



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

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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.

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1. General Information

Name of reporting Contracting Party

>>> Zimbabwe

Date of entry into force of AEWA in the Contracting Party

>>> 01 June 2012

2. Institutional Information

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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

>>> The country has adequate legislation to govern protection of key waterbird sites, particularly wetlands (under the Environmental Management Act) hence there was no need to develop other legislations. In addition the country is in the process of developing a wetland policy to further cement the protection of these key sites.

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

>>> Traditionally the country does not have much in terms of waterbird hunting

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

>>> Parks and Wildlife Act

Limes

Yes, fully

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

>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Hooks

Yes, fully

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

>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Live birds which are blind or mutilated used as decoys

Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Tape recorders and other electronic devices
 Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Electrocuting devices
 Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Artificial light sources
 Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Mirrors and other dazzling devices
 Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Devices for illuminating targets
 Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

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
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Explosives
 Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Nets
 Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Traps
 Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Poison
 Yes, fully

Please indicate the legislation under which the mode of taking is prohibited
>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Environmental Management Act,

Poisoned or anaesthetic baits
 Yes, fully

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

>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

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

>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

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

>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

Other non-selective modes of taking

Yes, fully

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

>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

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

>>> Parks and Wildlife Act, Trapping of animal and Control Act

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

>>> n/a

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)

Not Relevant

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

>>> A review has not yet been done however the domestic legislation compliance for AEWA species is guided by the Parks and Wildlife Act in protected areas which is enforced by the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority. The Act in protected Areas does address the relevant AEWA obligations relating to conservation of AEWA species

Was a review undertaken before MOP7?

No

Field for additional information (optional)

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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.

>>> At national level there are already wetlands guidelines produced in forming decisions.

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

>>> Marginal species for the country- no confirmed records in recent years hence there has not been any investment towards the Species Action Plan.

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

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.

>>> The Action Plan was produced by Birdlife Zimbabwe and its stakeholders. However it is yet to be approved at national level.

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

Corncrake / *Crex crex*
National Plan for Corncrake / *Crex crex*

No NP and no action implemented

Slaty Egret / *Egretta vinaceigula*
National Plan for Slaty Egret / *Egretta vinaceigula*

No NP and no action implemented

Please explain the reasons

>>> We do not have a specific plan, protection of habitats is in place using the Environmental Management Act of 2002.

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

No NP and no action implemented

Please explain the reasons

>>> We do not have a specific plan, protection of habitats is in place using the Environmental Management Act of 2002.

Maccoa Duck / Oxyura maccoa
National Plan for Maccoa Duck / Oxyura maccoa

No NP and no action implemented

Please explain the reasons

>>> We do not have a specific plan, protection of habitats is in place using the Environmental Management Act of 2002. Development of a wetland policy and master plan for the country are underway.

White-winged Flufftail / Sarothrura ayresi
National Plan for White-winged Flufftail / Sarothrura ayresi

No NP and no action implemented

Please explain the reasons

>>> We do not have a specific plan, protection of habitats is in place using the Environmental Management Act of 2002. Development of a wetland policy and master plan for the country are underway.

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

>>> The country is currently having budgetary constraints.

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

Please explain the reasons

>>> No species action plan during the period under review

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))

Yes

When was this review and prioritization completed?

>>> 2019

Please attach the review and prioritization or provide a weblink to it. If not available, please summarise the main points.

>>> The review of the resources was done under the Crane conservation plan produced by Birdlife Zimbabwe in 2019.

Has a corresponding national resource mobilization plan been established?

No

Please explain the reasons.

>>> The Government of Zimbabwe has mobilized Resources to the development of wetlands policy and developing Master plan of all wetlands in the country.

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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Not applicable

Please explain

>>> There was no AEWA ISSAP developed during the period under review.

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

>>> Cyclone Idai of 2019,

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

>>> Eastern to the Southeast Lowveld

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)

>>> no comprehensive assessment was done

Wattled Crane / *Buggeranus carunculatus*

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

>>> No comprehensive assessment done

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

>>> No records

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

< 10%

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

>>> No assessment was done

What proportion of the site has been affected?

