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1. Overview of Action Plan implementation

Summary of progress to date

Nothing have been done up to now regarding implementation of this agreement- the reason nobody is supporting such actions! in the moment!

*1.2 Outline of planned actions for national implementation over the next three years
For the net period National Bonn Committee is planning to investigate the status distribution and population density of all water birds with higher rank regarding AEWA agreement;*

To prepare Singgel species action plan for the most important bird species;

1.3 Outline of priorities for international co-operation over the next three years

We need financial support by the western countries through some specific programs for AEWA implementation actions or activities! So we need to start! To make some animation (public awareness program) to do some studies, to stimulate Ngo sector in Macedonia to initiate actions by the relevant ministries and to make some pressure on the government to do something for the implementation of AEWA agreement!

EU representative in Macedonia also should be aware about this issue. In the moment I do not see some interest nor from Macedonian side nor from some other instances like EU , Embassies (who are spending lot of money for “some” Environmental projects- to be honest we from the NBC do not know which are that activities and have not seen some results.

2. Species conservation

Legal measures

2.1 Has a national policy/strategy or legislation to protect and conserve species covered by the Agreement (Table 1: column A; column B) and their supporting important areas been developed? **No.**

If so:

- a. What are the main features of the policy/legislation?
- b. Which organizations are responsible for implementation?
- c. How does it relate to other national initiatives (e.g. national Biodiversity Action Plans)?

2.2 What legal measures or practices has your country developed to prohibit or regulate for the following (refer also to section 4 on hunting): **No.**

- a. Taking of, and trade in birds listed in Column A and B of Table 1 (where utilization or trade contravenes the provisions set out in paragraphs 2.1.1 (a) and 2.1.2 of the Action Plan)?
- b. Methods of taking?
- c. Setting of taking limits and monitoring these limits?
- d. Sustainable hunting of species listed in Categories 2 and 3 (and marked by an asterisk) in Column A only?
- e. Exemptions to the provisions set out in paragraphs 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.3?

Single Species Action Plans

2.3 Of the species covered by the Agreement (species listed in Table 1: column A), which spend part or all of their life history in your country, which have formal international (Category 1, species marked with an asterisk) or national (column A) Single Species Action Plans:

- a. Proposed?
- b. In preparation?
- c. Being implemented?

/? It seems **There are no resources** for such activities; Also international donor organization is not so willing to support such activities! It should be some precondition for eligibility for funding?!!!

Please append a list of species and their action plan status. (For international plans indicate which other countries are involved in plan development/implementation.)

Emergency measures

2.4 Describe any bilateral or multilateral co-operative action that your country has

undertaken to develop and implement emergency measures to conserve species in response to unfavorable or endangering conditions occurring in the Agreement area. /?

There is no such a case!

Re-establishments

2.5 Has a policy on species re-establishments been developed in your country? If yes, please outline the main features of the policy and give details of any re-establishment programmes for species covered by the Agreement. **No.**

Introductions

2.6 *Has your country developed and implemented legal measures to prohibit the introduction of nonnative species? Please provide details, particularly describing measures to control the release or introduction of non-native species (please indicate which species and their status).* **No. Only on paper.**

3. Habitat conservation

Habitat inventories

3.1 Has your country developed and published inventories of important habitats for species covered by the Agreement? If yes, please provide details, including any provisions to maintain or update these inventories. /?

No, only inventory of Wetlands!

3.2 Has your country undertaken a strategic review of sites to develop a national network of important sites or areas for species covered by the Agreement? Please append a list of identified sites of international importance. /?

No

Conservation of areas

3.3 Describe the legal frameworks and other measures through which sites (including transfrontier sites) including of international importance gain practical protection. (Please append a list of internationally important protected sites.) /?

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3.4 Has your country developed a management planning process for protected sites? If yes, please outline the types of management plans and organisations responsible for development and implementation.

For development of MP for Nationla Park Pelister (Bird Study and Protection Society of Macedonia was doing a project) Yes.

In process of negotiation are MP for NP Galichica (implemented by some German NGO) and also for Np Mavrovo – it is yet not confirmed who is going to implement such a project but financies are comeing from the Italian Government.

3.5 How many protected sites have formal management plans (please append a list of sites and their management planning status):

- a. Proposed? 1 (Strict National Reserve Ezerani, Lake Prespa)
- b. In preparation? 2 (NP Galicica and NP Mavrovo)
- c. Being implemented? 1 (NP Pelister) in process of implementation

3.6 What measures does your country have in place to ensure the wise use of wetland habitats and to prevent habitat degradation e.g. pollution control and managing water resources? Please provide examples of best practice initiatives particularly involving cross-sectoral co-operation or public participation. /.

no measures

Rehabilitation and restoration

3.7 Does your country have a policy for the identification, rehabilitation and restoration of wetlands important for species covered by the Agreement? Please provide examples of rehabilitation and restoration projects and initiatives undertaken. **No.**

4. Management of human activities

Hunting

4.1 Outline the main features of legislation or legal measures in your country to control hunting of the species covered by the Agreement (e.g. use of lead shot and poisoned baits, and to eliminate illegal taking).

