



# Implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa - Report to MOP8

## Introduction

The reporting module on the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027 was established in accordance with Resolution 7.1 of the 7th Meeting of the Parties (MOP7) to AEWA (South Africa, December 2018). In line with the mandate from AEWA Resolution 7.1, the format for the AEWA PoAA reporting module was prepared by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, reviewed by the AEWA TC and StC and approved by the latter for the purpose of reporting to AEWA MOP8.

The PoAA reporting module complements the general National Reporting on the implementation of AEWA in the African region. Its purpose is to obtain feedback on the delivery of those actions and processes outlined in the AEWA PoAA which are under the lead responsibility of the AEWA African Contracting Parties. The present PoAA reporting module covers expected deliverables scheduled for the period 2019-2020, for the purpose of reporting to AEWA MOP8. Actions and processes scheduled to be delivered beyond MOP8 are not taken into account but will be captured for reporting to subsequent MOPs.

## List of Acronyms

AEWA: Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds / African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement

CBD: Convention on Biological Diversity

CEPA: Communication, Education and Public Awareness

CEPA FP: (AEWA) CEPA Focal Point

CMS: Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

CSR: (AEWA) Conservation Status Report

EIA: Environmental Impact Assessment

FP: Focal Point

IBA: Important Bird and Biodiversity Area

IMSAP: (AEWA) International Multi-Species Action Plan

IRP: (AEWA) Implementation Review Process

ISWG: (AEWA) International Species Working Group

ISSAP: (AEWA) International Single Species Action Plan

IWC: International Waterbird Census

MAB: (UNESCO) Man and the Biosphere Programme

MEA: Multilateral Environmental Agreement

MOP: Meeting of the Parties

NBSAP: National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

NFP: (AEWA) National Focal Point

NGO: Non-Governmental Organisation

NSAP: National Species Action Plan

PoAA: (AEWA) Plan of Action for Africa

Ramsar: The Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention)

SAP: Species Action Plan

SDG: Sustainable Development Goal

SEA: Strategic Environmental Assessment

SPMS: (CMS) Strategic Plan for Migratory Species

UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme

WHS: World Heritage Site

WMBD: World Migratory Bird Day

WWD: (Ramsar) World Wetlands Day

## General Information

### Name of reporting Contracting Party

>>> Uganda

### Sub-region to which the country belongs in the framework of AEWA

Northern Africa: ALGERIA, EGYPT, LIBYA, MOROCCO and TUNISIA;

Eastern Africa: BURUNDI, DJIBOUTI, Eritrea, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, RWANDA, Somalia, South

Sudan, SUDAN, UGANDA and TANZANIA;

Southern Africa: Angola, BOTSWANA, Comoros, ESWATINI, Lesotho, MADAGASCAR, MALAWI, MAURITIUS, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, SOUTH AFRICA, Zambia and ZIMBABWE;

Western Africa: BENIN, BURKINA FASO, Cabo Verde, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, THE GAMBIA, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, Liberia, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, Sierra Leone and TOGO;

Central Africa: Cameroon, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, CONGO, Democratic Republic of the Congo, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GABON and São Tomé and Príncipe;

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### Date of entry into force of AEWA in the Contracting Party:

>>> 01/12/2000

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## **Section 1. Species Conservation**

### **Implementation of Objective 1: To strengthen species conservation and recovery and reduce causes of unnecessary mortality**

**1.1) Has a collaborative workflow /process been established, following the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP7) to AEWA, which guides the review and update of relevant domestic legislation taking into account the amendments to the AEWA Annex 3, Table 1 as adopted by MOP7 (PoAA Targets 1.1.a and 1.1.b)?**

Yes

>>> The collaborative workflow/process, which guides the review and update of relevant domestic legislation has existed prior to MoP7 and is efficient, thus there was no need to establish an alternative

#### **Please indicate in which period**

Prior to MOP7 (as a workflow/process was already in place): Please indicate when this was established and briefly explain how the workflow/process functions and which key stakeholders are involved in it:

**Has the necessary documentation for the formal submission of required amendments/new provisions to the domestic legislation been prepared?**

Not applicable, as no updates or new provisions to domestic legislation were required following the review of the amendments to the AEWA Annex 3, Table 1 as adopted by MOP7: Please provide any additional explanation/justification

>>> The existing workflow, which guides the review and update of relevant domestic legislation is efficient, and thus there was no need to establish an alternative

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>>> The existing workflow, which guides the review and update of relevant domestic legislation is efficient, and thus there was no need to establish an alternative

**1.2) Has a review been undertaken in your country to assess the status of enforcement of relevant domestic legislation relating to AEWA species conservation (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?**

No, such a review of enforcement is yet to be conducted: Please explain why the review has not yet been conducted and indicate whether there are plans to conduct it in the future and when

>>> Because there have not been significant circumstances representing any breach or undermining of domestic legislation, the assessment of status of enforcement of relevant legislation was not done.

