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WORK PLAN FOR THE AEWA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 2019-2021¹

Introduction

1. This section provides explanatory notes concerning the two attached documents (Appendix I, Parts 1 and 2).
2. Part 1 provides a summary list of proposed top priority scientific and technical tasks for the 2019-2021 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 2019-2021.
3. Themes relate largely to the structure of the AEWA Action Plan as follows:
 - a) **Field of application**
 - issues of the taxonomic and geographic scope of the Agreement
 - b) **Species conservation**
 - including issues of legal regulation of taking; international single species action plans and their implementation; emergency measures; re-establishments; and introductions
 - c) **Habitat conservation**
 - including issues of habitat and site inventories; conservation of areas; habitat conservation, rehabilitation and restoration; and climate change adaptation and mitigation
 - d) **Management of human activities**
 - 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**
 - including planning and funding of surveys and monitoring
 - f) **Education and information**
 - including all Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) issues
 - g) **Implementation**
 - including Conservation Guidelines; Action Plan para 7.4 international reviews; and other implementation issues
 - h) **Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues**
 - including strategic, reporting and other planning issues; emerging issues and horizon scanning

¹ As adopted by the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties through Resolution 7.11 with an additional version as further developed by the Technical Committee at its 15th meeting in April 2019 (in Appendix II)

4. The 21 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 2019-2021 top priority tasks is € 915,000 over the triennium, whilst the total cost of the implementation of the full Work Plan is € 1,141,000.
6. Part 2 provides further details of all proposed scientific and technical implementation support tasks for the Technical Committee during 2019-2021. 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 2019-2021 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.

Appendix I - Part 1

Recommended Top Priority Scientific and Technical Tasks for the 2019-2021 Triennium

Recommended Top Priority Tasks 2019-2021 (summary of task only)	Indicative cost
1. Field of application	
1.3. Population definition. Early in the triennium, consider evidence supporting the delineation of current population boundaries for identified species as well as potential others, as necessary.	-
1.4. Review of Table 1 in Annex 3 to the Agreement. Prepare proposals for revision of Table 1 in Annex 3 for submission to MOP8.	-
2. Species Conservation	
2.1. Priority list for species action and management planning. Review and update, as necessary, the list of priority species/populations for new Single Species Action and Management Plans and for retirement, revision or prolongation of existing plans.	-
2.2. Conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations. Conduct a rapid review of existing information to identify relevant populations for which new or improved conservation and management guidance is required.	€10,000
2.3. ISSAP Conservation Briefs. Facilitate the production of conservation briefs of the ISSAPs for the Great Snipe, Ferruginous Duck, Lesser Flamingo, Maccoa Duck and Madagascar Pond Heron.	-
2.5. Priorities for seabird conservation. Review the seabird conservation priorities approved by MOP7 and provide guidance on their delivery.	€20,000
3. Habitat Conservation	
3.1. Site inventory framework. Develop a simple framework for use by the Parties to review and confirm the inventory of known nationally and internationally important sites.	€20,000
3.2. Site monitoring framework. Develop a monitoring framework for the AEWA flyway site network.	€30,000
3.3. Status of principal waterbird habitats. Conduct Agreement-level assessment of the status of principal waterbird habitats in the wider environment.	€80,000
3.4. Sea-level rise impact. Increase understanding of the consequences of sea-level rise on the Critical Site Network and the waterbird populations dependent on coastal habitats.	€100,000
3.5. Habitat conservation action plan. On the basis of the assessment under the previous task, develop an action plan, identifying priorities, opportunities and a set of recommended actions.	€70,000
4. Management of human activities	
4.9. Harvest data collation. Propose a list of quarry species that should be prioritised for international collation of harvest data.	€5,000
4.10. Sustainability of harvest. Undertake a rapid assessment of sustainability of harvest of declining quarry populations.	€50,000
4.11. Sustainable ecotourism. Collate case studies of ecotourism initiatives with proven benefits for both community livelihoods and conservation of AEWA species and their habitats.	€20,000
5. Research and monitoring	

<p align="center">Recommended Top Priority Tasks 2019-2021 (summary of task only)</p>	<p align="center">Indicative cost</p>
<p>5.1. Key gaps in information availability. Identify key gaps in information availability on relevant aspects of the implementation of the Agreement.</p>	<p align="center">€40,000</p>
<p>5.2. Monitoring priorities. Identify priorities for the systematic development of monitoring of waterbird populations and the drivers of their trends.</p>	<p align="center">€20,000</p>
<p>7. Implementation</p>	
<p>7.1. Conservation Status Review 8. Guide the process of preparation of Conservation Status Review 8 for submission to MOP8.</p>	<p align="center">€100,000</p>
<p>7.2. Other international reviews. Guide the process of preparation of a) updated review of information from surveys, b) updated review of pertinent hunting and trade legislation, c) updated review of the preparation and implementation of Single Species Action Plans, d) updated review of re-establishment projects and e) the status of introduced non-native waterbird species and hybrids thereof.</p>	<p align="center">€220,000</p>
<p>7.3. Conservation Guidelines. Review Conservation Guidelines nos. 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 to ensure they continue to reflect best conservation practice and reformat as necessary following conclusion of ongoing review of format.</p>	<p align="center">€50,000</p>
<p>7.5. Management plan format. Produce a format for International Single Species Management Plans.</p>	<p align="center">€30,000</p>
<p>7.6. Guidance on waterbirds as ecosystem services. Provide concise guidance in language adapted to policy/decision makers on the provisioning and cultural aspects of ecosystem services in relation to migratory waterbirds.</p>	<p align="center">€30,000</p>
<p>7.7. Mechanism for updating and preparing new conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations. Agree roles, responsibilities and mechanism for updating of guidance and preparation/dissemination of new guidance.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p>8. Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues</p>	
<p>8.1. National reports. Revise the national report format and make necessary adjustments following MOP7.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p>8.2. Population status and Plan of Action for Africa (PoAA) modules for national reports. Develop module on population status and the Plan of Action for Africa for MOP8 national reports.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p>8.3. Monitoring of implementation of the Strategic Plan and the PoAA (2019-2027). Develop a concept for the monitoring of the implementation.</p>	<p align="center">-</p>
<p>8.4. AEWA's contribution to relevant global frameworks. Compile concise triennial summaries of AEWA's contributions to the relevant global frameworks, particularly with the view of promoting the relevance of AEWA amongst development and aid agencies.</p>	<p align="center">€20,000</p>
<p>Total estimates budget for recommended top priority tasks</p>	<p align="center">€915,000</p>

Appendix I – Part 2

Summary of Scientific and Technical Tasks for the AEWA Technical Committee: 2019-2021

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 MOP8

High – important to progress before MOP8 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 1: Field of application

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€) – see note above
<p>1.1. Taxonomy & nomenclature: Maintain overview of taxonomic and nomenclatural issues and advise on the need to update Annex 2 to the Agreement as necessary (Resolution 6.1) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other Rolling task	2	CMS Scientific Council	<p>Strategic Plan: Objective 5 Aichi Target: Target 19</p>	-
<p>1.2. Taxonomic (and geographic) scope of AEWA: 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 (CMS Resolution 11.14, Annex 1, point 19) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p> <p>Task for CMS – AEWA to contribute only as necessary.</p>	High	4	CMS Flyways Working Group and collaboration with Raptors MOU and Landbirds Action Plan as appropriate	<p>Strategic Plan: Target 5.4 Aichi Target: Target 12</p>	-
<p>1.3. Population definitions: Early in the triennium, consider evidence supporting the delineation of current population boundaries for the following species as well as potential others, as necessary. TC15 to make any recommendations to the 15th Standing Committee meeting for interim approval such that any changes can be included within work to develop proposals for MOP8 (CSR 8 and proposed changes to Table 1 of AEWA's Action Plan):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Common Eider (<i>Somateria mollissima</i>) (populations which have been treated separately in Scott & Rose and AEWA Table 1 – extensions of the current definition) - Goosander (<i>Mergus merganser</i>) (same as above) 	Essential Rolling task	2	Wetlands International and its relevant Specialist Groups, CAFF CBird Group	<p>Strategic Plan: Objective 5</p>	-
<p>1.4. Review of Table 1 in Annex 3 to the Agreement Prepare proposals for revision of Table 1 in Annex 3 for submission to MOP8 (AEWA Article VII.3 (b)).</p>	Essential	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Objective 1.1</p>	-

