



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

>>> Spain

Date of entry into force of AEWA in the Contracting Party

>>> 01.11.1999

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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Full name of the institution

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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.

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Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge

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))

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Legislative changes are done at EU level

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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No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Revision was not needed

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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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 42/2007

Limes

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

Hooks

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

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 42/2007

Tape recorders and other electronic devices

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

Electrocuting devices

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

Artificial light sources

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

Mirrors and other dazzling devices

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

Devices for illuminating targets

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

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

>>> Law 42/2007

Explosives

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

Nets

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

Traps

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

Poison

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

Poisoned or anaesthetic baits

Yes, fully

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

>>> Law 42/2007

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 42/2007

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 42/2007

Other non-selective modes of taking

Yes, fully

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

>>> All

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

>>> Law 42/2007

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

>>> NA

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))

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Legislative changes are done at EU level

Was a review undertaken before MOP7?

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Legislative changes are done at EU level

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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No

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

>>> Guidance provided by the Birds Directive

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

>>> All bird species in Spain are protected under Law 42/2007, "Ley del Patrimonio Natural y de la Biodiversidad". This law also incorporates the birds Directive 200/147/CEE into the Spanish legal framework. Article 61 includes the exceptions to this general protection, in agreement with the Directive. Exemptions to the prohibitions laid down in paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 are granted through specific licenses issued by the regional governments (Comunidades Autónomas). Licenses may be granted giving exemption from the statutory protection for a variety of purposes, including protecting public health, preventing serious damage to agriculture, scientific and educational work (including ringing), conservation purposes, keeping bird collections, public exhibition or competition.

The species for which exemption of general protection was applied:

- Phalacrocorax carbo (preventing serious damage to agriculture)

- Ciconia ciconia (protecting public health)

- Oxyura leucocephala (conservation purposes)

- Marmaronetta angustirostris (conservation purposes)
- Fulica cristata (conservation purposes)
- Larus cachinnans michaelis (protecting public health)

The rest of the species may be integrated in scientific projects and are susceptible of being trapped for ringing and research.

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

Greylag Goose / Anser anser National Plan for Greylag Goose / Anser anser

- No NP, but actions implemented

Please explain the reasons for having no NP in place
>>> It is a huntable species that is managed by the regions

Please provide a description of the actions implemented
>>> Habitat protection and management. Regulation of hunting

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.
>>> It is not a priority species

Ferruginous Duck / Aythya nyroca National Plan for Ferruginous Duck / Aythya nyroca

- NP in place and being implemented

When was the plan approved and published? Please provide a web link or attach a file, if available. Please provide contact details for any person or organisation coordinating its implementation. Please list any activities and/or achievements over the past triennium.

>>> Recovery plans are being implemented in Andalucía and Valencia

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

- Advanced implementation - most of the actions are underway as per the time schedule of the plan

Please provide details and reasons for the high degree of implementation.
>>> It is a critically endangered species in Spain

Corncrake / Crex crex National Plan for Corncrake / Crex crex

- No NP and no action implemented

Please explain the reasons
>>> It is a very rare vagrant species in Spain

Great Snipe / Gallinago media National Plan for Great Snipe / Gallinago media

- No NP and no action implemented

Please explain the reasons

>>> It is a very rare vagrant species in Spain

Black-tailed Godwit / *Limosa limosa*
National Plan for Black-tailed Godwit / *Limosa limosa*

No NP, but actions implemented

Please explain the reasons for having no NP in place

>>> It is not a priority species

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

Insufficient implementation - few of the actions are underway as per the time schedule of the ISSAP

Please provide details and reasons for the insufficient implementation.

>>> It is not a priority species

White-headed Duck / *Oxyura leucocephala*
National Plan for White-headed Duck / *Oxyura leucocephala*

NP in place and being implemented

When was the plan approved and published? Please provide a web link or attach a file, if available. Please provide contact details for any person or organisation coordinating its implementation. Please list any activities and/or achievements over the past triennium.

>>> A National Strategy was approved in 2005

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

Advanced implementation - most of the actions are underway as per the time schedule of the plan

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

>>> Invasive Ruddy Duck has been extirpated. Habitat protection measures are being implemented

Eurasian Spoonbill / *Platalea leucorodia*
National Plan for Eurasian Spoonbill / *Platalea leucorodia*

NP in place and being implemented

When was the plan approved and published? Please provide a web link or attach a file, if available. Please provide contact details for any person or organisation coordinating its implementation. Please list any activities and/or achievements over the past triennium.