**1.3.) Has a review been undertaken in your country to assess the degree of compliance of relevant domestic legislation with the obligations relating to AEWA species conservation (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?**

No, such a review of the degree of compliance is yet to be undertaken: Please explain why the review has not been undertaken and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when:

>>> All relevant domestic legislation and formulated in such away ensuring compliance to all international agreements to which Uganda is party, thus the review was not undertaken.

**1.4) Following MOP7, has your country established any measures to strengthen compliance with domestic legislation relating to the conservation of AEWA species (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?**

No, such measures to strengthen compliance are yet to be established: Please explain why measures have not been established and indicate whether there are plans to establish them and when

>>> Because there have not been significant circumstances representing non compliance or inefficiency of domestic legislation relating to conservation of AEWA.

**1.5) Has the national AEWA implementing agency in your country taken any actions to raise the awareness of relevant national stakeholders regarding any updates to domestic legislation and related obligations that resulted from the amendments to the AEWA Text Annex 3, Table 1 adopted by AEWA MOP7 (PoAA Target 1.1.c)?**

No, awareness-raising on relevant legislation amendments has not yet been undertaken: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to address this in the future, and when

>>> Awareness raising was not undertaken, since there were no updates to domestic legislation and related obligations resulting from the amendments to the AEWA Text Annex 3 adopted by AEWA MOP7

**1.6) Based on the current priority list of AEWA species/populations requiring International**

**Single Species Action Plans (ISSAPs)/International Multi-Species Action Plans (IMSAPs), has the AEWA National Focal Point (NFP) created or updated the national list of AEWA species requiring AEWA ISSAPs/IMSAPs (PoAA Target 1.2.a)?**

No, such a national AEWA ISSAP/IMSAP list has not yet been created/updated. Briefly explain why and indicate whether the list will be created/updated in future and when

>>> This list has not been created, because it requires a multi-stakeholder approach whose undertaking was limited by the financial resources

**1.7) Following MOP7, has your country been involved in / contributed to the development or revision of any AEWA ISSAPs/IMSAPs relevant for the country (PoAA Target 1.2.b)?**

Not relevant, as there was no AEWA ISSAP/IMSAP development or revision process relevant for my country during this reporting period

**1.8) For each of the existing AEWA ISSAPs/IMSAPs (i.e. Species Action Plans - SAPs) relevant for your country and for which International Species Working Groups (ISWGs) have been convened, please indicate what actions have been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the plans, by selecting all applicable responses from the drop-down menu and providing additional information as required (PoAA Targets 1.2.c, 1.2.d and 1.2.g):**

**Uganda**

**Madagascar Pond-heron / *Ardeola idea***

**A government representative to the ISWG has been designated**

Yes. Please indicate their names

>>> Dr Akankwasah BARIREGA

**A National expert to the ISWG has been designated**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> Because there have not been significant threats to this species in-country, designation of the national expert has not been done since nationally threatened species have been prioritized considering the limited financial resources in order to avert the significant threats faced by them.

**A National Species Working Group has been established**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> Because there have not been significant threats to this species in-country, establishment of the national species working group has not been done since nationally threatened species have been prioritized considering the limited financial resources in order to avert the significant threats faced by them.

**A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> Because there have not been significant threats to this species in-country, designation of the national expert has not been done since nationally threatened species have been prioritized considering the limited financial resources in order to avert the significant threats faced by them.

**Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?**

No: Please explain why

>>> The main source of funds is Government of Uganda, because of the competing conservation needs and differences in threats across species, there is prioritization

**The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**

Yes: Briefly explain in what ways and when this was done

**Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> The SAP has not been developed

**Shoebill / *Balaeniceps rex***

**A government representative to the ISWG has been designated**

Yes. Please indicate their names

>>> Dr Akankwasah BARIREGA

**A National expert to the ISWG has been designated**

Yes: please indicate their names

>>> Mr. Jimmy MUHEEBWA

**A National Species Working Group has been established**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> Since Uganda is still in the initial stages for the development of the NSAP, the National species working group has not been constituted, however this will be undertaken in the advanced process of developing the NSAP.

