



**13<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
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**WORK PLAN FOR THE AEWA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 2016-2018**

*(As adopted by MOP6 through Resolution 6.17 with pertinent amendments)*

**Introduction**

1. This section provides explanatory notes concerning the two attached documents (Appendix II, Parts 1 and 2).
2. Part 1 provides a summary list of proposed top priority scientific and technical tasks for the 2016-2018 triennium. This is drawn from Part 2 which provides a summary of the full list of proposed scientific and technical tasks for the work of the Technical Committee in 2016-2018.
3. Themes relate largely to the structure of the AEWA Action Plan as follows:
  - a) **Field of application<sup>1</sup>**
    - issues of the taxonomic and geographic scope of the Agreement
  - b) **Species conservation<sup>2</sup>**
    - including issues of legal regulation of taking; international single species action plans and their implementation; emergency measures; re-establishments; and introductions.
  - c) **Habitat conservation<sup>3</sup>**
    - including issues of habitat and site inventories; conservation of areas; habitat rehabilitation and restoration; and climate change adaptation and mitigation
  - d) **Management of human activities<sup>4</sup>**
    - including hunting (including lead issues); disturbance; species-conflicts and management of other human activities (e.g. impacts of energy generation and transmission, development, etc.)
  - e) **Research and monitoring<sup>5</sup>**
    - including planning and funding of surveys and monitoring
  - f) **Education and information<sup>6</sup>**
    - including all Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) issues

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<sup>1</sup> Includes some of the issues covered by the 2012-2015 TC Working Group 10: Emerging issues (in relation to taxonomy).

<sup>2</sup> Includes some of the issues covered by the 2012-2015 TC Working Group 1: Lead, hunting and trade and TC Working Group 10: Emerging issues.

<sup>3</sup> Includes some of the issues covered by the 2012-2015 TC Working Group 11: Habitat loss & degradation.

<sup>4</sup> Includes work currently undertaken by the 2012-2015 TC Working Group 1: Lead, hunting and trade; TC Working Group 8: Renewable energy and migratory waterbirds; TC Working Group 9: Disturbance; and TC Working Group 10: Emerging issues (in relation to seabird bycatch etc.).

<sup>5</sup> Includes work currently undertaken by the 2012-2015 TC Working Group 4: Waterbird monitoring.

<sup>6</sup> Includes work currently undertaken by the 2012-2015 TC Working Group 5: CEPA & Communication Strategy and Plan.

**g) Implementation<sup>7</sup>**

- o including Conservation Guidelines; Action Plan para 7.4 international reviews; and other implementation issues

**h) Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues<sup>8</sup>**

- o including strategic, reporting and other planning issues; emerging issues and horizon scanning

4. The 14 top priority tasks listed in Part 1 below have been identified from the full range of proposed scientific and technical tasks listed in Part 2. These include all ‘Essential’ tasks and a few additional ‘High priority’ tasks.
5. The provisional figure for the total estimated funds needed for full implementation of the recommended 2016-2018 top priority tasks is € 561,000 over the triennium, whilst the total cost of the implementation of the full work plan is € 869,000.
6. Part 2 provides further details of all proposed scientific and technical implementation support tasks for the Technical Committee during 2016-2018. It provides a summary description of each task, with its anticipated outcomes and outputs, and provisional estimated costs.
7. As indicated in Part 2, a number of the tasks listed are either ongoing or have been carried forward from the task adopted by previous MOPs, but for which capacity or funding has been insufficient in the previous triennia to undertake or complete them.
8. Provisional estimated costs in Part 2 are based on each task requiring the engagement of an expert (or experts) to undertake the work required. These provisional estimated costs have been prepared by the Technical Committee and Secretariat to provide Contracting Parties with an initial assessment of delivery needs – more precise costings and the scope and ways and means for the delivery of each of the tasks will be developed at the beginning of the 2016-2018 cycle and reported to the Standing Committee at that time.

It is recognized that much of the funding estimated as being needed to enable further scientific and technical implementation support for the Agreement will need to be found from sources other than the Agreement’s core budget.