Theme 2: Species conservation

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>2.1. Priority list for species action and management planning Review and update at its first meeting after each MOP, as necessary, the list of International Species Action and Management Plans required for priority species/populations, involving adaptive harvest management processes where relevant, taking into account the possible need to develop new plans and retire, revise or extend existing plans (Resolution 6.8; Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential Rolling	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Targets 1.2 & 2.4</p> <p>Aichi Target: Targets 4 & 12</p>	-
<p>2.2. Conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations Conduct a rapid review of existing information to identify relevant populations for which new or improved conservation and management guidance is required (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Target 1.3</p> <p>Aichi Target: Target 4</p>	[€10,000]
<p>2.3. ISSAP Conservation Briefs Facilitate the production of conservation briefs of the ISSAPs for the Great Snipe, Ferruginous Duck, Lesser Flamingo, Maccoa Duck and Madagascar Pond Heron (Resolution 7.5).</p>	High	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Targets 1.2</p> <p>Aichi Target: Targets 12</p>	-

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>2.4. Sustainable harvests and the socio-economic importance of waterbirds</p> <p>Increase knowledge and understanding of the extent of traditional and other harvests; their modes of regulation; the conditions under which harvests are sustainable; and the significance of these harvests in the context of food security and human development.</p> <p>Initial work should compile Terms of Reference for a modular programme, identifying possible collaborating individuals and organizations as well as funding possibilities that will progressively address the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying those geographical areas where harvesting waterbirds for subsistence and/or commercial purposes is prevalent and the species concerned; - Information, as available, on trends in prevalence of harvesting for socio-economic motivations; - Identification of case studies demonstrating good practice in the sustainable management and regulation of waterbirds harvests; and - Options to highlight the importance of sustainable and well-regulated waterbird harvest within the context of development and aid programmes, notably in the context of national delivery of Aichi target 2 and the Sustainable Development Goals. <p>(Resolutions 6.4, 6.15, 7.2; CMS Flyways Plan #12) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018)</p>	High	1	<p>CMS, CBD, CMS Flyways Working Group, FAO/FFEM/EU "RESSOURCE" project</p> <p>Linked to tasks 3.5. and 7.6.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 2 & 5</p> <p>Aichi Target: Target 2</p>	[€50,000]
<p>2.5. Priorities for seabird conservation</p> <p>Review the seabird conservation priorities approved by MOP7 and provide guidance on their delivery (Resolutions 7.6).</p>	High	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 1, 2, 3 & 4</p> <p>Aichi Target: Targets 4 & 12</p>	[€20,000]

Theme 3: Habitat conservation

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>3.1. Site inventory framework Develop a simple framework for use by the Parties to review and confirm the inventory of known nationally and internationally important sites. This framework should include provision of brief guidance on interpreting AEWA Action Plan references to “<i>sites of international or national importance</i>” and “<i>internationally accepted criteria of international importance</i>”. It should also take into account existing site network criteria, including those used to identify EU SPAs, Ramsar Sites, Emerald Network Sites and IBAs (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	1, 2	Wetlands International, BirdLife International	<p>Strategic Plan: Target 3.1 Aichi Target: Target 11</p>	[€20,000]
<p>3.2. Site monitoring framework Develop a monitoring framework for the AEWA flyway site network (building on the preliminary Site Network Report presented to MOP5) that is coordinated with similar reporting under other multilateral processes (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	1, 2	Wetlands International, BirdLife International	<p>Strategic Plan: Target 3.2 Aichi Target: Target 11</p>	[€30,000]
<p>3.3. Status of principal waterbird habitats Conduct Agreement-level assessment of the status of principal waterbird habitats in the wider environment, drawing on existing studies wherever possible (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	5	Ramsar Convention, CMS	<p>Strategic Plan: Target 4.1 Aichi Target: Target 5</p>	[€80,000]
<p>3.4 Sea-level rise impact Increase understanding of the consequences of sea-level rise on the Critical Site Network and the waterbird populations dependent on coastal habitats (Resolution 7.9).</p>	High	5	Ramsar Convention STRP	<p>Strategic Plan: Target 3.2 Aichi Target: Target 5</p>	[€100,000]
<p>3.5. Habitat conservation action plan On the basis of the assessment under the previous task, develop an action plan (identifying priorities, opportunities and a set of recommended actions), taking into account regional and sub-regional differences in key habitat types and threats/drivers (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2	Ramsar Convention, CMS	<p>Strategic Plan: Target 4.1 Aichi Target: Target 5</p>	[€70,000]

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>3.6. Socio-economic importance of waterbirds 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) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other Rolling task	4	Linked to task 2.3. and 7.6. FAO/FFEM/EU "RESSOURCE" project	<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 3 & 4 Aichi Target: Target 14</p>	[€5,000]
<p>3.7. Net Positive Impact 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] (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other	3	CMS Flyways Working Group; CMS Scientific Council; Wetlands International; BirdLife International; corporate sector	<p>Strategic Plan: Objective 5 Aichi Target: Targets 4 & 5</p>	[€2,000]

Theme 4: Management of human activities

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>4.1. Processes contributing to tackling of the four causes² of unnecessary additional mortality and other threats Identify those multilateral processes that can contribute most to progressing AEWA priorities related to the four causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats to migratory waterbirds and their habitats and identify strategic opportunities for positively influencing these processes (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	High	1	All relevant multilateral processes	<p>Strategic Plan: Target 1.6 Aichi Target: Targets 4 & 12</p>	[€10,000]
<p>4.2. Management of disturbance Commission simple but comprehensive guidance on the management of disturbance in a form that may be widely translated and disseminated and submit to MOP8 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>Strategic Plan: Objectives 1, 2 & 5 Aichi Target: Targets 11 & 12</p>	[€76,000] €30,000 to draft plus translation at €2,000/language, plus production costs at €10,000/language
<p>4.3. Reducing energy impacts – Energy Task Force 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.</p> <p>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) [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #13] (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 1 & 5 Aichi Target: Targets 2, 4 & 12</p>	[€10,000] (T&S for meetings)

² Causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats include: energy infrastructure (especially powerlines, wind turbines); illegal taking & killing; fisheries bycatch; and invasive alien species.

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>4.4. Extractive industries – Guide to guidance 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 & IIT No. 11) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015).</p>	High	1, 4		<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 3 & 4 Aichi Target: Targets 4 & 19</p>	[€10,000]
<p>4.5. Extractive industries – development of analytical tools 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>	Low	4	Ramsar STRP and others	<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 3& 4 Aichi Target: Targets 4 & 19</p>	[€20,000]
<p>4.6. Poisoning and agrochemicals 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 [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #14] (Resolution 6.12) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 1 & 5 Aichi Target: Target 12</p>	[€5,000] (T&S for meetings)
<p>4.7. Poisoning by lead shot 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) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 1, 2 & 5 Aichi Target: Targets 4 & 12</p>	{Costs included in poisoning and agrochemicals task above}
<p>4.8. Illegal killing 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 (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council and others	<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 1, 2 & 5 Aichi Target: Targets 1 & 12</p>	[€8,000] (T&S for attendance at Task Force meetings)

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>4.9. Harvest data collation Propose a list of quarry species that should be prioritised for international collation of harvest data (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Target 2.1 Aichi Target: Target 4</p>	[€5,000]
<p>4.10. Sustainability of harvest Undertake a rapid assessment of sustainability of harvest of declining quarry populations (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Target 2.4 Aichi Target: Target 4</p>	[€50,000]
<p>4.11. Sustainable ecotourism Collate case studies of ecotourism initiatives with proven benefits for both community livelihoods and conservation of AEWA species and their habitats and identify one or more potential strategic partners with ecotourism expertise to work with (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Target 2.5 Aichi Target: Targets 4 & 14</p>	[€20,000]