>>> A Conservation Plan is in place in Andalucía since 2006

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

Advanced implementation - most of the actions are underway as per the time schedule of the plan

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

>>> There is a very comprehensive monitoring and research programme on Spoonbill in Andalucía

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

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

No

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

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)

Yes

Please provide information on each species for which relevant action has been undertaken

Spain

Marbled Teal / Marmaronetta angustirostris

National Single Species Action Plan for Marbled Teal / Marmaronetta angustirostris

NSSAP in place and being implemented

Please provide details

>>> An ambitious LIFE project is being implemented in Andalucía, Valencia and Murcia. 3000 ha of wetlands will be restored and 141 ha of critical habitat will be acquired for conservation. 6 million euros will be invested overall. A National Strategy is in place since 2016 and regional plans have been adopted in Andalucía and Valencia.

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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Yes

Please provide details

>>> When developing the national action plans and regional action plans, all information sources are consulted and evaluated.

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

>>> A National Strategy is also in place for Crested Coot

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.

No emergency situation has occurred

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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Not applicable

Please explain

>>> No emergency situations have occurred

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

>>> Main priority is implementation of conservation projects rather than doing registers

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

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Law 42/2007 Article 55 and IUCN Conservation Guidelines.

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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No

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.

>>> The introduction of non-native animal species is prohibited by article 54 of National Law 42/2007 "Ley del Patrimonio Natural y de la Biodiversidad" modified by Law 33/2015, Article 64 creates the Spanish Catalogue of Exotic Invasive Species (developed by Real Decreto 630/2013)

The EU CITES Regulation and the Habitats Directive also provide a statutory framework to prevent invasive alien species.

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)

Yes, and being enforced

Please provide the following details: title of the document, 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.

>>> Royal Decree 1628/2011, of 14th november, regulating the list and catalogue of invasive alien species and later, Royal Decree 630/2013, of August 2nd

Law 42/2007, of 13rd december, of the Natural Heritage and Biodiversity, modified by Law 33/2015, Articles 54, 64.

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)

Yes

Please provide information on each species for which relevant action has been undertaken

Ruddy Duck / *Oxyura jamaicensis*

For Ruddy Duck / *Oxyura jamaicensis*

Control or eradication programme developed and being implemented

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

>>> Water hyacinth in the Guadiana basin

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

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No

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

>>> Two basic Spanish laws foresee the elaboration of a National Inventory of Wetlands: the Law of Waters and the Law 42/2007, on conservation of natural heritage and biodiversity

According to the Law of Waters, the General Directorate of Hydraulic Works of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport made in 1991 the first Inventory of Wetlands in Spain. This inventory was reviewed in 1996.

According to the Law 42/2007 and to the National Action Plan for the Conservation and the Rational Use of Wetlands, the Committee on Wetlands, dependent of the National Commission on Nature Conservation, started in 1997 to compile all the information available to develop a national inventory of wetlands. The national inventory of wetlands was specifically regulated by Real Decreto 435/2004 and currently is under development.

Those wetlands important for migratory waterbirds have been also identified as Important Bird Areas (IBA) by BirdLife and most of them are currently protected under Birds Directive (2009/147/CEE) as SAP, special protection areas, RAMSAR sites or by the Comunidades Autonomas protected areas networks.

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 no changes in relation to previous inventories

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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No

Please explain the reasons. What has been used instead as a basis for the inventory?

>>> This guidelines were adopted in 2002-2005, and Spain started inventoring important birds areas much earlier. The first important birds areas inventory in Spain was published in 1999

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).

>>> There is a Plan published in 2008: THE SPANISH NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLAN. And a NATIONAL STRATEGY ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLEAN ENERGY

For the national protected area network

Yes

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

>>> Research projects are being developed to assess the vulnerability of the Birds Directive species and habitats of the Habitats Directive, in the face of climate change at national and regional level for Natura 2000 Sites.