9. Please note that some significant tasks and costings given, relate to the work involved in developing Terms of Reference for the respective project (including the assessment of full costs), not the cost of delivery of the project for which funding will need to be sought.

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<sup>7</sup> Includes work currently undertaken by the 2012-2015 TC Working Group 3: International Reviews, and TC Working Group 6: Conservation Guidelines.

<sup>8</sup> Includes work currently undertaken by the 2012-2015 TC Working Group 2: National reporting, Strategic Plan and Aichi Targets; Plan of Action for Africa; TC Working Group 7: Climate change; and some of the issues covered by TC Working Group 10: Emerging issues.

## Appendix II - Part 1

### Recommended Top Priority Scientific and Technical Tasks for the 2016-2018 Triennium

Recommended Top Priority Tasks 2016-2018 (summary of task only)	Indicative cost
<b>Working Group 1. Field of application</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Population definitions.</b> Review of delineation of population boundaries for a small number of species and assessment of implications for listing by AEWA</li> </ul>	€5,000
<b>Working Group 2. Species Conservation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Harvests and sustainability.</b> Develop Terms of Reference for possible project(s) on the sustainable harvesting of migratory waterbirds that promote interdisciplinary approaches to livelihood needs, including the development of alternative food resources and awareness raising.</li> </ul>	€2,000 (to develop project proposals)
<b>Working Group 3. Habitat Conservation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Site network review.</b> Finalise Report on the Site Network for waterbirds in the Agreement area a draft of which was presented to MOP5</li> </ul>	€80,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wetland loss as it impacts migratory waterbirds.</b> Through an initial assessment of the very rapid rates of inter-tidal habitat loss within the West Asian – East African Flyway, collate data on regional rates of wetland habitat loss and use this to prioritise actions to address the drivers of such loss and degradation as they impact migratory waterbirds.</li> </ul>	€20,000
<b>Working Group 4. Management of human activities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Management of disturbance.</b> Produce simple guidance on management of disturbance to waterbirds targeted at wetland site managers and translated into French, Arabic and Russian</li> </ul>	€76,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Illegal killing.</b> Support implementation of CMS Resolution 11.16 on prevention of illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds and AEWA/CMS Plan of Action to Address Bird Trapping Along the Mediterranean Coasts of Egypt and Libya</li> </ul>	€8,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reducing the impact of fisheries.</b> Assess how AEWA can best work through, and enhance the activities of other actors engaged with reducing the impact of both freshwater and marine fisheries on migratory waterbirds</li> </ul>	€10,000
<b>Working Group 5. Research and monitoring</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Targeting of monitoring schemes.</b> Complete additional guidance on how to ensure that populations (including of seabirds and colonial breeding waterbirds) are covered by international monitoring schemes to produce reliable international population size and trend estimates.</li> </ul>	€10,000
<b>Working Group 7. Implementation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Conservation Status Review 7.</b> Guide the process of preparation of Conservation Status Review 7 for submission to MOP7.</li> </ul>	€100,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other international reviews.</b> Guide the process of preparation of a) updated review of information from surveys, b) updated review of pertinent hunting and trade legislation and c) updated review of re-establishment projects.</li> </ul>	€130,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Conservation Guidelines.</b> Review Conservation Guidelines nos. 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 to ensure they continue to reflect best conservation practice, and reformat as necessary following conclusion of ongoing review of format.</li> </ul>	€60,000

<b>Recommended Top Priority Tasks 2016-2018</b> (summary of task only)	<b>Indicative cost</b>
<b>Working Group 8. Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National reports.</b> Revise the national report format and make necessary adjustments on the basis of received feedback after the MOP6 reporting cycle and address necessary changes following MOP6.</li> </ul>	€20,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Population reporting for MOP 7.</b> Develop module for reporting on population status for MOP7.</li> </ul>	€20,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review of Aichi Target delivery.</b> Assess progress on issues relevant to the Aichi Targets, and present triennial assessments of AEWA's contribution to each relevant Target, elaborating further needs as necessary and appropriate, for MOP7.</li> </ul>	€20,000