Theme 5: Research and monitoring

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>5.1. Key gaps in information availability Identify key gaps in information availability on relevant aspects of the implementation of the Agreement, to establish the potential role of AEWA in filling these, and to recommend priorities accordingly (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	Essential	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Target 5.1 Aichi Target: Target 19</p>	[€40,000]
<p>5.2. Monitoring priorities Identify priorities for the systematic development of monitoring of waterbird populations and the drivers of their trends, in order to increase the number of populations whose status is assessed on the basis of the most complete and up-to-date monitoring data, as well as the quality of these assessment, as per the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 (carried over with amendments from Work Plan 2012-2015).</p>	Essential	2	Wetlands International, African-Eurasian Waterbird Monitoring Partnership	<p>Strategic Plan: Target 1.4 Aichi Target: Target 19</p>	[€20,000]
<p>5.3. Waterbird monitoring synergies with other frameworks Work with Ramsar and its regional initiatives, the European Commission as well as CAFF-AMBI, Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative), OSPAR, HELCOM and other relevant regional MEAs to identify possible synergies with respect to waterbird population estimates, monitoring and reporting, including 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 (Resolutions 6.3 and 7.7) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other	4, 5	Ramsar Secretariat and STRP	<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 1 & 5 Aichi Target: Target 11</p>	-

Theme 6: Education and information

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>6.1. Communication Strategy implementation Provide advice and prioritisation on the ongoing implementation of the Communication Strategy (Resolution 6.10) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	Other	2		<p>Strategic Plan: All objectives Aichi Target: Target 1</p>	-

Theme 7: Implementation

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>7.1. Conservation Status Review 8 Guide the process of preparation of Conservation Status Review 8 (Action Plan 7.4a) while taking into account reporting needs on the AEWAs Strategic Plan and assessment against relevant Aichi Targets.</p>	Essential	2 & 5	Wetlands International and its Specialist Groups	<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 1,2 & 5</p> <p>Aichi Target: Targets 12 & 19</p>	[€100,000]
<p>7.2. Other international reviews Guide the process of preparation of a) updated review of information from surveys (Action Plan 7.4b) – never compiled so far; b) updated review of pertinent hunting and trade legislation (Action Plan 7.4d) – last produced for MOP4 in 2008, next one was due for MOP7 in 2018; c) updated review of the preparation and implementation of Single Species Action Plans (Action Plan 7.4e) – last produced for MOP6 in 2015, next one is due for MOP8 in 2021; d) updated review of re-establishment projects (Action Plan 7.4f) – last produced for MOP4 in 2008, next was due for MOP7 in 2018; and e) the status of introduced non-native waterbird species and hybrids thereof (Action Plan 7.4g) – last produced for MOP4 in 2008, next was due for MOP6 in 2015 when a short update was produced.</p>	Essential	2 & 5		<p>Strategic Plan: All objectives</p> <p>Aichi Target: Targets 12 & 19</p>	<p>[€220,000]</p> <p>7.4b) [€40,000] 7.4d) [€60,000] 7.4e) [€50,000] 7.4f) [€30,000] 7.4g) [€40,000]</p>
<p>7.3. Review and reformatting of existing Conservation Guidelines Review AEWAs Conservation Guidelines (CG) nos. 1, 3, 4, 7 and, 8³ to ensure they continue to reflect best conservation practice.</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 8 (Resolution 7.5).</p>	High	1	Wetlands International and others	<p>Strategic Plan: All objectives</p> <p>Aichi Target: Target 1</p>	<p>[€50,000]</p> <p>five x [€10,000]</p>
<p>7.4. Non-native species risk assessment 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</p>	Other	2, 5		<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 1 & 5</p> <p>Aichi Target: Target 9</p>	-

³ Guidelines = 1. National Single Species Action Plans; 3. Preparation of Site Inventories; 4. Management of Key Sites; 7. Ecotourism; and 8. Reducing Crop Damage, Damage to Fisheries, Bird Strikes and other Forms of Conflict.

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
legal instruments (Resolution 6.4) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).					
7.5. Management plan format Produce a format for International Single and Multi-Species Management Plans (Resolutions 6.8 and 7.5) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: Objective 2 Aichi Target: Target 12	[€30,000]
7.6. Guidance on waterbirds as ecosystem services Provide concise guidance in language and shape adapted to policy/decision makers on the provisioning and cultural aspects of ecosystem services in relation to migratory waterbirds (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	Essential	1	Linked to tasks 2.3. and 3.5.	Strategic Plan: Target 2.6 Aichi Target: Targets 1 & 14	[€30,000]
7.7. Mechanism for updating and preparing new conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations Agree roles, responsibilities and mechanism for updating of guidance and preparation/dissemination of new guidance (Strategic Plan 2019-2027) – linked to tasks in theme Species Conservation.	Essential	2		Strategic Plan: Target 1.3 Aichi Target: Target 4 & 12	-
7.8. Revision and update of Conservation Guidelines Implement its rolling programme to revise and update existing conservation guidelines and guides to guidance (Resolutions 6.5; 7.6 and 7.8).	High	1		Strategic Plan: All objectives Aichi Target: Target 11	-
7.9. Information supplementary to Conservation Guidelines Consider how new or topical information relating to existing Conservation Guidelines can best be disseminated to Parties and others, including through existing publication platforms and social and other media (Resolution 7.8).	Medium	1		Strategic Plan: All objectives Aichi Target: Target 11	-

Theme 8: Strategic, reporting, emerging and other issues

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>8.1. National Reports Revise the national report format and make the necessary adjustments following MOP7 (Resolution 7.1).</p>	Essential	2		<p>Strategic Plan: All objectives Aichi Target: Target 12</p>	-
<p>8.2. Population status and Plan of Action for Africa modules for national reports Develop modules on population status and the Plan of Action for Africa for MOP8 national reports (Resolution 7.1). These modules will be developed by the end of 2018 and carried over to TC15 for discussion in 2019.</p>	Essential	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Objective 5 Aichi Target: Target 19</p>	-
<p>8.3. Monitoring of implementation of the Strategic Plan and the PoAA (2019-2027) Develop a concept for the monitoring of the implementation (Resolution 7.1).</p>	Essential	2		<p>Strategic Plan: All objectives Aichi Target: Target 17</p>	-
<p>8.4. Harmonisation of reporting 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, in particular with respect to reporting on the status of species/populations, and contribute to the StC report to MOP8 on this matter (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018; Resolution 7.1).</p>	High	2	CMS Scientific Council; Ramsar Secretariat and STRP; European Commission and others	<p>Strategic Plan: Objective 5 Aichi Target: Target 19</p>	-

Task	Priority for delivery	Category of task	Collaboration with other organisations	Supports Strategic Plan Objective and Aichi Target:	Provisional estimated cost (€)
<p>8.5. AEWA's contribution to relevant global frameworks Compile concise triennial summaries of AEWA's contributions to the relevant global frameworks, i.e. SDGs, Aichi Targets, Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, etc, that can be used by Parties, StC and TC members, and the Secretariat to highlight at national and international levels the role of AEWA, particularly with the view of promoting the relevance of AEWA amongst development and aid agencies (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p> <p>Bring, to MOP8 (2021), a final assessment of AEWA's contributions to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and a reflection on AEWA's potential contribution to the post-2020 development agenda. (Resolution 7.2)</p>	Essential	2		<p>Strategic Plan: Target 5.4</p> <p>Aichi Target: All relevant Targets</p>	[€20,000]
<p>8.6. Emerging diseases Continue to participate in the CMS Scientific Council Working Group on wildlife diseases (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	CMS Scientific Council, Ramsar STRP, FAO, OIE and others	<p>Strategic Plan: Objectives 1 & 5</p> <p>Aichi Target: Target 12</p>	No direct costs, possible T&S need for meetings [€2,000]
<p>8.7. Implementation On request, assist Parties with implementation of the Agreement including review of possible Implementation Review Process (IRP) cases and possible participation in IRP missions, as well as other advisory services, as needed (Strategic Plan 2019-2027; also, CMS Flyways Programme of Work #17) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	High Rolling	2	Contracting Parties	Strategic Plan: Targets 2.2 and 3.5	[€30,000] per IRP case
<p>8.8. Periodicity of the sessions of the MOP Assist the Standing Committee in evaluating the implications of moving from a 3-year to a 4-year cycle of the sessions of the Meeting of the Parties (Resolution 7.12).</p>	Essential	2		-	-

Appendix II

AEWA Technical Committee Workplan 2019-2021

Version 7 June 2019

(as further developed at the 15th meeting of the Technical Committee, 09-11 April 2019, Bonn, Germany)

Task priority ranking (colour coding):

	Essential
	High
	Medium
	Other/Rolling
	No (immediate) action required

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Theme: Field of application (Working Group 1)

WG1 membership: PN (Chair) / NM (Secretariat support) / SN / NC / ND / SD

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
1.1. Taxonomy & nomenclature Maintain overview of taxonomic and nomenclatural issues and advise on the need to update Annex 2 to the Agreement as necessary (Resolution 6.1) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).	1.1.1. Agree on a process with HBW/BirdLife whereby changes to taxonomy and nomenclature in the Checklist of the Birds of the World affecting AEWA species and sub-species are regularly submitted to the attention of AEWA and vice versa*.	Streamlined and routine process for submission and review of taxonomic and nomenclature changes	Linked to task 1.3	SD/NC/SN/ND/All	Jun 2020	n/a	Undertake jointly with CMS and EAAFP. * Proposals to recognise taxa in Table 1 of AEWA reviewed by the taxonomic working group of HBW/BirdLife International.
1.2. Taxonomic (and geographic) scope of AEWA 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 (CMS Resolution 11.14, Annex 1, point 19) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018). Task for CMS – AEWA to contribute only as necessary.	Currently no need for TC action	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	CMS-driven process. Wait for decisions of relevant CMS bodies. Secretariat will liaise with CMS and inform TC and WG Chair regarding this process, as necessary.

