

**1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE  
AEWA SLATY EGRET INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP**

*13-15 September 2023, Maun, Botswana*

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**PRELIMINARY ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Dates:** Wednesday, 13 September 2023 to Friday, 15 September 2023

**Venue:** Maun, Botswana

**Host:** Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP), Botswana

**Organiser:** UNEP/AEWA Secretariat

**Chair:** to be elected during the meeting

**Meeting Documents:**

The following working documents will be made available to you for review in advance of the meeting (non-exclusive):

- Preliminary Annotated Agenda (Doc. AEWA/SE IWG 1.2)
- Draft Terms of Reference for the Working Group (Doc. AEWA/SE IWG 1.3)

The following information documents will be made available to you on the [meeting webpage](#) in due course (non-exclusive):

- AEWA International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Slaty Egret (Doc. AEWA/SE IWG1 Inf.1)
- Participant Information Sheet (Doc. AEWA/SE IWG1 Inf.2)
- Preliminary List of Participants (Doc. AEWA/SE IWG1 Inf.3)

**Main Objectives:**

- Elect a Chair country for the Slaty Egret International Working Group (SE IWG)
- Adopt the Terms of Reference for the Working Group
- Clarify Working Group's reporting practices
- Clarify Working Group's operational budget matters
- Receive reports from the Range States on the status of the species, the pressures, and threats and the implementation of the Slaty Egret International Single Species Action Plan (SE ISSAP)
- Develop and agree on an implementation plan on the basis of the SE ISSAP
- Discuss funding opportunities for urgent conservation actions in line with the agreed implementation plan.

**Meeting language:** Meeting documents will be provided in English and the meeting language will also be English.

## Meeting Schedule

WEDNESDAY, 13 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023				
Time	Item	Document	Remarks	[Lead]
08:00	Registration	--	--	Secretariat
09:00	Welcome and Introduction	--	--	Host Secretariat
09:10	Adoption of the agenda	AEWA/SE IWG 1.2	--	Secretariat
09:20	Introduction of attendees	--	Tour du table	Secretariat
09:45	Confirmation of observers	--	Presentation and confirmation of observer organisations.	Secretariat
09:50	Election of a Chair Country for the SE IWG	--	Nomination and election of a chair	Secretariat
09:55	Working Group Terms of Reference and coordination arrangements	AEWA/SE IWG 1.3	Presentation, discussion and adoption	Chair Secretariat
10:15	Slaty Egret status – general overview	--	Presentation on the status of the species as background to country reports	IWG Coordinator
10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
	<i>Country reports</i>		<i>Chair/IWG Coordinator</i>	
11:15	Angola – country report with 5 mins for questions	--	Presentation	[AGO]
11:35	Zambia – country report with 5 mins for questions	--	Presentation	[ZMB]
12:00	Zimbabwe – country report with 5 mins for questions	--	Presentation	[ZWE]
12:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>			
14:30	South Africa – country report with 5 mins for questions	--	Presentation	[ZAF]
14:55	Namibia – country report with 5 mins for questions	--	Presentation	[NAM]
15:20	Botswana – country report with 5 mins for questions	--	Presentation	[BWA]

15.45	Workflow for developing the Implementation Plan	--	Introduction	Secretariat
16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
16.30	Implementation Plan development – identification of priority activities, timeframes and responsibilities	AEWA/SE IWG1 Inf.1	Facilitated session	Secretariat
18.00	<i>End of day 1; summary and announcements</i>			

<b>THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023</b>				
<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	<b>[Lead]</b>
09:00	Welcome back and introduction to day 2	--	--	Chair Secretariat
09.05	Implementation Plan development – identification of priority activities, timeframes and responsibilities ( <i>cont.</i> )	--	Facilitated session	Secretariat
11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>			
11.30	Implementation Plan development – identification of priority activities, timeframes and responsibilities ( <i>cont.</i> )	--	Facilitated session	Secretariat
12.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>			
14.00	Implementation Plan development – identification of priority activities, timeframes and responsibilities ( <i>cont.</i> )	--	Facilitated session	Secretariat
16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
16.30	Funding for delivering on the Implementation Plan	--	Discussion	Chair Secretariat
17.00	National reporting and national coordination of implementation	--	Clarify reporting format, practices, timelines, coordination mechanism	Chair Secretariat
17.30	Dates and venue of the next meeting	--	Discussion, incl. potential hosts (and funders) for such a meeting.	Chair
17:45	Summary and next steps	--	--	Chair Secretariat
18.00	<i>Closure of the meeting</i>			

**FRIDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	<b>[Lead]</b>
<i>tbc</i>	Field trip to Okavango Delta (Moremi Game Reserve): visiting Slaty Egret sites, showcase of species habitats and relevant conservation issues			DWNP and BirdLife Botswana