**A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed**

No, but this is ongoing: Indicate when it is expected to be completed

>>> The action plan will be completed by the end of June 2021

**Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?**

No: Please explain why

>>> The major hinderance has been budget constraints attributed to the limited financial resources

**The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**

Yes: Briefly explain in what ways and when this was done

**Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> Because of limited financial resources

**Grey Crowned-crane / *Balearica regulorum***

**A government representative to the ISWG has been designated**

Yes. Please indicate their names

>>> Dr Akankwasah BARIREGA

**A National expert to the ISWG has been designated**

Yes: please indicate their names

>>> Mr. Jimmy MUHEEBWA

**A National Species Working Group has been established**

Yes: Please indicate the members of the ISWG

>>> Ministry of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities  
Uganda Wildlife Authority  
Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre  
Uganda Wildlife Research and Training Institute  
Nature Uganda  
Mr. Jimmy Muheebwa- Uganda Project Coordinator

**A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed**

Yes: Please indicate when it was developed and provide a copy

>>> It was developed in 2019

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[National Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Grey Crowned Crane.pdf](#)

**Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?**

Yes: Please indicate the type of resources secured, and specify the amounts and sources (donors)

>>> The Government of Uganda hosted the 1st meeting of the GCC IWG in July 2019 in Entebbe (<https://www.unep-aewa.org/en/news/1st-meeting-aewa-grey-crowned-crane-international-working-group-convenes-entebbe>), as such, this counts towards resources secured.

### **The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**

Yes: Briefly explain in what ways and when this was done

### **Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?**

Yes: Please indicate the kinds of activities, when they were conducted and any flyway collaboration efforts engaged (e.g. relating to flagship species or twinning of sites)

>>> Dissemination of action plans to different stakeholders in government (Uganda Wildlife Authority, Uganda Wildlife Education Centre, Uganda Wildlife Research and Training Institute); Academia (universities in Uganda); Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in biodiversity conservation has been done. Sensitization campaigns were also conducted since the grey crowned crane is the country's national bird and these campaigns attracted a range of stakeholders in government including local government and , Academia, CSOs, local communities at regional level

### **Corncrake / *Crex crex***

#### **A government representative to the ISWG has been designated**

Yes. Please indicate their names

>>> Dr Akankwasah Barirega

#### **A National expert to the ISWG has been designated**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> The AEWA Secretariat has not yet convened the IWG for this species as the ISSAP was only initially extended until 2021, thus, no efforts have been made yet to establish the IWG. Also to note, there have not been significant threats to this species in-country, designation of the national expert has not been done since nationally threatened species have been prioritized considering the limited financial resources in order to avert the significant threats faced by them.

#### **A National Species Working Group has been established**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> Because there have not been significant threats to this species in-country, the national species working group has not been established since nationally threatened species have been prioritized considering the limited financial resources in order to avert the significant threats faced by them.

#### **A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> Since corncrakes do not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

#### **Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?**

No: Please explain why

>>> The SAP has not been developed and there are existing budget constraints. Also to note Since corncrakes do not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

### **The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> The AEWA Secretariat has not yet convened the for this species as the ISSAP was only initially extended until 2021,thus has not been into consideration in the NBSAP

### **Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> the SAP was not developed

## **Great Snipe / Gallinago media**

### **A government representative to the ISWG has been designated**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

### **A National expert to the ISWG has been designated**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> The AEWA Secretariat has also not yet convened the IWG for this species, thus a justification for why your country has not yet designated its IWG representatives.