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<p>1.3. Population definitions Early in the triennium, consider evidence supporting the delineation of current population boundaries for the following species as well as potential others, as necessary. TC15 to make any recommendations to the 15th Standing Committee meeting for interim approval such that any changes can be included within work to develop proposals for MOP8 (CSR 8 and proposed changes to Table 1 of AEWA’s Action Plan):</p>	<p>1.3.1. Common Eider (<i>Somateria mollissima</i>)</p>	<p>Task completed: proposed delineation as presented in Doc. TC 15.7 approved at TC15 (Apr 2019) for submission to StC</p>	<p>Linked to tasks 7.1 and 7.3</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Submit to StC for their Dec 2019 meeting</p>
	<p>1.3.2. Goosander (<i>Mergus merganser</i>)</p>	<p>Task completed: no changes to delineation as recommended by Doc. TC 15.8 (agreed at TC15, Apr 2019)</p>	<p>Linked to tasks 7.1 and 7.3</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	
	<p>1.3.3. Atlantic Puffin (<i>Fratercula arctica</i>)</p>	<p>Task completed: proposed delineation as presented in Doc. TC 15.9 approved at TC15 (Apr 2019) for submission to StC</p>	<p>Linked to tasks 7.1 and 7.3</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Submit to StC for their Dec 2019 meeting</p>

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
	1.3.4. Black Guillemot (<i>Cepphus grille</i>)	Task completed: proposed delineation as presented in Doc. TC 15.10 approved at TC15 (Apr 2019) for submission to StC	Linked to tasks 7.1 and 7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	Submit to StC for their Dec 2019 meeting
	1.3.5. Razorbill (<i>Alca torda</i>)	Task completed: proposed delineation as presented in Doc. TC 15.11 approved at TC15 (Apr 2019) for submission to StC	Linked to tasks 7.1 and 7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	Submit to StC for their Dec 2019 meeting
	1.3.6. Little Auk (<i>Alle alle</i>)	Task completed: proposed delineation as presented in Doc. TC 15.12 approved at TC15 (Apr 2019) for submission to StC	Linked to tasks 7.1 and 7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	Submit to StC for their Dec 2019 meeting

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
	1.3.7. Thick-billed Murre (<i>Uria lomvia</i>)	Task completed: proposed delineation as presented in Doc. TC 15.13 approved at TC15 (Apr 2019) for submission to StC	Linked to tasks 7.1 and 7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	Submit to StC for their Dec 2019 meeting
	1.3.8. Common Murre (<i>Uria aalge</i>)	Task completed: proposed delineation as presented in Doc. TC 15.14 approved at TC15 (Apr 2019) for submission to StC	Linked to tasks 7.1 and 7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	Submit to StC for their Dec 2019 meeting
	1.3.9. Assess proposals submitted to change delineations of waterbird populations listed on Table 1 of Annex 3 to AEWa (deadline for submission of proposals is 30.06.2019)	Decisions on submitted proposals	Linked to tasks 7.1 and 7.3	SD/All	Jun – Oct 2019	n/a	Secretariat will compile the submitted proposals and post on the Workspace for discussion and adoption Agreed proposals for amendments to be submitted to StC for their Dec 2019 meeting

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
1.4. Review of Table 1 in Annex 3 to the Agreement Prepare proposals for revision of Table 1 in Annex 3 for submission to MOP8 (AEWA Article VII.3 (b)).	1.4.1. Prepare and approve proposals for revision of Table 1 for submission to MOP8 based on the outcomes of CSR8	Agreed proposal for revision of Table 1	Linked to tasks 7.1 and 7.3	SN/All	Dec 2020	n/a	The draft proposals will be circulated for consultation amongst TC members on the Workspace

Theme: Species Conservation (Working Group 2)

WG2 membership: LR (chair) / NM (Secretariat support) / SN / DH / RH / PN / JM / SLB / RE / PDDR / MA / NC / TB / LEM / DAS / AC / OP / SD

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
<p>2.1. Priority list for species action and management planning Review and update at its first meeting after each MOP, as necessary, the list of International Species Action and Management Plans required for priority species/populations, involving adaptive harvest management processes where relevant, taking into account the possible need to develop new plans and retire, revise or extend existing plans (Resolutions 6.8 and 7.5; Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	<p>2.1.1. Review and update priority list of species/populations for new Action and Management Plans</p>	<p>Agreed priority list (on the basis of ranking presented in Doc TC 15.15 rev. 1)</p> <p>Revised approach to producing priority lists</p>	<p>Linked to task 2.2.</p>	<p>NM/SN/All</p>	<p>Jun 2019</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Submit to MOP8 outline of the revised approach.</p>

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
	2.1.2. Review existing Action and Management Plans for retirement, revision or extension and make recommendation to MOP8	Proposal for retirement, revision or extension of plans for submission to MOP8	n/a	NM/All	Feb 2021	n/a	
2.2. Conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations Conduct a rapid review of existing information to identify relevant populations for which new or improved conservation and management guidance is required (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	2.2.1. Establish a process for the development and maintenance of conservation and management guidance – including format for such guidance	Task completed: proposed process presented in Doc TC 15.16 rev. 2 approved at TC15 (Apr 2019)	Linked to task 2.1.	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	2.2.2. Agree on the prioritisation of relevant populations/species	Task completed: priority list as presented in Doc TC 15.16 rev. 2 approved at TC15 (Apr 2019)	Linked to task 2.1.	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	2.2.3. Produce and approve conservation and management guidance for prioritised populations/species	Approved guidance for prioritised species	Linked to task 2.1.	NM/SN/All	Dec 2019	n/a	Adoption by TC inter-sessionally on rolling basis via the workspace.

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
							<p>CEPA Element (identified at TC15): Secretariat to prepare a standard layout and distribute to Range States and make available on dedicated species page on AEWA website.</p> <p>Report back to MOP8 on progress.</p>
<p>2.3. ISSAP Conservation Briefs Facilitate the production of conservation briefs of the ISSAPs for the Great Snipe, Ferruginous Duck, Lesser Flamingo, Maccoa Duck and Madagascar Pond Heron (Resolution 7.5).</p>	<p>2.3.1. Great Snipe (<i>Gallinago media</i>)</p>	<p>Conservation brief</p>	<p>Linked to task 2.1.2</p>	<p>NM, species experts, DH/(OS)</p>	<p>Jun 2020</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Adoption by TC inter-sessionally on rolling basis via the workspace.</p>
	<p>2.3.2. Ferruginous Duck (<i>Aythya nyroca</i>)</p>	<p>Conservation brief</p>	<p>Linked to task 2.1.2</p>	<p>NM, species experts, RH</p>	<p>Jun 2020</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>CEPA Element (identified at TC15): Secretariat to prepare a standard layout and distribute to Range States and make available on dedicated species page on AEWA website.</p>
	<p>2.3.3. Lesser Flamingo (<i>Phoenicoparrus minor</i>)</p>	<p>Conservation brief</p>	<p>Linked to task 2.1.2</p>	<p>NM, species experts, South Africa/LR</p>	<p>Jun 2020</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Report back to MOP8 on progress.</p>
	<p>2.3.4. Maccoa Duck (<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>)</p>	<p>Conservation brief</p>	<p>Linked to task 2.1.2</p>	<p>NM, species experts, PN, RH</p>	<p>Jun 2020</p>	<p>n/a</p>	
	<p>2.3.5. Madagascar Pond Heron (<i>Ardeola idae</i>)</p>	<p>Conservation brief</p>	<p>Linked to task 2.1.2</p>	<p>NM, species experts, SN, RH</p>	<p>Jun 2020</p>	<p>n/a</p>	