## Appendix II – Part 2

### Summary of Scientific and Technical Tasks for the AEW Technical Committee: 2016-2018

- A. The scientific and technical tasks for the Technical Committee are organized under eight broad themes, as follows:
- Field of application
  - Species conservation
  - Habitat conservation
  - Management of human activities
  - Research and monitoring
  - Education and information
  - Implementation
  - Strategic, reporting, emerging or other issues
- B. Prioritisation of tasks is as follows:
- Essential** (highest priority) – other MOP processes depend on the task being undertaken *e.g.* reporting to MOP 7
- High** – important to progress before MOP 7 i.e. to start work within the next two years
- Other** – important but initiation could take place on a longer timescale
- Rolling** – important and ongoing or soon-to-be-launched long-term activity
- C. The categorization of types of tasks is coded in the tables below as follows:
1. New or revised guidance for Contracting Parties
  2. Technical support and advice – ongoing and *ad hoc*
  3. Advice on new and emerging issues
  4. Input to scientific or technical products/initiatives undertaken by other relevant organizations
  5. Review of knowledge as a basis for developing guidance for Parties and others.
- D. Note that costs are significantly approximate and not derived from detailed costing of the specific tasks. Costs are for broad planning purposes only at this stage and will be further refined.

**Theme: Field of application (Working Group 1)**

**WG1 membership:**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€) – see note above</b>
<p><b>Population definitions:</b> Early in the triennium, consider evidence supporting the delineation of current population boundaries for the following species and TC13 to make any recommendations to Standing Committee 12 for interim approval such that any changes can be included within work to develop proposals for MOP7 (CSR 7 and proposed changes to Table 1 of AEWA’s Action Plan):</p> <p>Lesser White-fronted Goose <i>Anser erythropus</i> – status of birds in Fennoscandia Little Crane <i>Porzana parva</i> Sociable Lapwing <i>Vanellus gregarius</i> White-tailed Lapwing <i>Vanellus leucurus</i> Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus rogachevae</i> Black-legged Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii</i> Little Tern <i>Sterna albifrons</i> Guillemot <i>Uria a. aalge</i> &amp; <i>U. aalge albionis</i> Puffin <i>Fratercula arctica</i></p>	Essential	2	Wetlands International and its relevant Specialist Groups, CAFF CBird Group	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3	[€5,000]
<p><b>Taxonomic (and geographic) scope of AEWA:</b> The Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways adopted at CMS COP11 envisages the preparation of a review to explore options to extend AEWA as a framework for other migratory bird species/species groups in the Africa-Eurasian region so as to cover all African-Eurasian bird MoUs and Action Plans. Contribute to this as necessary. (Resolution 11.14, Annex 1, point 19).</p>	High	4	CMS Flyways Working Group and collaboration with Raptors MOU and Landbirds Action Plan as appropriate	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5.7 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12	–
<p><b>Taxonomy &amp; nomenclature:</b> Maintain overview of taxonomic and nomenclatural issues and advise on the need to update Annex 2 to the Agreement as necessary. (Resolution 6.1)</p>	Other	2	CMS Scientific Council	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19	–
<p><b>Technical Committee procedures:</b></p>	Other	–			–

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€) – see note above</b>
Consider and implement appropriate, cost-neutral review procedures related to major outputs arising from the Committee to ensure maintenance of high scientific standards					

### Theme: Species conservation (Working Group 2)

#### WG2 membership:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<b>Harvests and sustainability</b> Develop Terms of Reference for possible project(s) on the sustainable harvesting of migratory waterbirds that promote interdisciplinary approaches to livelihood needs, including development of alternative food resources and awareness raising. [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #12]	High	1	CMS Flyways Working Group	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 2 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 4	[€2,000] Costings for projects to be developed
<b>Guidance on derogation issues</b> Provide guidance concerning measures that should be taken in order to prevent exemptions listed in AP paragraph 2.1.3 operating to the detriment of species listed in Table 1. (Resolution 4.3) (carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012)	High	1		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12	[€30,000]
<b>Invasive aquatic weeds as they impact waterbirds</b> Compile a guide to the available guidelines on the issue. (carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012)	High	1	Ramsar STRP	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1 & 3 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 9	[€20,000]

