

16th MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
25-29 January 2021, Virtual conference format

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening

The Chair of the Technical Committee will open the meeting.

2. Welcome Addresses

The Secretariat and other attendees will be invited to make additional welcoming remarks.

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

The Provisional Agenda and Work Programme will be proposed for adoption (Doc AEW/TC 16.2 and 16.3).

4. Admission of Observers

The Chair will orally inform the members about the inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations that have been invited to participate at this Technical Committee meeting.

5. Report by the Chair

The Chair will orally report on the Technical Committee's activities since the last meeting and introduce the draft TC report for the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEW (MOP8) (Doc AEW/TC 16.4).

6. Reports by the Regional Representatives

The TC Regional Representatives will orally report on the implementation of AEW in their respective regions.

7. Reports by the Technical Committee representatives to other processes

The TC representatives to the CMS Working Group on Preventing Bird Poisoning (Ruth Cromie) and to the CMS Task Force to Address Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (Imad Cherkaoui) will orally report on their involvement in these two processes and the progress of work.

8. Report by the Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce the Report of the Secretariat and the report on the Implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa (Doc AEW/TC 16.5 and 16.6).

9. Delineation of Biogeographic Populations of AEW Waterbird Species

*The TC will be requested to review and approve a revised delineation of biogeographic populations of the Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) (Doc AEW/TC 16.7).*

10. Conservation Status Report (8th edition) and Amendments to the Agreement and its Annexes

a) The TC will be requested to review and approve the 8th edition of the Conservation Status Report for submission to MOP8 (Doc AEW/TC 16.8);

b) The TC will then be requested to endorse the recommended amendments to Table 1 of the AEW Action Plan (Annex 3 of the Agreement) to be submitted to MOP8 (Doc AEW/TC 16.9);

c) The TC will be further requested to review and agree on draft resolution TC/DR1 on the procedure for submission of proposals for amendments to the Agreement and its annexes (Doc AEW/TC 16.10).

11. AEWA International Species Action Plans and Management Plans

- a) *The TC will be requested to review and endorse for submission to and approval by MOP8 the draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Common Eider (Somateria mollissima) (Doc AEWA/TC 16.11)*
- b) *The TC will be then requested to review and approve the following draft documents:*
- b.i. Draft revised criteria for the prioritisation of AEWA populations for international species action -planning (Doc AEWA/TC 16.12);*
 - b.ii. Draft summary of the current status of Single Species Action Plan and Management Plan production and coordination with recommendations to MOP for extension, revision or retirement (Doc AEWA/TC 16.13);*
 - b.iii. Draft format and guidelines for AEWA International Single and Multi-species Management Plans (Doc TC AEWA/16.14);*
 - b.iv. Draft revised format and guidelines for AEWA International Single and Multi-species Action Plans (Doc AEWA/TC 16.15); and*
 - b.v. Draft format for International Single Species Action Plan conservation briefs (Doc AEWA/TC 16.16).*
- c) *The TC will be requested to review and agree on draft resolution TC/DR2 on adoption, revision, retirement, extension and implementation of International Species Action and Management Plans (Doc AEWA/TC 16.17).*

12. Seabirds

The TC will be requested to review the draft preliminary advice on delivery against seabird priorities and provide advice and comments for its finalisation before submission to the Standing Committee and MOP8 (Doc AEWA/TC 16.18).

13. Monitoring of the Flyway Site Network

- a) *The TC will be requested to review the draft monitoring framework for the AEWA flyway site network and provide advice and comments for its finalisation (Doc AEWA/TC 16.19);*
- b) *The TC will then be requested to review and agree on draft resolution TC/DR3 on the inventory and monitoring of the AEWA flyway site network (Doc AEWA/TC 16.20).*

14. Sustainable Harvest

- a) *The TC will be requested to review and approve the draft criteria and a priority list of quarry populations for harvest data collection (Doc AEWA/TC 16.22);*
- b) *The TC will be then requested to provide guidance on the way to advance the implementation of the following tasks:*
- b.i. Review on sustainable harvest and the socio-economic importance of waterbirds (TC workplan task 2.4);*
 - b.ii. Development of a guidance on methods and tools for harvest data collection (TC workplan task 4.9); and*
 - b.iii. Rapid assessment of sustainability of harvest (TC workplan task 4.10).*

15. Gaps in Information

- a) *The TC will be requested to review and approve a draft document detailing priority gaps in information for the implementation of AEWA (Doc AEWA/TC 16.25);*
- b) *The TC will then be requested to review and agree on draft resolution TC/DR4 on addressing priority gaps in information for the implementation of AEWA (Doc AEWA/TC 16.26).*