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
2.4. Sustainable harvests and the socio-economic importance of waterbirds (Resolutions 6.4, 6.15, 7.2; CMS Flyways Plan #12) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018)	2.4.1. Develop and approve Terms of Reference for a modular approach	Agreed ToR	Linked to tasks 3.6, 4.9, 4.10, 7.6	JM/SLB/RE/SN/PDDR/NC/TB/LEM/DH/DAS/RH/AC/MA/OP/SD	Dec 2019	n/a	CEPA Element (identified at TC15): TOR should include CEPA component to support the programme/project.
	2.4.2. Review drafts of the documents produced under the different modules and approve a final one for submission to MOP8 and consecutive sessions	Final documents for submission to MOP8 or consecutive sessions	Linked to tasks 3.6, 4.9, 4.10, 7.6	All	Feb 2021	tbc	Secretariat to outsource the task (modules) if sufficient funding is available.
2.5. Priorities for seabird conservation Review the seabird conservation priorities approved by MOP7 and provide guidance on their delivery (Resolution 7.6).	2.5.1. Produce more detailed workplan breaking down adopted seabird priorities into more detailed tasks and action points	Agreed workplan	Links to various TC tasks on sustainable use, harvest data, critical sites etc. – indicated in the workplan in detail	NM, <i>others to be confirmed</i>	May 2019	tbc / depending on workplan and agreement on possible products to be outsourced	Secretariat to identify a seabird expert to support TC work during this triennium.
	2.5.2. Prepare and submit to MOP8 an update on progress made against the seabird workplan and operational guidance to Parties on how to implement the adopted priorities	Draft operational guidance; Progress report – bott for submission to MOP8	n/a	NM, <i>others to be confirmed</i>	Feb 2021	n/a	

Theme: Habitat conservation (Working Group 3)

WG3 membership: SN (Chair) / NM (Secretariat support) / DAS / ND / PDDR / NC / OB / OP / DH / SLB

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
3.1. Site inventory framework Develop a simple framework for use by the Parties to review and confirm the inventory of known nationally and internationally important sites. This framework should include provision of brief guidance on interpreting AEWA Action Plan references to “ <i>sites of international or national importance</i> ” and “ <i>internationally accepted criteria of international importance</i> ”. It should also take into account existing site network criteria, including those used to identify EU SPAs, Ramsar Sites, Emerald Network Sites and IBAs (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	3.1.1. Develop and agree on inventory framework of internationally and nationally important sites to be proposed to the Parties for adoption and implementation.	Task completed: the framework proposed in Doc TC 15.17 approved with minor additions at TC15 (Apr 2019)	Linked to task 3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	Submit asap to StC for approval as activities need to be rolled out asap.
	3.2.2. Review the revised list of identified sites submitted by the Parties	Confirmed final list of identified sites	Linked to task 3.2	All	Jan – Dec 2021	n/a	
3.2. Site monitoring framework Develop a monitoring framework for the AEWA flyway site network (building on the preliminary Site Network Report presented to MOP5) that is coordinated with similar	3.2.1. Develop and adopt draft Terms of Reference	Task completed: the ToR presented in Doc TC 15.18 approved with minor modifications	Linked to task 3.1.	n/a	n/a	n/a	

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
reporting under other multilateral processes (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	3.2.2. Review drafts of the monitoring framework and approve final version for submission to MOP8	Final agreed version of a draft site monitoring framework	Linked to tasks 3.1. and 8.4	All	Jan 2020 – Jan 2021	tbc	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available.
3.3. Status of principal waterbird habitats Conduct Agreement-level assessment of the status of principal waterbird habitats in the wider environment, drawing on existing studies wherever possible (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	3.3.1 Development of concept in cooperation with the wider CMS Family (i.e. Raptors MoU, Landbirds Action Plan and CMS Central Asian Flyway)	Task completed: the concept presented in Doc TC 15.19 was approved at TC15 (Apr 2019)	Linked to task 3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	3.3.2 Review drafts of the assessment and approve for submission o MOP8 (included in the ToR under task 3.5.1.)	Final approved assessment	Linked to task 3.5.1.	All	Jan 2020 – Feb 2021	tbc	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available. CEPA Element (identified at TC15): See comment in 3.5.1
3.4 Sea-level rise impact Increase understanding of the consequences of sea-level rise on the Critical Site Network and the waterbird populations dependent on coastal habitats (Resolution 7.9).	3.4.1. Develop and approve Terms of Reference for a project	ToR	n/a	DAS	Feb 2021 (TC16)	n/a	Discussion on the Workspace on how to take this forward. CEPA Element (identified at TC15): Project likely to include a CEPA component.
3.5. Habitat conservation action plan	3.5.1. Finalise and approve Terms of Reference	Final approved ToR (draft in Doc TC 15.20)	Linked to task 3.3	SD/DAS/ND/PDDR/NC/OB/OP/All	Aug 2019	n/a	Address comments made at TC15 (Apr 2019).

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
<p>On the basis of the assessment under task 3.3, develop an action plan (identifying priorities, opportunities and a set of recommended actions), taking into account regional and sub-regional differences in key habitat types and threats/drivers (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p>	<p>3.5.2. Review drafts of the Action Plan and approve for submission to MOP8</p>	<p>Final draft Action Plan</p>	<p>Linked to task 3.3</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Jan 2020 – Feb 2021</p>	<p>tbc</p>	<p>Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available.</p> <p><u>CEPA Element (identified at TC15):</u> TORs should include task for consultant to make a proposal on the methods and products needed to communicate the results of the assessment and action plan.</p>
<p>3.6. Socio-economic importance of waterbirds 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) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	<p>3.6.1. Develop initial concept and Terms of Reference for a communication product (including sustainable tourism case studies pulled from WG4 as well as suggestions on how to communicate findings)</p>	<p>Final approved ToR</p>	<p>Linked to tasks 2.4, 4.11 (to be undertaken jointly) and 7.6</p>	<p>DH/SLB/NM</p>	<p>Dec 2019</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Discussion on workspace on how to take this forward.</p> <p><u>CEPA Element (identified at TC15):</u> Task is primarily a communication task. TOR should include task for consultant to make a proposal on how to communicate and re-package existing material.</p>
	<p>3.6.2. Review drafts and approve the final product</p>	<p>Final product for publishing</p>	<p>Linked to tasks 2.4, 4.11 and 7.6</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Jan 2020 – Jun 2021</p>	<p>tbc</p>	<p>Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available.</p>

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
<p>3.7. Net Positive Impact 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] (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	<p>Currently no need for TC action – expecting feedback from Wetlands International</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>(tbc - Ward Hagemeyer/Wetlands International)</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>tbc</p>	<p>Suggestion to delete this task from the workplan if no way forward is decided by TC16.</p>

Theme: Management of human activities (Working Group 4)

WG4 membership: TB (Chair) / EM (secretariat support) / DAS / JM / RE / SN / SLB / PDDR / NC / (GC) / RH / AC / MA / DH / SD / (NB) / (SULI)

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
4.1. Processes contributing to tackling of the four causes⁴ of unnecessary additional mortality and other threats Identify those multilateral processes that can contribute most to progressing AEWA priorities related to the four causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats to migratory waterbirds and their habitats and identify strategic opportunities for positively influencing these processes (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	4.1.1. Prepare an overview on the relevant multilateral processes and identify opportunities for involvement	Overview of multilateral processes and opportunities for involvement	n/a	Secretariat	Dec 2019	n/a	Check applicability of a matrix used by the AEMLAP.
	4.1.2. Review drafts and approve the overview and opportunities for involvement	Agreed overview and blueprint for involvement and influencing other processes	n/a	Secretariat/All	Mar 2020	n/a	Consult the Parties.
4.2. Management of disturbance Commission simple but comprehensive guidance on the management of disturbance in a form that may be widely translated and disseminated and submit to MOP8 for consideration. Produce versions in English, French, Arabic and Russian	4.2.1. Share draft structure of the guidance on the TC Workspace	Draft guidance structure	n/a	DAS	Dec 2019	n/a	
	4.2.2. Review drafts and approve the structure guidance on the management of disturbance	Final draft guidance for submission to MOP8	n/a	All	Feb 2021	[€76,000] €30,000 to draft plus translation at €2,000/language,	Produce and disseminate together with Ramsar.