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<p><b>Promoting better recognition of waterbird socio-economic importance</b> In the context of both Aichi Target 2 and CMS Resolution 10.18<sup>9</sup>, consider the need to develop appropriate guidance concerning the recognition of the socio-economic values of migratory waterbird consumptive and non-consumptive uses within NBSAPs and elsewhere to ensure that the economic and cultural values of waterbirds are fully recognised nationally and integrated within poverty reduction strategies. (Resolution 6.4 &amp; 6.15)</p>	High		CMS, CBD	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1.5, 2 &amp; 4</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 2</p>	[€30,000]
<p><b>Red List assessments</b> Consider any needs to promote streamlining of the process to ensure prompt IUCN Red List assessment of migratory birds that feed into the prioritization of AEWA listings. [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #12]</p>	High	4	CMS Flyways Working Group and BirdLife International	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12</p>	[€5,000]
<p><b>Regional multi-species declines</b> Continue to develop ideas as to how multi-species and regional-scale declines (such as Baltic seaducks) might be addressed through a combination of appropriate national and international measures, and consider most appropriate means of issuing this as guidance. (Resolution 5.6) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)</p>	Other	1		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12</p>	[€5,000]
<p><b>Breeding &amp; pre-nuptial migration periods</b> Continue to provide relevant information on African species, as mentioned in Appendix 1 of Resolution 5.10, as knowledge of these improves through the implementation of the Action Plan for Africa and bring elaborated guidance to a future MOP. (Resolution 5.10)</p>	Other Rolling	1, 5		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 2 &amp; 3.5</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 4</p>	[€3,000]
<p><b>Understanding harvest issues</b> Seek information from Parties and stakeholders as to which further tools and guidance would be helpful to them in the context of ensuring that hunting is sustainable, together with seeking a better understanding as to which audiences these tools should be targeted at and the most appropriate means by which this could be undertaken, and to build this</p>	Other	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 2</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 4</p>	-

<sup>9</sup> Resolution 10.18. Guidelines on the integration of migratory species into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and other outcomes from CBD COP10. [http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/10\\_18\\_nsbaps\\_e\\_0\\_0.pdf](http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/10_18_nsbaps_e_0_0.pdf)



<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
information into future planning of the Committee's own work. (Resolution 6.4)					
<b>Traditional knowledge and harvest</b> Finalise the delayed review on this issue and make recommendations for further work. Consider whether existing work can be included within conceptually related task (above) on promoting socio-economic benefits of waterbirds.	Other	5		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 2 & 3.4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 12 & 18	[€20,000]
<b>Development of Management Plans</b> Produce a priority list and subsequent selection of species/populations for the development of International Single Species Management Plans and revise the priority list for SSAPs at its first meeting after each MOP. (Resolutions 6.8 and 5.8)	Other	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 2 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 4	-

### Theme: Habitat conservation (Working Group 3)

#### WG3 membership:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<b>Site network review</b> Continue to develop the "Report on the Site Network for waterbirds in the Agreement area" so as to better reflect information on the management and conservation status of key sites, to further develop ways of summarising this information accessibly (Resolution 5.2) while taking into account reporting needs for the AEWA Strategic Plan and assessment against relevant Aichi Targets (Resolution 5.23) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)	Essential	1	Wetlands International	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1.2 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 11	[€80,000]
<b>Site conservation and AEWA</b>	High	5	Potentially all those involved with protected areas		[€20,000]

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
In view of the multiple (international) initiatives associated with the identification, designation and management of important sites for waterbirds, critically assess the added value (if any) that AEWAs can bring and bring proposals for any specific activities or initiatives arising from this review to MOP 7.					
<b>Wetland loss as it impacts waterbirds</b> Develop a shared and evidence based understanding of regional rates of wetland habitat loss as the basis for prioritised actions to address the drivers of such loss and degradation as they impact migratory waterbirds. Initial work should focus on assessing the very rapid rates of inter-tidal habitat loss within the West Asian – East African Flyway and implications for waterbirds using these areas.	High	3	Joint with Ramsar Convention (STRP)	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 5	[€20,000]
<b>Socio-economic importance of waterbirds</b> Explore the potential to develop a number of case studies summarising the socio-economic benefits (including food security) accruing to local populations from the sustainable management of wetlands and the sustainable use of the waterbirds that depend on these areas. (Resolution 5.13)	Other	4	Joint with Ramsar Convention (STRP)  Note links to related tasks in <i>Species conservation</i> Theme	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 14	[€5,000]
<b>Net Positive Impact</b> Investigate the feasibility and develop a proposal for international Net Positive Impact including offsetting approaches that involve the corporate sector and governments in order to support flyway conservation. [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #7]	Other	3	CMS Flyways Working Group; CMS Scientific Council; Wetlands International; BirdLife International; corporate sector	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 4 & 5	[€2,000]