16. Waterbird Monitoring

The TC will be requested to review and provide advice and comments for the finalisation of the following documents:

- a. *Draft monitoring priorities for waterbird species and populations of AEWA (Doc AEWA/TC 16.28);*
- b. *Draft overview of potential for synergies on monitoring with other frameworks (Doc AEWA/TC 16.29); and*
- c. *Draft resolution TC/DR5 on further development and strengthening of monitoring of migratory waterbirds (Doc AEWA/TC 16.30).*

17. Guidance on implementation of the Agreement

The TC will be requested to review and approve the following documents:

- a. *Draft revised Conservation Guidelines No. 1 on the preparation of national Single Species Action Plans for migratory waterbirds (Doc AEWA/TC 16.31);*
- b. *Draft revised Conservation Guidelines No. 4 on the management of key sites for migratory waterbirds (Doc AEWA/TC 16.32);*
- c. *Managing waterbird disturbance: a short guide for wetland managers (draft) (Doc AEWA/TC 16.33);*
- d. *Draft initial guidance on ecosystem services in relation to migratory waterbirds (Doc AEWA/TC 16.34);*
- e. *Draft guidance on addressing the risk of accidental shooting of look-alike species of waterbirds in the Agreement area (Doc AEWA/TC 16.35);*
- f. *Dissemination of information supplementary to Conservation Guidelines (draft concept) (Doc AEWA/TC 16.36);*
- g. *Draft resolution TC/DR6 on revision and adoption of conservation guidance (Doc AEWA/TC 16.37).*

18. Other Draft Documents and Resolutions for MOP8

The TC will be requested to review and agree on the following draft documents and resolutions:

- a. *Draft resolution TC/DR7 on AEWA's past contribution to delivering the Aichi 2020 biodiversity targets and its future relevance to the post-2020 process (Doc AEWA/TC 16.40);*
- b. *AEWA's contribution to the Aichi targets 2011-2020 (draft) (Doc AEWA/TC 16.44);*
- c. *Opportunities for AEWA to support the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (draft) (Doc AEWA/TC 16.45);*
- d. *The relevance of AEWA to delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals: opportunities that are (draft) (Doc AEWA/TC 16.46);*
- e. *Draft format for National Reports on the implementation of AEWA 2021-2023 (Doc AEWA/TC 16.41);*
- f. *Discussion paper on the integration of length of AEWA membership into the analysis of National Reports to MOP8 (Doc AEWA/TC 16.47);*
- g. *Draft format for National Reports on the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2021-2023 (Doc AEWA/TC 16.42).*

19. Other issues

The TC will be requested to advise on the way for advancing the following tasks:

- a. *Develop a joint programme with the Ramsar Convention to promote Ramsar designation of relevant flyway sites (by MOP 8 as per Action 3.3b of the Strategic Plan 2019-2027);*
- b. *Explore the possibility of a joint strategic initiative with the World Heritage Convention (e.g. recommendation to promote the serial designation of World Heritage sites within particular flyways (e.g. East Atlantic, Rift Valley) (by MOP 8 as per Action 3.3c of the Strategic Plan 2019-2027).*

20. TC Working Group 1 (Field of Application)

TC WG1 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2019-2021 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP8, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2022-2024.

21. TC Working Group 2 (Species Conservation)

TC WG2 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2019-2021 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP8, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2022-2024.

22. TC Working Groups 3 (Habitat Conservation)

TC WG3 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2019-2021 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP8, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2022-2024.

23. TC Working Groups 4 (Management of Human Activities)

TC WG4 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2019-2021 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP8, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2022-2024.

24. TC Working Groups 5 (Research and Monitoring)

TC WG5 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2019-2021 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP8, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2022-2024.

25. TC Working Groups 6 (Education and Information)

TC WG6 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2019-2021 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP8, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2022-2024.

26. TC Working Groups 7 (Implementation)

TC WG7 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2019-2021 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP8, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2022-2024.

27. TC Working Groups 8 (Strategic, Reporting, Emerging and other Issues)

TC WG8 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2019-2021 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP8, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2022-2024.

28. TC Work Plan 2022-2024

The TC will be requested to review the draft TC Work Plan for 2022-2024 (Doc AEWA/TC 16.43) and approve it for inclusion in the Draft Resolution on Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee for submission to the Standing Committee and to MOP8.

29. Date and Venue of the next Technical Committee Meeting

30. Any Other Business (please advise in advance)

31. Closure