⁴ Causes of unnecessary additional mortality and other key threats include: energy infrastructure (especially powerlines, wind turbines); illegal taking & killing; fisheries bycatch; and invasive alien species.

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<p>(Resolution 5.24) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015).</p>						<p>plus production costs at €10,000/language</p>	<p>Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available.</p> <p>CEPA Element (identified at TC15): Products should be highly visual and include less text (to reduce cost of translation).</p>
<p>4.3. Reducing energy impacts – Energy Task Force 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.</p> <p>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) [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #13] (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	<p>Currently no need for TC action: Provide input and expertise as needed</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>[€10,000] (T&S for meetings)</p>	

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4.4. Extractive industries – Guide to guidance 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) (carried over from Work Plan 2012-2015).	Currently no need for TC action: Collaborate with Ramsar as needed	n/a	n/a	DAS/Ramsar	n/a	[€10,000]	Collaborate with Ramsar STRP on this activity. DS to develop this further as part of the STRP Workplan. Products will need to be disseminated widely.
4.5. Extractive industries – development of analytical tools 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).	Task to be deleted	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No plans by Ramsar STRP to pursue such a task.
4.6. Poisoning and agrochemicals 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	Currently no need for TC action: Provide input and expertise as needed	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	[€5,000] (T&S for meetings)	

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CMS Resolution 11.15 [CMS Flyways Programme of Work #14] (Resolution 6.12) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).							
4.7. Poisoning by lead shot 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) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).	Currently no need for TC action: Provide input and expertise as needed	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	{Possible costs included in poisoning and agrochemicals task above}	
4.8. Illegal killing 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 (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).	Currently no need for TC action: Provide input and expertise as needed	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	[€8,000] (T&S for attendance at Task Force meetings)	Waterbird Harvest Specialist Group to be involved.

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4.9. Harvest data collation Propose a list of quarry species that should be prioritised for international collation of harvest data (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	4.9.1. Establish criteria for the prioritisation of quarry species and compile a draft priority list	Agreed criteria for prioritisation; Draft priority list	n/a	JM/RE/SN/SLB/PDDR/SD	Jul 2019	n/a	Waterbird Harvest Specialist Group to be involved.
	4.9.2. Propose a list of quarry species prioritised for international collation of harvest data	Final list of priority quarry species for submission to StC	Linked to task 4.10	JM/RE/SN/SLB/PDDR/SD	Oct 2019	n/a	Waterbird Harvest Specialist Group to be involved.
	4.9.3. Compile and approve Terms of Reference for the development of a guidance on the methods and tools for the collection of harvest data	Agreed ToR	n/a	JM/SLB/RE//PDDR/NC+(GC)//RH/AC/MA/(NB)/(SULI rep)	Dec 2019	n/a	Waterbird Harvest Specialist Group to be involved. To identify a rep of IUCN SULI.
	4.9.4. Review drafts of the guidance and approve final draft for submission to StC/MOP8	Final draft guidelines for submission to StC/MOP8	n/a	All	Jan – Dec 2020	[€10,000]	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available. Waterbird Harvest Specialist Group to be involved.
4.10. Sustainability of harvest Undertake a rapid assessment of sustainability of harvest of declining quarry populations (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	4.10.1. Compile and approve Terms of Reference	Agreed ToR	Linked to tasks 2.4 and 4.9	JM/SN/RH/RE/PDDR/NC/SD	Dec 2019	n/a	Waterbird Harvest Specialist Group to be involved.
	4.10.2. Review drafts of the assessment and approve a	Final assessment for	Linked to tasks 2.4 and 4.9	All	Jan 2020 - [2024]	Tbc [€50,000]	Secretariat to outsource the task if

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	final one for submission to MOP9	submission to MOP9					sufficient funding is available. Waterbird Harvest Specialist Group to be involved.
4.11. Sustainable ecotourism Collate case studies of ecotourism initiatives with proven benefits for both community livelihoods and conservation of AEWA species and their habitats and identify one or more potential strategic partners with ecotourism expertise to work with (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	4.11.1. Collate case studies of ecotourism initiatives with proven benefits for community livelihoods and conservation	Case studies for publishing (type of product to be decided)	Linked to task 3.6 (to be undertaken jointly)	DH/All	Dec 2020	tbc	CEPA Element (identified at TC15): Case studies should be used for communication purposes, potentially working with Ramsar to maximise dissemination.
	4.11.2. Review the organisation of the ecotourism industry and identify possible strategic partners for involvement	Overview, including opportunities for strategic partnerships	n/a	DAS/All	Dec 2020	n/a	

Theme: Research and monitoring (Working Group 5)

WG5 membership: IC (Chair) / EPM (Secretariat support) / SN

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected output	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
5.1. Key gaps in information availability Identify key gaps in information availability on relevant aspects of the implementation of the Agreement, to establish the potential role of AEWA in filling these, and to recommend priorities accordingly (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	5.1.1. Review systematically the AEWA Action Plan, Strategic Plan, PoAA and latest National Reports to identify knowledge needs and gaps.	Inventory of knowledge needs and gaps	n/a	SN/All	Jun 2020	n/a	
	5.1.2. On the basis of the inventory under sub-task 5.1.2, define priority gaps, role AEWA could play in filling them and recommend processes for doing so.	Report for submission to MOP8	n/a	tbc/All	Jul 2020 – Feb 2021	n/a	
5.2. Monitoring priorities Identify priorities for the systematic development of monitoring of waterbird populations and the drivers of their trends, in order to increase the number of populations whose status is assessed on the basis of the most complete and up-to-date monitoring data, as well as the quality of these assessment, as per the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 (carried over with amendments from Work Plan 2012-2015).	5.2.1. Assess other available methods to calculate trends with the aim of supporting decision-making processes and establish which is the best for what populations/regions/etc.	Defined/clarified methods for trend calculation	n/a	SN/All	Jun 2020	tbc	Task to be undertaken through the Waterbird Monitoring Partnership. To be finalised before CSR8 analysis commenced.
	5.2.2. Finalise and approve the draft Terms of Reference (Doc TC 15.21)	Finalised and agreed ToR (Doc TC 15.21)	Linked to task 5.3	SN/All	Jul 2019	n/a	Elements to be incorporated during the revision of the ToR: Assessment of opportunities and recommendations for synergies with respect to waterbird population estimates, monitoring and reporting (i.e. linking with task 5.3);

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							<p>CEPA Element (identified at TC 15): Priorities for training & capacity needs in data collection and analysis across the Agreement area (linked to PoAA activity 1.4) – to be finalised by Dec 2020;</p> <p>Point (iii) of ToR should also make reference to the data needs by different users as this will have implications e.g. on the timing of surveys;</p> <p>Point (iv) to be less restrictive and in addition to consideration for recurring schedules for international surveys should also consider other approaches, e.g. sampling;</p> <p>ToR to include the component of “drivers of trends in waterbird populations”, including to identify what the drivers are and establish a process for monitoring these drivers at flyway scale. Check existing</p>

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							frameworks/programmes /initiatives that have attempted to monitor drivers in population trends e.g. WSFI, EAFI, EU Bird Directive Article 12 – and identify who and how else this is being addressed.
	5.2.3 Review drafts of the report and approve final document for submission to MOP8	Final version of report	Linked to task 5.3	All	Jan 2020 – Feb 2021 (training priorities by Dec 2020)	tbc	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available.
5.3. Waterbird monitoring synergies with other frameworks Work with Ramsar and its regional initiatives, the European Commission as well as CAFF-AMBI, Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative), OSPAR, HELCOM and other relevant regional MEAs to identify possible synergies with respect to waterbird population estimates, monitoring and reporting, including 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 (Resolutions 6.3 and 7.7)	5.3.1. Assess the status of synergies and potential options	Preliminary assessment	Linked to tasks 5.2 and 8.4	SN	Dec 2019	n/a	
	5.3.2. Consult the assessment of the status and options for synergies with the identified frameworks and finalise the document as a blueprint for strengthening of existing and development of new synergies	Final report on synergies	Linked to tasks 5.2 and 8.4	Secretariat/All	Dec 2020	n/a	

Theme: Education and information (Working Group 6)