Furthermore, since this species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

### **A National Species Working Group has been established**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> The AEWA Secretariat has also not yet convened the IWG for this species, thus the SWG has not been established and since this species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

### **A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> This species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

### **Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?**

No: Please explain why

>>> the SAP was not been developed, This species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

### **The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> the SAP was not been developed

### **Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> the SAP was not been developed

## **Black-winged Pratincole / Glareola nordmanni**

### **A government representative to the ISWG has been designated**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> Since this species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

### **A National expert to the ISWG has been designated**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

>>> Since this species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

### **A National Species Working Group has been established**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> This species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

### **A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> This species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

**Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?**

No: Please explain why

>>> This species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

**The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> The SAP was not developed

**Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> The SAP has not been developed

**Maccoa Duck / Oxyura maccoa**

**A government representative to the ISWG has been designated**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

**A National expert to the ISWG has been designated**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

**A National Species Working Group has been established**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> This species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

**A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> This species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

**Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?**

No: Please explain why

>>> The SAP has not been developed

**The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> This species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

**Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> The SAP was not developed

**Lesser Flamingo / Phoeniconaias minor**

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Yes. Please indicate their names

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**A National expert to the ISWG has been designated**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate when they will be designated

**A National Species Working Group has been established**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether the ISWG will be established and when

>>> Since this species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

**A National Species Action Plan (NSAP) has been developed**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be developed and when

>>> This species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

**Since MOP7, have any in-kind and/or financial resources been secured for implementation of the SAPs?**

No: Please explain why

>>> This species does not face any significant threats in-country, prioritization was directed to threatened species in the face of limited financial resources

**The ISSAP/IMSAP have been taken into consideration in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> The SAP was not developed

**Have any activities been conducted in your country to contribute to the implementation of the SAPs (including to elevate the importance of the species)?**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such activities in the future and when

>>> The SAP has not been developed

**1.9) Has your country produced the national list of waterbird populations for which it hosts >1% of the population and which have been identified as being in unfavorable conservation status and requiring conservation and management guidance (PoAA Target 1.3.c)?**

Not applicable, as there are no AEWA populations identified as being in unfavorable conservation status and for which the country hosts >1% of the individuals: Please provide any further information/justification/explanations as applicable

>>> The country does not host such populations identified as being in unfavorable conservation status

**1.10) Has a national waterbird monitoring scheme been developed/updated for your country (PoAA Target 1.4.a)?**

No, the country has not yet developed/updated its national waterbird monitoring scheme: Please explain why and indicate whether the national waterbird monitoring scheme will be developed/updated in the future and when

>>> The development of this monitoring scheme is ongoing, however the process is constrained by the limited financial resources

**1.11) At the time of this reporting, has a national committee been established/re-activated to coordinate the waterbird monitoring activities conducted by different stakeholders in your country (PoAA Target 1.4.a)?**

Yes, a national waterbird monitoring committee exists and does not require re-activation: Please indicate when it was created, the stakeholders involved and whether it is currently functional

>>> The stakeholders involved include; Nature Uganda, Uganda Wildlife Authority, Uganda Wildlife Research and Training institute

**1.12) Following MOP7, has your country conducted any joint waterbird monitoring activities with neighbouring countries (transboundary) or other countries along the flyway (PoAA Target 1.4.a)?**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are any plans to foster collaboration for waterbird monitoring at the transboundary or flyway level

**1.13) Has your country established any mechanisms to collect relevant information/data on drivers of waterbird population trends in collaboration with existing schemes such as the International Waterbird Census (IWC) or Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBA) (PoAA Target 1.4.b)?**

No, so far, no such mechanisms have been established: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be addressed in the future and when:

**1.14) Has monitoring of drivers of waterbird population trends been incorporated into the**

**national biodiversity monitoring programme for your country (PoAA Target 1.4.b)?**

No, such monitoring is not yet incorporated into the national biodiversity monitoring programme: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when:

>>> Development of a water birds monitoring scheme is still ongoing, and this incorporation into the national biodiversity programme is anticipated in the future

**1.15) Following MOP7, did the AEWA NFP/Technical Focal Point (TFP) retrieve from national IWC Coordinators waterbird data analysis based on the 7th edition of the Conservation Status Report (CSR7), IWC and other national monitoring data/schemes (PoAA Target 1.5.b)?**

No, national waterbird data analysis based on CSR7, IWC and other monitoring data/scheme has not yet been retrieved from the national IWC Coordinator: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

**1.16) In the years 2019 and 2020, did the AEWA TFP coordinate the analysis of national waterbird monitoring data (PoAA Target 1.5.b)?**

No, the AEWA TFP did not coordinate the analysis of national waterbird monitoring data in 2019 and/or 2020: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to coordinate the analysis of national waterbird monitoring data in future years Text Field

>>> Since the monitoring scheme is under development, plans are underway to ensure this analysis is done