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

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

>>> 74

Total area (ha)

>>> 304.541

Number of internationally important sites under national protection designation

>>> 75

Area of international importance under national protection designation (ha)

>>> 304.564

Please rate the effectiveness of the national protection designation

High

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

>>> Protected areas in Spain and Natura 2000 sites are subject to strict rules and procedures to avoid damage to species and habitats

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

Number of sites

>>> 60

Area (in ha)

>>> 290.000

Please rate the effectiveness of the management measures

High

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

>>> 50

Area (in ha)

>>> 240.000

Please rate the effectiveness of the climate resilience measures

Moderate

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

>>> Climate change adaptation is a process that takes time to evaluate and long series of data are needed to evaluate progress

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)

>>> The national strategy for conservation of Marmaronetta angustirostris, Fulica cristata and Oxyura leucocephala includes the main actions developed in wetlands for the conservation of these and other bird

species.

<http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/biodiversidad/publicaciones/pbl-fauna-flora-estrategias-cerceta-focha-malvasia.aspx>

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

>>> Red Natura 2000 has collected in Spain all areas of national and international importance, including important wetlands for migratory birds

Has it been implemented?

Yes, fully completed

Please provide details

>>> Natura 2000 sites have been designated for all the biogeographic regions in Spain and the designation process has been completed

MANAGEMENT GAP FILING

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> We will consider it in the future.

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, fully

Please provide details

>>> The network of wetland sites is part of the Spanish MBSAP and is fully integrated in national biodiversity processes

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

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> Regional administrations (comunidades autonomas) are in charge on the management of protected sites. They normally utilize, among other technical tools and guidance documents, the AEWA Guidelines to their management plans for protected wetlands.

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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Yes

Please give examples of how you have used the CSN Tool

>>> We have used the Critical Site Network as an information tool. For instance, we have used it to update our information for several waterbirds, and to compare it with our data. Spain also have used the CSN tool to look up what species is expected to be informed in the second AEWA report.

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))

Yes

Please provide details on each partnership arrangement your country has been involved in

>>> Foundation Global Nature was awarded with the Ramsar Prize under the section Rational Use at Ramsar COP13 in Dubai, 2018

Have a specific project or projects been established under the partnership arrangement(s) to implementation of habitat management, creation and restoration projects in the wider environment?

Yes

Please provide details on each project initiative

>>> Foundation Global Nature is beneficiary of a LIFE project for the protection of wetland sites which are stopovers for the Aquatic Warbler in the regions of Castilla y Leon, Castilla La Mancha and Valencia

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

>>> We do not have separate information for international and national protected areas. In a similar way, we do not have information exclusively for protected areas for migratory waterbirds. This is why we provide information on protected areas in Spain considering all different types of networks, as all of them contribute to the conservation of waterbirds and their habitats.

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)

Yes

Please provide details on how this is achieved and reference to the relevant legislation

>>> Law 42/2007 on the Natural Heritage and Biodiversity

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))

Yes

Does it cover the following? (tick where applicable and provide details)

All AEWA species occurring in your country

>>> All species covered (article 67 law 42/2007)

Does it cover the following? (tick where applicable and provide details)

The whole territory of your country

>>> All species are covered by the Law 42/2007, of December 13, of the Natural Heritage and the Biodiversity throughout Spain.

Does it cover the following? (tick where applicable and provide details)

All forms of waterbird harvesting

>>> The autonomous communities in which Spain is divided, are responsible for the protection of the species and also for the hunting. They carry out a register of exceptions to the catches, as well as the legal and illegal control of these.

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> This responsibility falls upon the regional Administration. There is a National Forum on Hunting to discuss their policies. Law 42/2007 (art. 67) creates a national inventory on hunting and fishing, to keep information provided by regional administrations.

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))

Partially

When was lead shot use in wetlands partially banned?

>>> In 2001 by Royal Decree 581/2001 and in 2021 through the amendment to the European Union's REACH regulation on chemicals to prohibit the use of lead shot in wetlands, which was adopted by the European Commission on Monday 25 January 2021.

What legislation is in place?

>>> Law 42/2007 on Natural Heritage and Biodiversity (art.65 j.); Royal Decree 581/2001; Amendment to the European Union's REACH regulation on chemicals to prohibit the use of lead shot in wetlands, which was adopted by the European Commission on Monday 25 January 2021.

Who enforces this legislation?

>>> The national and the regional administrations.