## Theme: Management of human activities (Working Group 4)

### WG4 membership:

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p><b>Management of disturbance</b> Commission simple but comprehensive guidance on the management of disturbance in a form that may be widely translated and disseminated, and submit to MOP7 for consideration. Produce versions in English, French, Arabic and Russian. (Resolution 5.24) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)</p>	High	1	Joint with Ramsar Convention (STRP)	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1, 2.4 &amp; 5.6</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 11 &amp; 12</p>	[€76,000] €30,000 to draft plus translation at €2,000/language, plus production costs at €10,000/language
<p><b>Extractive industries – cumulative impact assessment</b> Work with the Ramsar STRP and other interested parties to develop guidance for assessing the significance of cumulative impacts of multiple wetland losses along species' flyways, and the implications for EIA, SEA and other assessment processes. (Resolution 5.14) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)</p>	High	1, 4	Ramsar STRP and possibly also CMS. Possible interest from stakeholders involved in the CMS Energy Task Force	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1.3 &amp; 3</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 19</p>	[€30,000]
<p><b>Illegal killing</b> Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.16 on the prevention of illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds. Task includes participation in the Intergovernmental Task Force to Address Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean and technical support for implementation of AEWA/CMS Plan of Action to Address Bird Trapping Along the Mediterranean Coasts of Egypt and Libya.</p>	High	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 2.3</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 1 &amp; 12</p>	[€8,000] (T&S for attendance at Task Force meetings)
<p><b>Reducing the impact of fisheries</b> Compile existing – and where necessary complement – conservation guidelines and recommendations based on the priorities identified in paragraph 5 [of Resolution 6.9] and best available science and bring these to MOP7. (Resolution 6.9)</p>	High	1	ACAP, RFMOs, European Commission, BirdLife Seabird Programme, Albatross Task Force, ICES and other relevant bodies and expertise	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1 &amp; 3</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 6 &amp; 12</p>	[€10,000]
<p><b>Poisoning and agrochemicals</b> Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 on <i>Preventing poisoning of migratory birds</i>. Task includes participation in the CMS Poisoning Working Group to provide further guidance and support in</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1, 2.3 &amp; 3</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12</p>	[€5,000] (T&S for meetings)

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15. [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #14] (Resolution 6.12)					
<b>Poisoning by lead shot</b> Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 on <i>Preventing poisoning of migratory birds</i> . Task includes participation in the CMS Poisoning Working Group to provide further guidance and support in relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15. (Resolution 6.12)	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 2 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 & 12	{ Costs included in poisoning and agrochemicals task above }
<b>Disturbance</b> Commission a synthesis of scientific knowledge of disturbance, including activities that are significant and widespread sources of disturbance, and dealing both with the effects of disturbance and with the possible mechanisms of adaptation, mitigation and compensation, and where relevant, summarising those studies that have evaluated the short-term effects of disturbance and its long-term impact on bird productivity and survival, both at the individual and population levels, and submit to MOP7 for consideration (Resolution 5.24) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)	Other	5		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 2 & 3.5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 12 & 19	[€40,000]
<b>Reducing energy impacts – Energy Task Force</b> Collaborate on implementation of CMS Resolution 11.27 on <i>Renewable energy and migratory species</i> . Task includes participation in the CMS Energy Task Force to provide further guidance and support in relation to the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.27. Task also involves providing further guidance when relevant new developments on reducing the impact of power lines on birds become available, such as improved mitigation techniques (Resolution 5.11). [Also CMS Flyways Programme of Work #13]	Other Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1.3 & 5.7 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 2, 4 & 12	[€10,000] (T&S for meetings)
<b>Reducing energy impacts – sensitivity mapping tool</b> In the context of the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.27 and Resolution 6.7, develop Terms of Reference and costings to further develop a sensitivity-mapping tool (as already developed for the Red Sea-Rift Valley flyway) to indicate risk to migratory birds from potential infrastructure development. [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #13]	Other	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1.3 & 5.7 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 2, 4 & 12	[€2,000]