**1.17) Following MOP7, has your country influenced multilateral processes for advancing AEWA priorities related to preventing four causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats to migratory waterbirds and their habitats (i.e. energy infrastructure, especially powerlines and wind turbines; illegal taking & killing; fisheries bycatch; and invasive alien species), at the national, international or regional levels? (PoAA Targets 1.6.b, 1.6.c and 1.6.d)**

Yes

**If yes, in which of the following ways did your country influence these multilateral processes ? Please select all applicable options.**

Through communication and advocacy actions at national/regional/international levels that contribute to preventing these threats: Please specify the kinds of communication/advocacy actions, when they were conducted, the target audience and the key information communicated

Through incorporating these AEWA priorities in other relevant national policies/programmes/sectors: Please specify to which national policy/programme/sector input was made, when it was made, and the key issues taken into consideration

Through incorporating these AEWA priorities in other relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreement (MEA) processes addressed by the country: Briefly indicate when, the key issues taken into consideration and the concerned MEA(s)

Through collaborating with NFPs/implementing agencies responsible for other MEAs to implement ongoing or new national activities that contribute to preventing/minimizing these threats: Please specify the MEA(s), the national activities concerned and the key AEWA priorities taken into consideration

## **Section 2. Sustainable Use: Implementation of Objective 2 “To ensure that any use and management of migratory waterbird populations is sustainable across their flyways”**

### **2.1) Following MOP7, has your country established any national mechanism(s) to estimate waterbird harvest (PoAA Target 2.1.b)?**

No, so far, no national mechanism to estimate harvest of waterbirds has been established in the country: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to establish this in the future, and when

>>> There are no ongoing legal water birds harvesting, therefore no need for establishing of the national harvesting estimation mechanism.

### **2.2) Following MOP7, has your country conducted any inventory of waterbird harvest at markets, production and supply chains, recreational hunting agencies, etc. (PoAA Target 2.1.b)?**

No, so far, no inventory on waterbird harvest has been initiated in the country: Briefly explain why and indicate whether there are plans to conduct such an inventory in the future and when

>>> There has not been any legal water birds harvesting, thus no inventory on water-bird harvest markets.

### **2.3) Following MOP7, did the AEWA NFP coordinate the review of relevant domestic legislation relating to the use and management of waterbirds, based on the amendments to the AEWA Annex 3 (AEWA Action Plan), as adopted by MOP7 (PoAA Target 2.2.a)?**

No, such a domestic legislative review has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to coordinate this review in the future and when

>>> There was no need for any review on domestic legislation because existing legislation, Uganda Wildlife Act 2019 is effective enough and sufficiently covers the different aspects relating to use and management of water birds

### **2.4) With reference to the outcomes of the domestic legislative review relating to the use and management of waterbirds based on MOP7 amendments to the AEWA Action Plan (Annex 3), has a formal request been submitted to the relevant national institutions to amend existing legislation or adopt new legislative measures (PoAA Target 2.2.b)?**

Not relevant, given that based on the outcomes of the national review, it was assessed that there was no need for developing/amending domestic legislation relating to the use and management of waterbirds: Please provide any additional explanation/justification

>>> The review was not required

### **2.5) Following MOP7, has your country conducted a review of the enforcement of relevant domestic legislation relating to waterbird use, harvest and management (PoAA Target 2.2.c)?**

No, the review of the enforcement of domestic legislation relating to waterbird use and harvest has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether it will be conducted in the future and when

>>> Review of enforcement of relevant legislation is a recurring activity since this informs different administrative deployments. This enforcement encompasses the management of water bird species as part of wildlife in their habitats and not harvest. This review follows the life span of both institutional strategic and general management plans at protected area level which are 10 and 5 years respectively

### **2.6) Following MOP7, has your country conducted a review of compliance of relevant domestic legislation with AEWA obligations relating to waterbird use, harvest and management (PoAA Target 2.2.c)?**

No, the review has not yet been initiated: Please briefly explain why and indicate whether it will be conducted in the future and when

>>> This review of compliance has not been conducted because the relevant domestic legislation are set up in such a way that all international obligations existing in conventions or agreements are not contravened.