Please fill in the percentage (%) in the box below.

>>> <10

Have emergency response measures been implemented?

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited resources and the proportion of the area affected.

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

>>> The guidelines were used though implementation was limited due to manpower shortages.

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)

Yes

Please provide details on the register

>>> Current and planned projects are captured at District level

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

>>> Currently there has been no re establishment drive.

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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Not applicable

Please explain

>>> There was no re establishment of species done.

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.

>>> Is there in other existing legislation and Acts e.g Parks and Wildlife Act

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

>>> There are no zoos in the country.

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)

Not applicable

Please explain

>>> The country does not have a problem of non-native waterbirds.

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

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

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No

Please explain the reasons. What was used instead as a basis for dealing with the issue?

>>> Not applicable for the country

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

>>> Kariba Water Management, Site monitoring Zimbabwe & Zambia In order to manage the site and to assist water management the Zambezi River Authority was established for the bilateral management of the lake basin.

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

>>> Currently guidelines being used in the preparation of the inventory undertaken by Environmental Management Agency

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).

>>> No, but the development of a project portfolio for habitat management activities is underway: Please indicate when it is expected to be completed and the partners involved in its development

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).

>>> No, the development of a project portfolio for habitat management activities has not yet been initiated.> However, the are resources secured from the Darwin Initiative through BirdLife Zimbabwe on a project 'community livelihood and capacity support for securing Zimbabwe's wetland biodiversity'. This project is implemented in the Driefontein Grasslands Ramsar site. The project is supporting community livelihoods to help reduce pressure on wetlands, build local capacity in wetland management, wetland restoration and biodiversity monitoring. BirdLife Zimbabwe is working closely with the Environmental Management Agency, Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, Local authorities and civil society organisations.

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 conservation work taking place in Driefontein Grasslands has habitat restoration activities. At least 44 ha of wetlands have been restored so far and they provide breeding and foraging habitat for the Southern Grey Crowned Crane and Wattled Crane. Many other water bird species also benefit from these restored. Conservation work has been ongoing at Monavale Vlei in Harare where the White-winged Flufftail has been recorded.

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

>>> BirdLife Zimbabwe and the Environmental Management Agency have jointly raised awareness on the importance of wetlands, sustainable wetland management and importance for habitat restoration. This targeted local rural villagers living in the Driefontein Grasslands, stakeholders at district level. Wetland restoration has taken place in the Driefontein Grasslands, an initiative by local villagers. This restoration work began in August 2020 and is still work in progress. During Ground surveys of cranes conducted by BirdLife Zimbabwe together with the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, and the Environmental Management Agency awareness on crane and wetland habitat conservation is raised in the area being surveyed. This awareness mainly targetted local villagers who share habitat with cranes. ZPWMA has also conducted awareness on conservation within protected areas and the surrounding communities

Has it been implemented?

Yes, being implemented

MANAGEMENT GAP FILING

Being developed

Please provide starting date and expected date of finalisation

>>> No but plans are in place to share lessons learnt (including habitat restoration) from this project. The lessons learnt are still being developed.

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

>>> No but plans are in place to share lessons learnt (including habitat restoration) from this project. The lessons learnt are still being developed.

If available, please provide best practice examples of integration of the flyway site network into your country's water- and land-use policies and planning and decision-making processes

>>> The conservation work taking place in Driefontein Grasslands has habitat restoration activities. At least 44 ha of wetlands have been restored so far and they provide breeding and foraging habitat for the Southern Grey Crowned Crane and Wattled Crane. Many other water bird species also benefit from these restored

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

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Yes

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

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

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conducted awareness on conservation within protected areas and the surrounding communities

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?

Being developed

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

>>> By the use of the relevant legislation which is the Parks and Wildlife Act

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

>>> Waterbird hunting is not practised in Zimbabwe

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))

Not applicable

Please explain the reasons

>>> Not applicable in the country

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.