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<p><b>Extractive industries – Guide to guidance</b>  Work with the Ramsar STRP to finalise the <i>Guide to Guidance on Extractive Industries</i> and to disseminate this to Contracting Parties. (Resolution 5.14, Resolution 5.3 &amp; IIT No. 11) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)</p>	Other	1, 4	Ramsar STRP	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3.5  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 19</p>	[€10,000]
<p><b>Extractive industries – development of analytical tools</b>  Continue to collaborate with the Ramsar STRP on these issues, in particular jointly working with other interested organisations to further develop geospatial analytical tools for identifying those areas where potential conflicts may arise regarding impacts of extractive industry processes on wetlands of importance for migratory waterbirds. (Resolution 5.14) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)</p>	Other	4	Ramsar STRP and others	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 4 &amp; 19</p>	[€20,000]
<p><b>Illegal killing – pilot project</b>  In the context of the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.16 and Resolution 6.12, develop Terms of Reference and costings for a pilot project to be implemented in Africa (<i>e.g.</i> possibly relating to Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> in the Sahel). [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #15]</p>	Other	2	<p>CMS Scientific Council and others</p> <p>Seek joint funding for project(s)</p>	<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1.3 &amp; 5.7  <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 2, 4 &amp; 12</p>	[€2,000]
<p><b>Threats from marine litter</b>  Assess any threats posed to migratory seabirds listed by AEWAs from the ingestion of plastics, of microplastics and other forms of marine litter (marine debris) and to provide advice on appropriate responses to the MOP. (Resolution 6.9)</p>	Other	3, 5	ICES and other relevant bodies and expertise	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 8	-

**Theme: Research and monitoring (Working Group 5)**

**WG5 membership:**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<p><b>Targeting of monitoring schemes</b> Complete additional guidance to the Parties on how to ensure that populations are covered by international monitoring schemes which are appropriate both in their scopes and methods to produce reliable international population size and trend estimates, including monitoring of seabirds and colonial breeding waterbirds. (Resolution 5.2) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)</p>	High	1 & 5		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3.2 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 12 &amp; 19</p>	[€10,000]
<p><b>Conservation Guidelines on monitoring</b> Develop Conservation Guidelines in order to provide guidance to the Parties on how to develop individual monitoring programmes which are appropriate in their scope and methods to obtain reliable estimates of population sizes and trends of waterbird populations breeding or wintering in their territories while striving towards a harmonised methodology. (Resolution 5.2) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)</p>	High	1 & 5		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3.2 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 12 &amp; 19</p>	[€30,000]
<p><b>Monitoring priorities</b> Identify priorities for the systematic development of waterbird monitoring, in order to reach the target of a 50% increase by 2017 in the number of populations whose status is assessed on the basis of regular monitoring data, as per the AEWAs Strategic Plan 2009-2017, taking into account the conservation status of the populations, their geographic representativeness and other factors (Resolution 5.2) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)</p>	High	2		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3.2 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19</p>	[€5,000]
<p><b>Sustainable funding of waterbird monitoring</b> Work with the Waterbird Monitoring Partnership to make progress towards the monitoring related targets of the AEWAs Strategic Plan 2009-2017 and to report to MOP7 and, if required, to propose this issue to be revisited at MOP7 with the aim to secure a long-term, sustainable solution for international waterbird monitoring (Resolution 5.22)</p>	Other	4		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3.1 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19</p>	-
<p><b>Waterbird monitoring synergies with Ramsar</b></p>	Other	4, 5	Ramsar Secretariat and STRP	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3	-