### **2.7) Does your country coordinate among relevant institutions/stakeholders the application of compliance mechanisms relating to waterbird use, harvest and management (PoAA Target 2.2.c)?**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are future plans to coordinate the application of these compliance mechanisms among relevant institutions/stakeholders

>>> Any existing coordination does not have a particular streamlined framework for operationalization. however in the future, there is anticipated, streamlization of of this coordination mechanism

**2.8) Has your country developed a time-bound work plan to phase out the use of lead shot in wetlands (PoAA Target 2.2.d)?**

Not relevant: Please explain why

>>> There is no known use of lead shot in wetlands

**2.9) Following MOP7, has your country organized any events or disseminated any information, news or other communication on any national/regional/international forums regarding best practices relating to waterbird use and management (PoAA Target 2.2.f)?**

Yes: Briefly describe the kind of event organized and/or the information/news/message/communication disseminated. Please indicate when this happened and which forums were used

>>> During the Annual World Wildlife Day celebrations, government partnering with Nature Uganda participating in a sensitization campaign on water birds an the value of water bird habitats. It was on this event that the grey crowned crane national species action plan was launched

**2.10) Has your country developed/updated best practice hunting codes (PoAA Target 2.3.a)?**

No, so far, no best practice hunting codes have been developed/updated for the country: Please briefly explain why and indicate whether this will be developed in the future and when

>>> There is no legal water bird hunting taking place in Uganda

**2.11) Following MOP7, did your country identify training needs aimed at enhancing competence and responsibility within hunting communities (PoAA Target 2.3.a)?**

No, the identification of such training needs has not been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> These needs have not been initiated because there is not ongoing legal water bird hunting in Uganda

## **Section 3. Flyway Network of Sites**

### **Implementation of Objective 3 “To establish and sustain a coherent and comprehensive flyway network of protected areas and other sites, managed to maintain - and where necessary restore - their national and international importance for migratory waterbird populations”**

#### **3.1) Following MOP7, has a review of known sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations been conducted in your country, based on the process developed by the AEWA Technical Committee and launched by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat in August 2020 (PoAA Target 3.1.a)?**

No, such a site review process has not yet been initiated: Briefly explain why and indicate whether a review is planned in the future, and when

>>> As much as this review was not conducted, the existing protected areas, sufficiently and effectively represent the sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations in Uganda.

The review process has been constrained by the limited budget, however once the financial resources are secured, the review process will be initiated.

#### **3.2) Has the list of confirmed sites of international importance for AEWA populations been assessed (in collaboration with the Ramsar National Administrative Authority/National Focal Point) to identify sites which qualify as Wetlands of International Importance (i.e. Ramsar Sites) (PoAA Target 3.3.b)?**

No, the assessment of the sites of international importance for AEWA populations that could qualify as Ramsar Sites has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether this will be conducted in the future and when Text Field

>>> Many wetlands and national parks in Uganda already contribute to a significant portion declared as Ramsar sites in Uganda and these have sufficiently acted as habitats for AEWA populations.

Since the review process was not conducted and there is no list of confirmed sites meriting this assessment determining whether they would qualify as Ramsar sites

#### **3.3) Has the national wetlands inventory for your country been established/updated in collaboration with the Ramsar NFP, taking into consideration the confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.b)?**

No, but such development/update of the national wetlands inventory is underway: Please indicate when the process is expected to be completed

>>> The wetlands inventory including their demarcation is currently ongoing and is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

However, Since the review process was not conducted and there is no list of confirmed sites, the national wetlands inventory has not been established.

#### **3.4) Are there any existing World Heritage Sites (WHSs) or Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Reserves among the list of confirmed sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.c)?**

No, none of the sites of national or international importance for AEWA populations is an existing WHS/MAB Reserve

>>> Since the review process was not conducted and there is no list of confirmed sites.

#### **3.5) Has the list of confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations been assessed (in collaboration with the relevant national authorities) to identify sites which qualify for future designation as WHSs/MAB Reserves (PoAA Target 3.3.c)?**

No, such an assessment has not yet been initiated: Please explain why and indicate whether the assessment will be conducted in the future and when

>>> There are no new confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations, since the review was not conducted thus no assessment was merited.

The review process has been constrained by the limited budget, however once the financial resources are secured, the review process will be initiated.

#### **3.6) Has your country developed/updated any national strategy/plan for the protection and management of the confirmed sites of national and international importance for AEWA populations it hosts (PoAA Target 3.3.a)?**

No, the development/update of such national strategy/plan has not yet been initiated: Please briefly explain why and indicate whether this will be conducted in the future and when

>>> This has been challenged by the limited financial resources.

