relevant national conservation policies relevant to waterbirds and climate change.

Undertaken

Please provide references or weblinks to any such work so as to facilitate their use as potential case-studies to assist other Contracting Parties

>>> Law Governing Biodiversity in Rwanda

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[Law Governing Biodiversity in Rwanda.pdf](#)

e. National Action Plan for helping waterbirds adapt to climate change (as a separate implementation process or as part of a larger national framework for biodiversity adaptation to climate change. Please note that Question 42 in Section 5, sub-section 5.2 investigates national measures for increasing resilience of the ecological network for waterbirds to climate change).

No relevant activities

Please explain the reasons

>>> Lack of specific resources to develop specific National Action Plan for helping waterbirds adapt to climate change. Generally some activities related to biodiversity conservation were planned and implemented.

f. Other undertaken or planned relevant activities.

Yes

Please specify and provide details. Please provide references or weblinks to any such work so as to facilitate their use as potential case-studies to assist other Contracting Parties

>>> Rehabilitation of cranes, rehabilitation of Kigali wetland and rehabilitation of wetland buffer zone

100. Has your country used the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on measures needed to help waterbirds to adapt to climate change?

Notice: Before clicking on the above hyperlink, please keep pressing the Ctrl button on your keyboard to open the link in a new tab.

No

Please explain the reasons. What other guidance has been used instead?

>>> Law Governing Biodiversity

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 10. Climate Change

>>> N/A

Pressures and Responses

11. Avian Influenza

101. What issues have proved challenging in responding nationally to the spread of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the last triennium and what further guidance or information would be useful in this respect?

List challenges

>>> There hasn't been any suspected case of Avian influenza in Rwanda over the last three triennium .

List required further guidance or information

>>> N/A

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> N/A

Optionally you can provide additional information on section 11. Avian Influenza

>>> N/A

12. Confirmation

Confirmation of information verification and approval for submission

Please confirm:

In addition a scanned copy of an official letter from the relevant state institution, approving the report for submission, can be attached.

I declare that the information provided in the Report on the implementation of AEWA for the period 2018-2020 has been verified and the report has been approved for submission by the appropriate state institution in the country.

Date of submission

>>> 06 April 2021