WG6 membership: OP (Chair) / FK (Secretariat support) / DS

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected outputs	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/Deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
<p>6.1. Communication Strategy implementation Provide advice and prioritisation on the ongoing implementation of the Communication Strategy (Resolution 6.10) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).</p>	<p>6.1.1 Support communication work of the Agreement</p>	<p>Advice & input via TC Workspace</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Technical Committee members play an active role in the identification of priority issues for communication, development of key messages, communication plans and the review of products both at TC meetings and intersessionally via the TC Workspace. TC members to support communication efforts through their own networks (incl. social media).</p>
	<p>6.1.2 Support Implementation of CEPA activities linked to specific Tasks in the current TC Work Plan</p>	<p>Multiple - linked to specific tasks</p>	<p>Links to various TC tasks: 2.3.3/2.3/2.4/3.3.2/3.4.1/3.5.1/3.6.1/4.2.2/4.11/5.2.1/7.1.2/7.3/7.6/7.9/8.3/8.5.2</p>	<p>OP, FK, DS, others to be confirmed as per relevant task.</p>	<p>Dependent on Product Deliveries</p>	<p>tbc / dependent on product</p>	<p>CEPA tasks vary according to TC Task. However, there was a clear recognition that selected TC products and reports would benefit from an improved design and presentation. It was</p>

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							also noted that budget was needed to engage professional designers and content creators to develop targeted communication products (Info-graphics and other visual products) to enhanced these products.

Theme: Implementation (Working Group 7)

WG7 membership: LEM (Chair) / SD (Secretariat support) / EK / RH / (HM) / ND / DAS / DH / SLB / SN / NM / SD

Task	Description of TC intersessional sub-tasks/actions (TC15 Apr 2019 – TC16 Feb 2021)	Expected outputs	Dependence on other tasks	Lead/Contributors	Timelines/Deadlines	Funding	Comments/Notes
7.1. Conservation Status Review 8 Guide the process of preparation of Conservation Status Review 8 (Action Plan 7.4a) while taking into account reporting needs on the AEWA Strategic Plan and assessment against relevant Aichi Targets.	7.1.1. Agree on the vision for future editions of the CSR	Task completed: Proposals outlined in Doc TC 15.22 were agreed at TC15 (Apr 2019)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	7.1.2. Compile and approve the Terms of Reference for CSR8	ToR	n/a	SD/All	Sep 2019	n/a	CEPA Element (identified at TC15): TOR should include task for consultant to produce a communication product (shorter, more attractive publication highlighting the main results of CSR 8) as well as strategy on how to communicate findings.
	7.1.3. Review drafts of CSR8 and approve final document for submission to MOP8	CSR8	n/a	All	Jan 2020 – Feb 2021	[€100,000] for the production of CSR8	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available.

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<p>7.2. Other international reviews Guide the process of preparation of a) updated review of information from surveys (Action Plan 7.4b) – never compiled so far; b) updated review of pertinent hunting and trade legislation (Action Plan 7.4d) – last produced for MOP4 in 2008, next one was due for MOP7 in 2018; c) updated review of the preparation and implementation of Single Species Action Plans (Action Plan 7.4e) – last produced for MOP6 in 2015, next one is due for MOP8 in 2021; d) updated review of re-establishment projects (Action Plan 7.4f) – last produced for MOP4 in 2008, next was due for MOP7 in 2018; and e) the status of introduced non-native waterbird species and hybrids thereof (Action Plan 7.4g) – last produced for MOP4 in 2008, next was due for MOP6 in 2015 when a short update was produced.</p>	<p>7.2.1. Compile and approve Terms of Reference for each international review</p>	<p>ToRs</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>7.4d) – Hunting & trade legislation; Secr/EK/All (1st priority)</p> <p>7.4e) – ISSAPs; Secretariat (2nd priority)</p> <p>7.4f) – Re-establishment: extend the NR format for a chapter in the NR analysis; Secretariat</p> <p>7.4g) – Non-native species: extend the NR format for a chapter in the NR analysis; Secretariat</p>	<p>Sep 2019</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Possible cooperation with FAO on 7.4d) H&T Legislation.</p> <p>7.4b) – catered for by the CSR (species) and StratPlan (sites): no need for a stand-alone review.</p>
	<p>7.2.2. Review drafts of international reviews and approve final documents for submission to MOP8</p>	<p>Final versions of international reviews</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Jan 2020 – Feb 2021</p>	<p>[€122,000] for the production of all reviews</p> <p>7.4d) [€60,000]</p>	<p>Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available.</p>

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						7.4e) [€50,000] 7.4f) [€5,000] 7.4g) [€7,000]	
<p>7.3. Review and reformatting of existing Conservation Guidelines Review AEWAs Conservation Guidelines (CG) nos. 1, 3, 4, 7 and, 8⁵ to ensure they continue to reflect best conservation practice.</p> <p>Undertake any necessary updates or revision and reformat in the context of any new CG format agreed by Standing Committee 12 (following the current review of CG format). Submit any revised CGs to MOP 8 (Resolution 7.8).</p>	7.3.1. Review CG Nr. 1 (National Single Species Action Plans)	Updated / Revised CG / 2-page high-level summary	n/a	NM/RH/(HM)	Feb 2021	[€10,000] if revision needed	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available. CEPA Element (identified by TC15): Create a simple, 2-page high-level summary document for each revised review.
	7.3.2. Review CG Nr. 3 (Site Inventories)	Updated / Revised CG / 2-page high-level summary	Linked to task 3.1	SN/ND	Feb 2021	[€10,000] if revision needed	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available, if needed. CEPA Element (identified by TC15): Create a simple, 2-page high-level summary document for each revised review.
	7.3.3. Review CG Nr. 4 (Management of Key Sites)	Updated / Revised CG / 2-page high-level summary	n/a	DAS	Feb 2021	[€10,000] if revision needed	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available, if needed.

⁵ Guidelines = 1. National Single Species Action Plans; 3. Preparation of Site Inventories; 4. Management of Key Sites; 7. Ecotourism; and 8. Reducing Crop Damage, Damage to Fisheries, Bird Strikes and other Forms of Conflict.

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							CEPA Element (identified by TC15): Create a simple, 2-page high-level summary document for each revised review.
	7.3.4. Review CG Nr. 7 (Ecotourism)	Updated / Revised CG / 2-page high-level summary	Linked to task 4.11	DH/DAS	Feb 2021	[€10,000] if revision needed	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available, if needed. CEPA Element (identified by TC15): Create a simple, 2-page high-level summary document for each revised review.
	7.3.5. Review CG Nr. 8 (Reducing damages to crops and other conflicts)	Updated / Revised CG / 2-page high-level summary	n/a	Secretariat/SLB	Feb 2021	[€10,000] if revision needed	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available, if needed. CEPA Element (identified by TC15): Create a simple, 2-page high-level summary document for each revised review.
7.4. Non-native species risk assessment	7.4.1. Acquire existing risk assessment criteria in the EC, UK, Israel and other countries	Overview of existing risk	Linked to task 7.2 (review 7.4g)	Secretariat	Dec 2020	n/a	

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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) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).	where available and produce a short guide to guidance	assessment criteria					
	7.4.2. The Secretariat to liaise with CMS, CBD, EU and Bern Convention to utilise potential synergies related to invasive alien species risk assessment and report back to TC.		n/a	Secretariat	Rolling	n/a	
7.5. Management plan format Produce a format for International Single and Multi-Species Management Plans (Resolutions 6.8 and 7.5) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).	7.5.1. Compile and approve Terms of Reference	ToR	n/a	Secretariat	Jul 2019	n/a	
	7.2.2. Review drafts of the format and approve final documents for submission to MOP8	Final draft format	n/a	All	Jan 2020 – Feb 2021	[€30,000] for the production of the format	Produce asap for StC temporary approval in view of forthcoming new ISSMPs (funding permitting) – Secretariat to outsource
7.6. Guidance on waterbirds as ecosystem services Provide concise guidance in language and shape adapted to policy/decision makers on the provisioning and cultural aspects of ecosystem services in relation to migratory waterbirds (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).	7.6.1. Define the scope and possible approaches to this task (incl. a ToR if the be outsourced)	Agreed scope and workflow (possibly ToR)	Linked to tasks 2.4, 3.6 and 4.11	DAS/All	Sep 2019	n/a	CEPA Element (identified by TC15): Primarily an awareness-raising and advocacy product. Not looking for a technical document, but a series of options and products for communicating to policy/decision makers.