**3.7) Have any management plans been developed/updated for the confirmed key sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 3.3.a)?**

No, so far, no management plans have been developed/updated for any of these confirmed sites: Please indicate whether this is planned in the future and when

>>> Since the review process was not conducted, there are no confirmed key sites of national/international importance thus no management plans have been developed/update.

Also to note, all 10 National parks in Uganda are regular hosts of key AEWA populations. These protected areas all have general management plans which are revised and updated every after 5 years. However there are other existing Ramsar sites which do not have operational management plans because of limited financial resources but still benefit from national protection as protected areas.

**3.8) Has your country established any framework or mechanism to monitor and record adverse impacts at the confirmed sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Targets 3.5.a and 3.5.b)?**

No, but the development of such a framework/mechanism is underway: Please indicate when it is expected to be completed

>>> There is no particular framework, accorded for water birds particularly, however, monitoring and recording of all adverse impacts in national parks and wildlife reserves which are key hosts of AEWA populations is carried out by the ecological research and monitoring unit at protected area level.

Since the review process has not been conducted, the existing mechanism is not encompassing any new confirmed sites since they have not been identified.

**3.9) Following MOP7, were there any cases of developmental activities with ongoing or potential adverse impacts on sites of national/international importance for AEWA populations, but which have not been communicated to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat (PoAA Target 3.5.a)?**

No, there were no such cases of developmental activities which have not yet been communicated to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat

**3.10) Has a national CEPA Action Plan been developed for your country (PoAA Target 3.4.c)?**

No: So far, no national CEPA Action Plan has been developed: Briefly explain why and indicate whether it will be developed in the future and when

>>> The national CEPA has not been developed because of the limited financial resources, however this will be done once resources are available.

## **Section 4. Habitat in the Wider Environment**

### **Implementation of Objective 4 “To ensure there is sufficient quantity and quality of habitat in the wider environment for achieving and maintaining favourable conservation status for migratory waterbird populations”**

#### **4.1) Has your country undertaken any collaborative efforts with other countries within shared lake/river basins to promote and coordinate efforts for the conservation, management and monitoring of habitats of importance for AEWA populations (PoAA Target 4.4.a)?**

Yes: Please indicate the lake/river basin concerned, the kinds of collaborative efforts undertaken, when they were undertaken, the key issues addressed and outcomes (e.g. water management, agriculture management, species/site monitoring, etc.) and partners/countries involved

>>> There are existing collaborations under the Nile basin Initiative for the River Nile; which is a framework with member states, Burundi, Tanzania, Rwanda, DR Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda (<https://nilebasin.org/what-we-do/action-areas>).

Among the core functions include facilitating basin cooperation, Water resources management, and water resources development. Other key issues include implementation of the transboundary Wetlands project titled “Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Ecosystem Services of Wetlands of Transboundary Relevance in the Nile Basin”.

Also other rivers/basins concerned; Congo River Basin (Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Malawi, Rwanda, Sudan, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, DRC ,Zambia), Lake Turnaka and Lotagipi Swamp (Ethiopia, Kenya, Ilemi triangle, South Sudan, Uganda).

#### **4.2) Following MOP7, has your country compiled a project portfolio to secure resources for activities to support the conservation of key habitats for AEWA species/populations in the country (PoAA Target 4.4.b)?**

No, the development of a project portfolio for habitat management activities has not yet been initiated: Please indicate whether this will be done in the future and when

>>> Starting next financial year Uganda will be implementing an MOU with ICF, therefore a project portfolio for habitat management activities will be initiated.

#### **4.3) Following MOP7, has your country compiled/highlighted any examples of best practices for habitat conservation projects/activities/actions (PoAA Target 4.4.d)**

No: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to compile/highlight examples of best practice habitat conservation actions in the future and when

>>> Different examples of best practices for habitat conservation activities/actions have been highlighted and often used as a benchmark during application to different sites. However compilation is yet to be done.

#### **4.4) Did your country share any experience gained from the implementation of habitat conservation projects?**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate whether information on the experience gained from the implementation of habitat conservation projects will be shared in the future and when

>>> There have not been any major, novel projects on habitat conservation thus no experience has been shared. However once experience from any of implemented projects is gained, this will be shared in the future whenever possible.

