

**20<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
*24-28 February 2025, Mikulov, Czech Republic*

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**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 AEWA/TC 20.2 and 20.3).*

**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. The TC will be asked to review and approve the draft report of the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Committee (Doc AEWA/TC 20.4). The TC will be requested to discuss the timelines and process for compiling the TC report to the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (MOP9) (Doc AEWA/TC Inf. 20.4).*

**6. Reports by the Regional Representatives**

*The TC Regional Representatives will orally report on the implementation of AEWA 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 (Taulant Bino, Hichem Azafzaf and Nils Bunnefeld) as well as the Secretariat's representative to the Ramsar Convention Scientific and Technical Review Panel (David Stroud) will orally report on their involvement in these bodies and processes and the progress of work.*

**8. Report by the Secretariat**

*The Secretariat will introduce the Report of the Secretariat (Doc AEWA/TC 20.5).*

**9. Amendments to the Agreement and its Annexes**

*The TC will be requested to review and endorse the recommended amendments to Table 1 of the AEWA Action Plan (Annex 3 of the Agreement) to be submitted to MOP9 (Doc AEWA/TC 20.6) as well as the draft proposed amendments in relation to the term "livelihood" in the context of paragraph 2.1.2(b) of AEWA's Annex 3 (Doc AEWA/TC 20.7) and the draft proposed amendment of paragraph 7.4 of AEWA's Annex 3 (Doc AEWA/TC 20.21);*

## **10. AEWA International Species Action Plans and Management Plans**

a) The TC will be requested to review and endorse for submission to and approval by MOP9 the draft revised International Single Species Management Plan for the Svalbard population of the Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) (Doc AEWA/TC 20.9) and the draft guidance on Favourable Reference Values (Doc AEWA/TC 20.8).

b) The TC will be then requested to review and approve the following draft documents:

b.i. Draft Evaluation Report on the Implementation of the Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Taiga Bean Goose (*Anser fabalis fabalis*) (Doc AEWA/TC 20.10); an oral update will be provided on the revision process for the Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Taiga Bean Goose;

b.ii. Draft Conservation Brief for the AEWA International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Greenland White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons flavirostris*) (Doc AEWA/TC 20.11);

b.iii. Draft Revised Generic Terms of Reference for AEWA International Species Working Groups (Doc TC AEWA/20.13);

b.iv. Draft Revised Generic Terms of Reference for AEWA International Species Expert Groups (Doc AEWA/TC 20.14);

c) The TC will receive an update on the development of a Single Species Action Plan for the Iceland/UK & Ireland population of the Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*) (Doc AEWA/TC 20.12).

## **11. Seabirds**

The TC will be requested to consider the document on implementation and further prioritisation of seabird related activities under AEWA (Doc AEWA/TC 20.15). The TC will also receive an update on the scope and progress of work of the Seabird sub-group under the Flyways Working Group of the Scientific Council of the Convention on Migratory Species.

## **12. Sea-level Rise Impact**

The TC will be requested to review the draft document on implications of sea-level rise for migratory waterbirds and response options (Doc AEWA/TC 20.16);

## **13. Socio-economic Importance of Waterbirds**

The TC will be requested to review and approve the draft Terms of Reference on compiling case studies and communication products related to socio-economic importance of waterbirds (Doc AEWA/TC 20.17);

## **14. Research and Monitoring**

The TC will be requested to review the following draft documents:

a) Knowledge gaps and needs relevant for AEWA implementation (Doc AEWA/TC 20.18);

b) Integration of science-policy interface (Doc AEWA/TC 20.19).

## **15. Communication, Education and Public awareness (CEPA)**

The TC will be requested to review the summary report of the TC Working Group 6 CEPA Online Workshop (12 December 2024) (Doc AEWA/TC 20.20) and to agree on the workflow for compiling a concise CEPA workplan to facilitate delivery of AEWA mandates and objectives, in particular the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 and the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027.

## **16. Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement**

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

a. AEWA Conservation Guidelines: 2024 format (Doc AEWA/TC 20.24);

b. Draft revised Conservation Guidelines No. 4 on Management of Key Sites (Doc AEWA/TC 20.22);

c. *Draft revised Conservation Guidelines No. 7 on Ecotourism (Doc AEWA/TC 20.23)*.

## **17. National Reporting**

a) *The TC will be requested to review and approve the following draft documents for submission to MOP9 for adoption:*

*a.i. Draft format for the National Report Module on population status 2019-2024 (Doc AEWA/TC 20.25);*

*a.ii. Draft format for National Reports on the implementation of AEWA 2025-2027 (Doc AEWA/TC 20.26);*

*a.iii. Draft format for the National Report Module on the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2025-2027 (Doc AEWA/TC 20.27).*

b) *The TC will be also requested to review and approve the following draft documents:*

*b.i. Draft indicators on the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa (Doc AEWA/TC 20.28);*

*b.ii. Proposal for an approach on assessing trend in implementation rate of the Strategic Plan and the Plan of Action for Africa (Doc AEWA/TC 20.29);*

*b.iii. Proposed approach to assessing the 22 postponed target-level indicators of the Strategic Plan 2019-2027, other target-level Indicators in need of additional and/or improved data and purpose-level indicator P4 (Doc AEWA/TC 20.30).*

## **18. TC Working Group 1 (Field of Application)**

*TC WG1 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2023-2025 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP9, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2026-2028 (Doc AEWA/TC Inf. 20.1).*

## **19. TC Working Group 2 (Species Conservation)**

*TC WG2 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2023-2025 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP9, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2026-2028 (Doc AEWA/TC Inf. 20.1 and 20.5).*

## **20. TC Working Groups 3 (Habitat Conservation)**

*TC WG3 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2023-2025 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP9, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2026-2028 (Doc AEWA/TC Inf. 20.1).*

## **21. TC Working Groups 4 (Management of Human Activities)**

*TC WG4 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2023-2025 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP9, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2026-2028 (Doc AEWA/TC Inf. 20.1 and 20.6).*

## **22. TC Working Groups 5 (Research and Monitoring)**

*TC WG5 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2023-2025 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP9, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2026-2028 (Doc AEWA/TC Inf. 20.1).*

## **23. TC Working Groups 6 (Education and Information)**

*TC WG6 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2023-2025 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP9, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2026-2028 (Doc AEWA/TC Inf. 20.1).*

**24. TC Working Groups 7 (Implementation)**

*TC WG7 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2023-2025 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP9, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2026-2028 (Doc AEW/TC Inf. 20.1).*

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

*TC WG8 will review the progress of its tasks as per TC Work Plan 2023-2025 and will make further detailed planning on delivery prior to MOP9, as well as carry over of tasks to TC Work Plan 2026-2028 (Doc AEW/TC Inf. 20.1 and 20.7).*

**26. TC Workplan 2026-2028**

*The TC will be requested to discuss the timelines and process for compiling the draft TC Workplan for 2026-2028 for submission to MOP9 (Doc AEW/TC Inf. 20.1).*

**27. Draft Resolutions for Submission to MOP9**

*The TC will be requested to consider the necessary draft resolutions to be compiled for submission to MOP9 as well as to agree on the timelines and responsibilities for drafting those resolutions.*

**28. Date and Venue of the next Technical Committee Meeting**

**29. Any Other Business** (*please advise in advance*)

**30. Closure**