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	7.6.2. Review drafts of the guidance and approve final documents for submission to MOP8	Final draft guidance	Linked to tasks 2.4, 3.6 and 4.11	tbc	Jan 2020- Feb 2021	[€30,000] for the production of the guidance if to be outsourced	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available.
<p>7.7. Mechanism for updating and preparing new conservation and management guidance for AEWA populations Agree roles, responsibilities and mechanism for updating of guidance and preparation/dissemination of new guidance (Strategic Plan 2019-2027) – linked to tasks in theme Species Conservation.</p>	<p>This task is dealt with under task 2.2</p>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<p>7.8. Revision and update of Conservation Guidelines Implement its rolling programme to revise and update existing conservation guidelines and guides to guidance (Resolutions 6.5; 7.6 and 7.8).</p>	7.8.1. Screen existing CGs and other guide to guidance and identify priority needs for update or revision	Prioritised list of update and revision needs	Linked to task 7.3	CG Nr. 2 (Emergency situations) – DS CG Nr. 11 (Infrastructure dev) – Secr check with CMS/CBD CG Nr. 12 (CC adaptation) – SN in light of CRF project	Dec 2019	n/a	

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				CGs Nr. 6/10 (Trade/Non-native) – await for reviews under task 7.2 Breeding & pre-nuptial migration – await for EU Key Concepts doc (FACE to share) Look-alike spec – SN/SD			
	7.8.2. Implement the prioritised updates and revisions	Agreed drafts for submission to MOP	n/a	Lead per document to be decided	Feb 2021	tbc	Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available, where needed.
7.9. Information supplementary to Conservation Guidelines Consider how new or topical information relating to existing Conservation Guidelines can best be disseminated to Parties and others, including through existing publication platforms and social and other media (Resolution 7.8).	7.9.1. Decide on (1) what kind of supplementary information to disseminate, (2) the procedure for approving it for dissemination and (3) ways of dissemination (produce a discussion paper)	Agreed types of information, approval procedure and ways of dissemination	n/a	DAS/All	Jun 2020	n/a	CEPA Element (identified by TC15): Discussion paper proposed should primarily focus on how to package, present and disseminate material.
	7.9.2. Submit, review and agree on relevant supplementary information for dissemination	Supplementary information available for dissemination	n/a	All	Rolling	n/a	

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	7.9.3. Disseminate agreed supplementary information	Supplementary information reaches target groups	n/a	Secretariat/ others as necessary	Rolling	n/a	

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

WG8 membership: EK (Chair) / SD (Secretariat support) / EPM / SN / DAS / ND / BP / IC / DH / OP / RC

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8.1. National Reports Revise the national report format and make the necessary adjustments following MOP7 (Resolution 7.1).	8.1.1. Prepare a draft revised NRF for the period 2018-2020	Draft revised NRF	n/a	SD	Sep 2019	n/a	
	8.1.2. Review and approve the draft revised NRF for submission to StC	Approved draft revised NRF	n/a	All	Oct 2019	n/a	
8.2. Population status and Plan of Action for Africa modules for national reports Develop modules on population status and the Plan of Action for Africa for MOP8 national reports (Resolution 7.1).	8.2.1. Review and approve the draft reporting format for population status for submission to the StC	Task completed: reporting format as presented in Doc TC 15.23 approved at TC15 (Apr 2019)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Submit to StC for approval asap as launched is planned for Jun 2019. Secretariat to prepare a respondent guidance along the lines of the Article 12 guidance before the launch of the reporting cycle (Jun 2019).
	8.2.2. Prepare a draft reporting format for PoAA for the period 2019-2020	Draft reporting format	n/a	EPM/SD	Sep 2019	n/a	

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	8.2.3. Review and approve the draft PoAA reporting format for submission to StC	Approved draft PoAA reporting format	n/a	All	Oct 2019	n/a	
8.3. Monitoring of implementation of the Strategic Plan and the PoAA (2019-2027) Develop a concept for the monitoring of the implementation (Resolution 7.1).	8.3.1. Develop a draft concept(s) for monitoring the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the PoAA	Draft concept(s)	n/a	SN/DAS/ND/BP/IC	Mar 2020	n/a	CEPA Element (identified by TC15): Concept should include options on how to better visualise and present national reporting data, e.g. do more with what is reported by Parties via the online national reporting system.
	8.3.2. Review and approve the concept(s)	Approved concept(s)	n/a	All	Jul 2020	n/a	
8.4. Harmonisation of reporting 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, in particular with respect to reporting on the status of species/populations, and contribute to the StC report to MOP8 on this matter (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018; Resolution 7.1).	8.4.1. Run a reporting cycle on population status in 2019/2020 so as it is aligned with the 6-year cycle of the EU Birds Directive Article 12 reporting	Cycle launched in Jun 2019 and completed by Jun 2020	n/a	Secretariat	Jun 2019 – Jun 2020	n/a	Stress the need for “harmonised” population monitoring between the different legal frameworks as part of the reporting harmonisation.
	8.4.2. Explore options for harmonisation of reporting on sites with Ramsar & EU	Where possible, developed harmonised	Linked to task 3.2		Secretariat	Dec 2020	n/a

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		reporting templates & timelines					
	8.4.3. Provide input into the StC report to MOP8 on advancing synergies on reporting amongst the biodiversity-related MEAs	Comprehensive input provided	n/a	All	Jan – Jun 2021	n/a	
	8.5.1. Agree on the format for the summary of contributions towards SDGs, SPMS and Ramsar	Agreed format	n/a	DAS/DH/All	Dec 2019	n/a	
	8.5.2. Compile a concept and format plus Terms of Reference for an extended assessment of contributions towards the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Draft concept and format and ToR	n/a	DAS/OP	Dec 2019	n/a	CEPA Element (identified by TC15): TOR for the assessment should include concept for a linked communication product which conveys AEWA's contribution as well as a strategy as to how to make AEWA better known to other global frameworks.

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<p>8.5. AEWA's contribution to relevant global frameworks Compile concise triennial summaries of AEWA's contributions to the relevant global frameworks, i.e. SDGs, Aichi Targets, Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, etc, that can be used by Parties, StC and TC members, and the Secretariat to highlight at national and international levels the role of AEWA, particularly with the view of promoting the relevance of AEWA amongst development and aid agencies (Strategic Plan 2019-2027).</p> <p>Bring, to MOP8 (2021), a final assessment of AEWA's contributions to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and a reflection on AEWA's potential contribution to the post-2020 development agenda. (Resolution 7.2)</p>	<p>8.5.3. Review drafts of the assessment and approve the final version for submission to MOP8</p>	<p>Approved final assessment and communication product</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Jan 2020 – Jun 2021</p>	<p>[€20,000] for outsourcing the compilation of the assessment</p>	<p>Secretariat to outsource the task if sufficient funding is available.</p>
<p>8.6. Emerging diseases Continue to participate in the CMS Scientific Council Working Group</p>	<p>8.6.1. Agree on a TC representative, based on available expertise, to be involved alongside</p>	<p>Task completed: Ruth Cromie designated as</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	

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on wildlife diseases (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).	the Secretariat in the WG	TC representative at TC15 (Apr 2019)					
	8.6.2. Attend meetings of the WG and provide input in to its work, as necessary and feasible	AEWA's input into the WG work is ensured	n/a	RC/Secretariat	Rolling	No direct costs, possible T&S need for meetings [€2,000]	
8.7. Implementation On request, assist Parties with implementation of the Agreement including review of possible Implementation Review Process (IRP) cases and possible participation in IRP missions, as well as other advisory services, as needed (Strategic Plan 2019-2027; also, CMS Flyways Programme of Work #17) (carried over from Work Plan 2016-2018).	No specific immediate action required; act as necessary	tbc	n/a	All	Rolling	[€30,000] per IRP case	
8.8. Periodicity of the sessions of the MOP Assist the Standing Committee in evaluating the implications of	8.8.1. Provide input into the StC-led evaluation, as necessary (e.g. defining the scope of	Comprehensive evaluation of TC-related matters	n/a	All	Apr 2019 – Jun 2021	n/a	

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moving from a 3-year to a 4-year cycle of the sessions of the Meeting of the Parties (Resolution 7.12).	TC-relevant content, provide information and suggest conclusions)						