## **Section 5. Secure Resources**

### **Implementation of Objective 5 “To ensure and strengthen the knowledge, capacity, recognition, awareness and resources required for the Agreement to achieve its conservation objectives”**

#### **5.1) Based on the identified gaps in scientific and technical information required for the implementation of AEWA at the Agreement level, has your country identified priority issues to be addressed at the national level (PoAA Target 5.1.a)?**

No, the identification of such priority issues has not yet been undertaken: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans to address this in the future and when

>>> The has been limited financial resources faced with many competing conservation priorities. However once resources enough to mobilize a representative number of stakeholders and partners are obtained, this activity will be accomplished

#### **5.2) Following MOP7, has your country actively engaged with any non-Party African range state to promote their accession to the Agreement (PoAA Target 5.2.a)?**

No: Please explain why

#### **5.3) Has your country established a national mechanism (e.g. national committee) responsible for coordinating the implementation of AEWA at the national level (PoAA Targets 5.3.b and 5.4.b)?**

No, the national AEWA coordination mechanism has not yet been established: Briefly explain why and indicate whether the establishment of such a mechanism is planned in the future and when

>>> It is anticipated that this mechanism will be developed in financial year 2022/2023. The major hinderance has been limited financial resources

#### **5.4) Does your country have an officially designated AEWA National Focal Point (NFP), Technical Focal Point (TFP) and Focal Point (FP) for Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA), each with updated contact details communicated to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat (PoAA Targets 3.4.c, 5.4.b and 5.6.a)?**

No, but designation of the AEWA FPs is underway: Please indicate when the designation form/letter is expected to be submitted

>>> Only the AEWA National Focal Point has been the designated and the TFP, and FP for CEPA are yet to be designated and the secretariat will be officially informed to this effect

#### **5.5) Following MOP7, has your country conducted any activities to enhance the skill base or capacity of the network of persons involved in the implementation of AEWA at the national level (i.e. AEWA FPs, technical experts, members of the national AEWA coordination mechanism, etc.) (PoAA Target 5.4.b)?**

No, so far, no such capacity building activities have been undertaken: Please explain why and indicate whether there are plans for conducting this in the future and when

>>> These activities have been challenged by the limited financial resources however they will be undertaken once funds are available

#### **5.6) Following MOP7, has the national AEWA implementing authority in your country been involved in national planning activities/actions related to other relevant international frameworks and processes, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Aichi Targets/the post-2020 biodiversity framework, Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (SPMS) and Ramsar Strategic Plan (PoAA Target 5.4.a)?**

No: Briefly explain why and indicate whether the national AEWA implementing authority is expected to be involved in future planning relating to relevant international frameworks and processes in your country

>>> Following a multi-sectoral approach, the national AEWA implementing authority makes a contribution as a relevant stakeholder, and later represented by the responsible institution at particular international frameworks. In future it is desirable that authority will take a more prominent role in other international frameworks and processes

#### **5.7) Following MOP7, has your country developed a national AEWA PoAA implementation plan (PoAA Targets 5.4.a, 5.4.b and 5.6.b)?**

No, the country has not yet developed a national AEWA PoAA implementation plan: Please explain why and indicate whether it is expected be developed in the future and when

>>> This has been majorly hindered by the limited financial resources in face of other competing conservation priorities

**5.8) Following MOP7, has the national AEWA implementing authority in your country engaged in activities/measures to secure resources (financial, human or material) in contribution to the implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan/PoAA/national AEWA PoAA implementation plan? (PoAA Target 5.6.b)?**

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[AEWA PoAA Report Q5-8 Table4\\_en \(2\).xlsx](#)

**5.9) Following MOP7, has the national AEWA implementing agency in your country identified any mechanisms to coordinate collaboration between the AEWA FPs (NFP, TFP or CEPA FP) and Focal Points of other MEAs in your country in order to communicate and promote the role and importance of AEWA (PoAA Target 5.4.b)?**

No, please briefly explain why and indicate whether there are future plans to measures to promote such collaboration and when

>>> Different areas where coordination in the form join activities have not been identified/compiled, however once this is accomplished in the future, then this coordination mechanism will be established

## Confirmation

**This is to confirm that the information provided in the current AEWA PoAA National Report has been verified and approved for submission**

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

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### **Date of submission**

>>> 4th February 2021