>>> well implemented and enforced fully

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))

Partially

Please provide details

>>> limited resources and manpower

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)

Yes

Please provide details and reference to the relevant legislation

>>> Trapping of animal control Act, Parks and Wildlife Act

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)

Yes

What do these cover?

Emergency closure of hunting in cases of exceptionally unfavourable or endangering conditions

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

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.

>>> The Zimbabwe legislation is against the use of lead fishing weights.

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

>>> The Environmental Management Agency Act is clear in issues to do with SEA/EIA

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

Yes

Please provide details

>>> The Environmental Management Agency Act is currently in use to ensure waterbirds and habitat are fully protected. There is a stand alone policy that protects wetlands that was developed by BirdLife Zimbabwe and the policy awaits approval.

Do the SEA/EIA processes include public participation?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> To ensure the public understands the importance of conservation of waterbirds some awareness are being carried out in the country.

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

>>> The legislations provide for stiffer penalties to offenders

Please rank the effectiveness of these measures:

High

Please provide details and the reasons for the high effectiveness

>>> The country laws take course on the offenders.

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))

Information not available

Please provide explanation

>>> The projects are not being implemented in the country

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.

>>> No comprehensive assessments that have been done

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.

>>> No comprehensive assessments that have been done

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.

>>> No comprehensive assessments that have been done

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

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?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> In order to have a project being implemented in the country some consultations have to be underway to ensure each sector is well represented for the country to make sound decisions.

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?

No

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

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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?

Not applicable

Please explain the reasons.

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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

Not Applicable

Please explain the reasons.

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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.

Not applicable

Please explain the reasons.

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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?

No

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

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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?

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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.

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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?

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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.

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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?

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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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Not applicable

Please explain.

>>> Zimbabwe has no power line project underway

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

>>> These are covered under Ramsar information sheet and the mapping of all wetlands master plan which is being developed.

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.

>>> It is generally followed under the Environmental Management Agency Act, which caters for any developments in the country

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

No

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

>>> The implementation is limited.

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

No

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

>>> Biodiversity belongs to the government and as such the compensation is not applicable

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

>>> The country does not have 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

>>> The country does not have 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

>>> The country does not have 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?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Nothing specific for migratory water birds

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?

>>> No powerline projects underway

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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Not Applicable

Please explain

>>> The projects are of no existence in the country

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)

No Information

When and how do you intend to fill this information gap?

>>> 2022 a template will be developed to ensure the data is captured accordingly.

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

>>> The regulations are being implemented but being hampered by limited resources.

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

>>> The regulations are implemented to a lesser extent

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?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> There are legislation in place to guide the use of avicides

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

>>> A number of awareness programmes are in place to ensure relevant groups are educated on the effects of agrochemicals on waterbirds.

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)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> There was an ecosystem services assessment done in the Driefontein Grasslands before 2018.

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

Fully [Guidance: Coverage is full when all waterbird species are covered by monitoring schemes that yield statistically robust estimates of breeding population size and trend at least once in every triennium.]

Please provide details.

>>> The waterbird census that is conducted bi-annually in Zimbabwe in addition crane survey are conducted in Driefontein Grassland twice a year.

Is information on drivers of population trends also being collected?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> These are collected during the survey

Covering the passage period

Fully [Guidance: Coverage is full when all internationally and nationally important sites for passage birds are comprehensively covered at least monthly in the passage period.]

Please provide details.

>>> bi-annually

Is information on drivers of population trends also being collected?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> These are collected during the survey

Covering the non-breeding/wintering period

Fully [Guidance: Coverage is full when all internationally and nationally important non-breeding/wintering sites are covered at least by one comprehensive annual count.]

Please provide details.

>>> bi-annual

Is information on drivers of population trends also being collected?

Yes

Please provide details

>>> These are collected during the survey

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))

Yes

Please provide details

>>> All the data being collected is then analyzed and decisions are made based on the analysis results.