What proportion of the country's territory (or wetlands) is covered by the ban?

>>> All wetland sites that fall under the Ramsar definition of wetlands are covered by the ban

Has your country introduced self-imposed and published timetable for banning fully the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> The EU Regulation will enter into force in January 2023

Has assessment of compliance with the legislation been undertaken?

Yes

Please explain what was compliance with legislation found to be:

Excellent (full compliance - 100%)

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?

Yes

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

>>> Law 42/2007 imposes severe penalties to illegal taking. There are tools and controls by regional and national administrations in order to implement an adequate surveillance of hunting activities.

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

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> Spanish Law 42/2007 of Natural Heritage and Biodiversity complies with international conventions, agreements and other instruments ratified by Spain.

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 and birdwatching is an increasing activity in Spain and provides significant economic resources in the areas of influence of wetland sites

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 many initiatives, for example the tradition to watch Eurasian cranes at stopover sites during fall migration. This attracts numerous people at wetlands of Aragón and Castilla y León. Wintering of cranes at dehesas in Extremadura is also a well known event which attracts birdwatchers and photographers from all over Europe

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

High

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

High

Please provide details and the reasons for successful delivery

>>> As mentioned above with the cranes' example

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

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

>>> Law 21/2013, on Environmental Assessment, foresees regulated procedures for both strategic evaluation and environmental impact assessment of projects, for the entire state scope. The evaluation regime is established in the appendices of the Law depending on the type of project, which includes some of the projects that have the greatest impact on the habitats of the species and on wildlife.

On the other hand, Law 42/2007, of the Natural Heritage and Biodiversity, modified by Law 33/2015, includes the procedure for evaluating plans and projects when they affect the Natura 2000 Network, including SPAs, which are spaces that protect migratory bird species and their habitats.

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

Yes

Please provide details

>>> The national Law 21/2013, on Environmental Impact Assessment, includes the list of projects which needs to carry out an EIA according to the Council Directive on EIA (97/11/CEE).

It includes: projects which may affect special protection areas designated under Council Directives 79/409/CEE and 92/43/CEE or wetlands included in the List of Wetlands of International Importance of the Ramsar Convention.

Do the SEA/EIA processes include public participation?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Public participation is compulsory as stated in national law on EIA (Ley 6/2010 and Real Decreto Ley 1/2008)

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

>>> Those foreseen in the Habitats Directive

Please rank the effectiveness of these measures:

High

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

>>> Law 21/2013, on Environmental Assessment provides the environmental assessment of projects that are relevant for the conservation of migratory waterbird species and their habitats, including projects related to the energy industry. The annexes of Law 21/2013 establish the evaluation, either by ordinary or abbreviated procedure according to the defined thresholds, of power line projects, solar plants, wind farms, etc.

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

>>> Law 42/2007, on Natural Heritage and Biodiversity, modified by Law 33/2015, includes the procedure for evaluating plans and projects when they affect spaces of the Natura 2000 Network, including SPAs and their Conservation objectives, which include frequently occurring migratory waterbird species, as well as their habitats.

Impact assesment includes the analysis of the different alternatives of the project, tryng to avoid the coincidence between the actions of the project and the important areas for migratory species.

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

>>> It is used in all our technical prescriptions to minimize or mitigate impact of infrastructure developments.

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.

>>> Spanish legislation promotes collaboration against the threat of power lines:

Real Decreto 264/2017, de 17 de marzo, por el que se establecen las bases reguladoras para la financiación de la adaptación de las líneas eléctricas de alta tensión a los requisitos establecidos en el Real Decreto 1432/2008, de 29 de agosto, por el que se establecen medidas para la protección de la avifauna contra la colisión y la electrocución en líneas eléctricas de alta tensión.

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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

>>> The available information of the species is taken into account, including its distribution, abundance and main migratory routes based on its monitoring

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?

Partially

Please provide details.

>>> In the assesment of the projects the chosen alternative avoid important areas for the migratory waterbirds.

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

>>> There are national zoning maps of location of power lines elaborated for the energy authorities.

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.

Partially

Please provide details.

>>> In the assessment of the projects the chosen alternative avoid important areas for the migratory waterbirds.

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

>>> Royal Decree 1432/2008, of August 29, which establishes measures for the protection of birdlife against collision and electrocution in high voltage power lines.