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Work with Ramsar to identify possible synergies with respect to waterbird monitoring in the context of Ramsar Strategic Plan Targets 11 & 13 and possible development of further indicators for Target 5 related to coverage of wetland dependent bird populations by designated Ramsar Sites. (Resolution 6.3)				<b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 11	

### **Theme: Education and information (Working Group 6)**

#### **WG6 membership:**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<b>Communication Strategy implementation</b> Provide advice and prioritisation on the ongoing implementation of the Communication Strategy. (Resolution 6.10)	Other	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 1	–
<b>Global Interflyway Network</b> Engage in the future implementation of the Global Interflyway Network (GIN) <sup>10</sup> to ensure that best practice is shared between the various international conservation initiatives for migratory birds in different parts of the world. (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015)	Other	4	Ramsar, CMS, EAAFP, WHSRN and others	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5.7 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19	[€10,000] (T&S for meetings)

<sup>10</sup> [http://www.eaaflyway.net/documents/resources/globalflyway2011/eaafp-tech-01\\_GIN-report-sml.pdf](http://www.eaaflyway.net/documents/resources/globalflyway2011/eaafp-tech-01_GIN-report-sml.pdf)

**Theme: Implementation (Working Group 7)**

**WG7 membership:**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<b>Conservation Status Review 7</b> Guide the process of preparation of Conservation Status Review 7 (Action Plan 7.4a) while taking into account reporting needs on the AEW Strategic Plan and assessment against relevant Aichi Targets (Resolution 5.23)	Essential	2 & 5	Wetlands International and its Specialist Groups	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 12 & 19	[€100,000]
<b>Other international reviews</b> Guide the process of preparation of a) updated review of information from surveys (Action Plan 7.4b); b) updated review of pertinent hunting and trade legislation (Action Plan 7.4d) and c) updated review of re-establishment projects (Action Plan 7.4f)	Essential	2 & 5		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 12 & 19	[€130,000] 7.4b) [€40,000] 7.4d) [€60,000] 7.4f) [€30,000]
<b>Information on Column A species</b> Develop national lists of Column A populations for all Parties in the Middle East, Europe and Central Asia and communicate these with the respective countries to assist any necessary process of national legislative revision for the species concerned (Resolution 6.4)	Essential	2 & 5		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1.1 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Targets 12	-
<b>Revision of format for plans</b> Revise the format for International Single Species Action Plans (ISSAPs) and consider the need for such a format for International Single Species Management Plans and International Multi-Species Action Plans. (Resolution 6.8)	Essential	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1.4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12	-
<b>Overview of ISSAPs</b> Continue monitoring the implementation of ISSAPs and present proposals for the revision or retirement of specific plans to each MOP. (Resolution 6.8)	Essential	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1.4 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12	-
<b>Review and reformatting of existing Conservation Guidelines</b>	High	1	Wetlands International and others	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 4.3 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 1	[€60,000] six x [€10,000]



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<p>Review AEWA Conservation Guidelines (CG) nos. 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9<sup>11</sup> to ensure they continue to reflect best conservation practice. Ensure that revision of CG 9 on waterbird monitoring covers guidance on a) colonial waterbird monitoring, and b) demographic monitoring.</p> <p>Undertake any necessary updates or revision, and reformat in the context of any new CG format agreed by Standing Committee 11 (following the current review of CG format). Submit any revised CGs to MOP 7.</p>					
<p><b>Guidance on look-alike species</b> Complete work on the <i>Guidance on Dealing with Accidental Shooting of Look-alike Species in Western Palearctic</i> and present a revised and extended version for consideration by MOP7. (Resolution 6.7)</p>	High	1		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 2.4</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12</p>	-
<p><b>Overview of the procedure for amending listing of populations in AEWA Table 1</b> Prepare with existing resources, an information document summarizing and explaining the current procedure of introducing changes in species conservation status to the AEWA Action Plan, including relevant consultation and review processes (including the IUCN Red List, Wetlands International, AEWA Technical Committee) as well as timelines and data dependencies. Submit to the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AEWA Standing Committee, and then circulate to Contracting Parties in advance of MoP7.</p>	High	1	Wetlands International, BirdLife International, IUCN	-	-
<p><b>Advice on AEWA priorities for seabird conservation</b> Provide advice to MOP on which are the most urgent seabird conservation priorities in the context of the implementation of the Agreement. (Resolution 6.9)</p>	High	2, 3		-	-
<p><b>Non-native species risk assessment</b> Contribute to the development of internationally-agreed standards and guidance for risk assessment with respect to non-native waterbirds in order to facilitate the implementation of the Agreement and related legal instruments. (Resolution 6.4)</p>	Other	2, 5		<p><b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1.5</p> <p><b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 9</p>	-