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

>>> The guidelines are universal to member states in as far as waterbird monitoring is concerned.

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

>>> Provided access into protected areas for data collection

Internationally

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> collaboration with Zambia in updating information on Rock Pratincole

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

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)

>>> Lead fishing weights is not practiced in the country

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.

>>> BirdLife Zimbabwe and the Environmental Management Agency have jointly raised awareness on the importance of wetlands, sustainable wetland management and importance for habitat restoration. This targeted local rural villagers living in the Driefontein Grasslands, stakeholders at district level. Wetland restoration has taken place in the Driefontein Grasslands, an initiative by local villagers. This restoration work began in August 2020 and is still work in progress. During Ground surveys of cranes conducted by BirdLife Zimbabwe together with the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, and the Environmental Management Agency awareness on crane and wetland habitat conservation is raised in the area being surveyed. This awareness mainly targetted local villagers who share habitat with cranes. ZPWMA has also conducted awareness on conservation within protected areas and the surrounding communities

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

Yes

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?

Non-Governmental

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

Yes

Please provide details

>>> There are communications around waterbirds conservation

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

There is very close cooperation

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

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> The training was not necessary since the personnel are capable of handling the tasks at hand

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

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> The platform for the development of training is not yet been established.

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

>>> Platform for sharing not yet in existence.

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?

Moderate

Please provide details

>>> The personnel is limited and hence there was limited outreach

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.

>>> Bird walks and awareness to ensure information is disseminated to the public.

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)

Yes

Has this funding or support been on the national or international level?

Please provide details in the corresponding box below

National Level Funding and Support

>>> The country provided expertise towards the implementation of both Communication strategy and AEWA Strategic Plan

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

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited manpower and resources

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

>>> Our immediate neighbors have already signed into 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, but it is not operational

Please explain the reasons

>>> Limited personnel

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 personnel

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)

No

Please explain the reasons

>>> Yet to identify suitable sites for twinning

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

>>> The Officers have also contributed to the development of the National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan 2015-2020

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

>>> They were involved in the process of domesticating SDGs

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

>>> They are involved in monitoring of AEWA species and habitats, and education and awareness on habitats important for waterbirds

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

>>> NBSAP target 10 speaks to preventing loss of threatened species.

92.2 Other strategic plans and policies

Yes

Please name the other strategic planning processes

>>> National wetlands and National Biodiversity policies

Sustainable Development Goals

Yes

Aichi Targets

Yes

Please provide details

>>> Contribution to the development of NBSAP

Strategic Plan for Migratory Species

Yes

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?

>>> Regular communication between the focal persons of the MEAs and AEWA

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

>>> Constraints budget

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

No

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

>>> There was provision of expertise

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)?

Yes

How many annual contributions are outstanding?

>>> Budget constraints

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

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?

Yes

Please describe each cooperation arrangement

>>> We have bi-National Arrangement with Botswana and South Africa as well as SADC arrangements.

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

Yes

Please describe each mechanism used

>>> We are using National resources through various government Agencies

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

>>> We use the wetlands convention and the Global Environmental fund

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

Planned

Please provide details

>>> Zimbabwe is a Signatory to UNFCCC and as such it has developed a climate change response strategy where issues of waterbirds related habitats and ecosystems are highlighted.

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

>>> Birdlife Zimbabwe has done vulnerability assessment of wetlands habitat in Driefontein Grasslands

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

Planned

Please provide details

>>> Zimbabwe is working on wetlands habitat

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

Planned

Please provide details

>>> There is a project about strengthening coordination of MEAs

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).

Planned

Please provide details

>>> Implementation of the wetland policy include the ecosystem approach.

f. Other undertaken or planned relevant activities.

No

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

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Yes

Please provide details

>>> AEWA guidelines align with some of the National priorities

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

>>> Limited surveillance of the interface between domestic and wild birds

Resource constraint to test suspected cases

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.

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

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Date of submission

>>> 30/04/2021