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?

Partially

Please provide details.

>>> Monitoring of the effect of power lines on the species includes the migratory water birds.

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?

Yes

Please provide details.

>>> Royal Decree 1432/2008, of August 29, which establishes measures for the protection of birdlife against collision and electrocution in high voltage power lines.

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

Partial

Please provide details.

>>> Monitoring of the effect of power lines on the species includes the migratory water birds.

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?

Partial

Please provide details.

>>> Monitoring of the effectiveness of mitigation measures of power lines on the species includes the migratory water birds.

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?

No

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

>>> We are trying to implement this Resolution.

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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No

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

>>> We are trying to implement this Guidelines.

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

>>> There are zoning maps for different regions and types of projects, for example in the Environmental strategy study of the Spanish coastline for the installation of marine wind farms.

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.

>>> We follow this kind of documents, for example the European Commission Guidelines for the Impact Assessment in Natura 2000 Network

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

Yes

Please share information and lessons learnt from the post-construction monitoring.

>>> Law 21/2013, on Environmental Assessment obligates monitoring in all projects.

Has adverse effect on migratory waterbirds and their habitats been identified?

Yes

Are mitigation measures being implemented?

Yes

Please provide details on the measures implemented.

>>> They have been identified for different birds species and different measures have been implemented, for example stopping the activity of the windmills or alerting birds by producing strong noises.

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

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Law 21/2013, on Environmental Assessment considers compensation measures.

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

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Impact assesment resolutions contemplate this kind of measures in some cases.

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.

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> We dont know about experiences of this kind of measures.

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.

Yes

Please provide details

>>> There are several research projects about bird migration corridors.

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?

No

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

>>> We dont know about experiences of this kind of measures.

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?

No

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

>>> We are trying to implement it.

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

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)

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Some marine birds are suffering this problem. However, Spanish administration on fisheries are working to correct fishing gears to minimize its adverse effects on birds and sea turtles.

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

>>> This measures are the competence of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

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))

Yes

Covering the breeding period

Guidance: Including pre- and post-breeding sites of concentration, such as moulting sites close to breeding areas

Partially

Please provide details. (incl. list the species covered OR not covered (whichever list is shorter))

>>> The Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, some regional administrations (Comunidades Autónomas), Research Groups and the Spanish Society of Ornithology (SEO/BirdLife).

Covering the passage period

Partially

Please provide details. (incl. list the species covered OR not covered (whichever list is shorter))

>>> The Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, some regional administrations (Comunidades Autónomas), Investigation Groups and the Spanish Society of Ornithology (SEO/BirdLife).

Covering the non-breeding/wintering period

Partially

Please provide details. (incl. list the species covered OR not covered (whichever list is shorter))

>>> The Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, some regional administrations (Comunidades Autónomas), Investigation Groups and the Spanish Society of Ornithology (SEO/BirdLife).

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> The Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge and the Spanish Society of Ornithology (SEO/BirdLife) have published annually the census of waterbirds since 1977. There are a complete database from 1991 to present.

<https://www.seo.org/boletin/seguimiento/boletin/2016/>

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

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

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> We try to incorporate all useful guidelines in our monitoring schemes, including guidance from AEWA, UICN, BirdLife, ECBC and others. Spanish monitoring schemes are always based upon scientific criteria

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)

Yes

Nationally

Yes

Please provide details

>>> National censuses, both to breeding and wintering birds, have been funded by the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge

Internationally

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Funds for international cooperation have not been used to this kind of activities, as other activities have been considered more important.

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

>>> Other processes have been considered of higher priority. But Spain is up to date with the payment of the AEWA quota

78. Has the impact of lead fishing weights on watebirds 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

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.

>>> The Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge has signed an agreement with the University of Valencia, which represents the headquarters for the Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative: SEHUMED. One of the results of this agreement is the national initiative CECOP (Communication, Training and Awareness) which is mainly addressed to wetlands' managers.

There are also many programmes from different autonomous communities which implement programmes, for example the Programa de Actuación de Aves de Humedales.

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

No

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)

Yes

Is the National CEPA Focal Point from the government or non-governmental sector?

Government

Has the AEWA CEPA Focal Point begun coordinating national implementation of the AEWA Communication Strategy?