<sup>11</sup> Guidelines = 1. National Single Species Action Plans; 3. Preparation of site inventories; 4. Management of key sites; 7. Ecotourism; 8. Reducing crop damage, damage to fisheries, bird strikes and other forms of conflict; and 9. Waterbird monitoring protocol

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<b>Climate change adaptation guidance</b> Continue to periodically update AEWA's Guidance framework for climate change adaptation to ensure that it summarises contemporary knowledge and especially to seek both relevant guidance in French, and that which is relevant to non-European situations. (Resolution 6.6)	Other	2, 5		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 1.2 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 10	-

**Theme: Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues (Working Group 8)**

**WG8 membership:**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Priority for delivery</b>	<b>Category of task</b>	<b>Collaboration with other organisations</b>	<b>Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:</b>	<b>Provisional estimated cost (€)</b>
<b>Update of Strategic Plan</b> Input to the revision of the updated Strategic Plan to go to MOP7. (Resolution 6.14)	Essential	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Operational Principle 1 <b>Aichi Target:</b> All relevant Targets	-
<b>Strategic Plan Targets</b> Further consider how to assess progress towards reaching Strategic Plan (2009-2017) Targets 3.4 and 5.8 (Resolution 5.2).	Essential	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 3.2, 3.4, 4.3, 4.4, 5.7 & 5.8 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 11	[€10,000]
<b>Revision of POAA</b> Input to the revision of the Plan of Action for Africa. (Resolution 6.14)	Essential	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 3.5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> All relevant Targets	-

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<b>National Reports</b> Revise the national report format and make the necessary adjustments on the basis of received feedback after the MOP6 reporting cycle and address necessary changes following MOP6, including work to develop an initial reporting format related to the draft revised Strategic Plan. (Resolution 6.14)	Essential	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 3 & 5.5 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12	€20,000
<b>Population status module for national reports</b> Further develop a modular approach to national reporting with modules reported at different intervals including development of a module on population status for MOP 7 national reports.	Essential	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5.7 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19	[€20,000]
<b>Delivery of Aichi Targets</b> Continue to assess progress on issues relevant to the Aichi Targets, and to present triennial assessments of AEWA's contribution to each of the relevant Aichi Targets, elaborating further needs as necessary and appropriate, as an agenda item for each future MOP through to 2020. (Resolution 5.23)	Essential	2		<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5.7 <b>Aichi Target:</b> All relevant Targets	[€20,000]
<b>Harmonisation of reporting</b> Continue to promote synchronised timing and other synergies with the reporting cycles of CMS, Ramsar, EU Birds Directive (Article 12) and others as opportunities permit.	High	2	CMS Scientific Council; Ramsar Secretariat and STRP; European Commission and others	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5.7 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19	–
<b>Implementation</b> On request, assist with Parties implementation of the Agreement including possible participation in Implementation Review Process missions. [Also CMS Flyways Programme of Work #17]	High	2	Contracting Parties		[€30,000]
<b>Emerging diseases</b> Continue to participate in the CMS Scientific Council Working Group on wildlife diseases.	High	2	CMS Scientific Council, Ramsar STRP, FAO, OIE and others	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objectives 1 & 5.7 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 12	No direct costs, possible T&S need for meetings [€2,000]
<b>Common implementation indicators</b> Consider developing common implementation indicators for AEWA and Ramsar, if appropriate, based, for example on the TEMATEA tool (Resolution 5.19). (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015) Will need	Other	2	Ramsar (STRP); CMS Scientific Council	<b>Strategic Plan:</b> Objective 5.7 <b>Aichi Target:</b> Target 19	[€10,000]

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also to consider relationship with the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species.					