No

How can the cooperation between the appointed AEWA CEPA Focal Point and the Ramsar CEPA Focal Points be described?

There is very close cooperation

Field for additional information (optional)

>>> Both focal points sit in the Biodiversity Directorate of the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge

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)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> No relevant activity on this topic.

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.

>>> The Spanish Ornithological Society, SEO/BirdLife, is very active in promoting WMBD and organises campaigns at wetland sites every year

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

>>> Not a priority. We hope in the future we will pay attention to this particular point.

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

>>> SEO/BirdLife develope an Awareness program with the support of the UE and the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge "Empowering Teachers and Pupils for a Better Life through Nature", which includes all migratory birds.

Pressures and Responses

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

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

>>> EU countries are part of AEWA.

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

>>> There exists in Spain a national coordination mechanism for conservation of wetlands and its wildlife. Although this mechanism is not directly linked to AEWA, it shares the same purpose than AEWA.

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

>>> Other conventions such as CBD, CMS or Ramsar are given priority because of their wider scope

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

>>> Proyecto de Aves Acuáticas de Andalucía y Marruecos (Transhabitat).

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

>>> Focal points of CBD, CMS, Ramsar and AEWA sit at the Biodiversity Directorate of the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge and work in close cooperation

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

>>> Focal points of CBD, CMS, Ramsar and AEWA sit at the Biodiversity Directorate of the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge and work in close cooperation

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

>>> Focal points of CBD, CMS, Ramsar and AEWA sit at the Biodiversity Directorate of the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge and work in close cooperation

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

>>> http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/biodiversidad/temas/conservacion-de-la-biodiversidad/plan_estrategico_db_tcm30-156087.pdf

Sustainable Development Goals

No

Aichi Targets

No

Strategic Plan for Migratory Species

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> AEWA is a very specialised instrument which receives less attention than other international instruments of a wider scope

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) Promoting more coordination between international conventions by joint meetings

2) Common financial instruments

3) Simplifying national reports: national reports should be useful for different conventions and be concise and to the point. Officials are often overloaded with reporting

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

>>> No relevant activity on this topic.

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

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> No relevant activity on this topic.

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)

No and has not been prioritised

Please explain the reasons

>>> JPOs are normally appointed at bigger organizations/conventions such as UNEP, UNDP, FAO, CBD, etc. It would be difficult to justify a JPO for AEWA

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

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

98.6 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?

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Spain is not eligible for most of the financial instruments mentioned

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

>>> Ramírez F, Rodríguez C, Seoane J, Figuerola J, Bustamante J (2018) How will climate change affect endangered Mediterranean waterbirds? PLoS ONE 13(2): e0192702.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0192702>

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)

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 42/2007 on Natural Heritage and Biodiversity create additional protection to habitats types, creating for it the Catalogue of Habitats in Danger of Disappearance. Assessment of the potential vulnerability to climate change must be taken.

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.

Yes

Please provide details

>>> see optional information

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

>>> PLAN NACIONAL DE ADAPTACIÓN AL CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO

Marco para la coordinación entre Administraciones Públicas para las actividades de evaluación de impactos, vulnerabilidad y adaptación al cambio climático (2008)

http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/cambio-climatico/temas/impactos-vulnerabilidad-y-adaptacion/pna_v3_tcm7-12445_tcm30-70393.pdf

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

>>> The AVIAN INFLUENZA MONITORING PROGRAM IN SPAIN 2018 includes all the information to avoid the spread of the disease

http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/sanidad-animal-higiene-ganadera/pvia2018_tcm30-437512.pdf

List required further guidance or information

>>> An AVIAN INFLUENZA MONITORING PROGRAM has been developed in Spain

http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/sanidad-animal-higiene-ganadera/pvia2018_tcm30-437512.pdf

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

>>> Spain has developed legislation and also a surveillance program for avian influenza: PROGRAMA DE VIGILANCIA DE LA INFLUENZA AVIAR EN ESPAÑA http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/ganaderia/temas/sanidad-animal-higiene-ganadera/pvia2018_tcm30-437512.pdf

Orden APM/233/2017, de 7 de marzo, por la que se modifican los anexos de la Orden APA/2442/2006, de 27 de julio, por la que se establecen medidas específicas de protección en relación con la influenza aviar,

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

>>> 07 April 2021