In general legal measures to control hunting of the water bird species (covered by the AEWA) and control use of lead shot and poisoned baits has been regulated by two acts: Act of Nature Protection and Act of Hunting.

4.2 Does your country monitor hunting levels? If so, how is this information collated and reported?

Sector for Forest and Hunting and the State Inspectorate of Hunting by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy. They reported to Macedonian Government (Annual Report) and periodically to the Administration for Environment- Sector of Nature and State Inspectorate of Environment and Nature Conservation.

4.3 Describe action undertaken by hunting clubs and organizations to manage hunting activity e.g. cooperative action, issuing of licenses and proficiency testing of individual members.

This matter is coordinated and monitored by the Sector for Forest and Hunting (MAFWE). Hunting organizations used hunting areas (concessionaires). Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning has no information of number of licenses and individual hunters.

Eco-tourism

4.4 What is the status of eco-tourism programmes or initiatives in your country? Please provide examples of projects with an indication of the significant outcomes.

This matter is coordinated by the Sector of Tourism of the Ministry of Economy. Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning haven't relevant information of status of eco-tourism programs and projects.

4.5 What social and economic benefits accrue to the local communities from the conservation of important water bird sites?

This matter coordinated two ministries: the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Local Communities. Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning have only information of social and economic benefits to the local community Resen for conservation on Lake Prespa (Ramsar site) and Strict Nature Reserve Ezerani, and local community Dojran, for conservation on Lake Dojran (Ramsar site) .

Other human activities

4.6 Does your country carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of activities potentially affecting protected sites or areas important for species covered by the Agreement? If yes, briefly describe the main features of your EIA policy and procedures.

No.

4.7 Please describe the main features of your planning policy and provide examples of practical implementation (e.g. activities to minimizing disturbance of species populations or limit the impact of species populations on crops or fisheries). Please summarize any land-use conflicts especially emphasizing successful solutions to problems encountered in promoting the wise-use of water birds and their habitats.

This mater coordinated two ministries: the Ministry of Transport and Communication and the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning. Sector of Nature have several information of planning documentation/policy for Ohrid Region, Prespa Region, Dojran Region and Vardar Values, but, problems of sustainable land-use and conservation of water birds and their habitats are marginalized and no special measures and actions to minimize negative impact from urbanization of the wetlands and the water bird populations.

5. Research and monitoring

Status of research and monitoring programmes for species

5.1 How are priorities for research identified in your country? Please briefly describe your country's research programmes, including any bilateral or multilateral co-operative action, for wetland habitats and for species covered by the Agreement (e.g. studies into species population, ecology and migratory patterns). Please append a list of research activities initiated, ongoing or completed in the last three years.

This mater coordinated two ministries: the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning. Sector of Nature have collected only information for research and monitoring activities on the Bird Study and Protection Society of Macedonia: annual reports (data) of monitoring for water birds and wetland habitats in Lake Ohrid, Lake Prespa (Ramsar site), including Strict Nature Reserve Ezerani, and Lake Dojran (Ramsar site).

5.2 What monitoring activities does your country undertake, including any bilateral or multilateral cooperative action, of wetland areas and species covered by the Agreement (e.g. national monitoring schemes, International Waterfowl Census)? Please append a list of monitoring activities or programmes initiated, ongoing or completed in the last three years

Sector of Nature by the Authority of Environment have collected several information for bilateral and sub-regional cooperation in Balkan sub region especially of waterfowl census and monitoring on the Lake Ohrid, Lake Prespa (Ramsar site), including Strict Nature Reserve Ezerani, and Lake Dojran (Ramsar site), coordinated by the Bird Study and Protection Society of Macedonia (see annual reports, BSPSM).

For the last three years nothing has happened? Nobody support such activities???

6. Education and information

Training and development programmes

6.1 Describe the status of training and development programs which support water bird conservation and implement the AEWA Action Plan.

This mater coordinated President of the National Ramsar Committee, National Committee of CMS and the Bird Study and Protection Society of Macedonia. Sector of Nature by the Authority of Environment have collected several information of training, workshops and actions for water bird conservation and their habitats in Lake Prespa and SNR Eezerani, realized by the Bird Study and Protection Society of Macedonia (see annual reports, BSPSM).

6.2 What bilateral or multilateral co-operative action is your country undertaking to develop training programmes and share examples of good practice?

This mater coordinated tree ministries: Sector of bilateral and multilateral cooperation by the Ministry of Foreign Affair, Sector of Education by the Ministry of Education and Science and Sector of cooperation and communication by the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning. Sector of Nature by the Authority of Environment have collected only information for cooperation on the Prespa Park (MEPP and BSPSM are members of the Coordinating Committee of the Prespa Park).

Raising public awareness

6.3 Describe activities to raise public awareness of the objectives of the AEWA Action Plan. Please outline any particular successes generating public interest in, and securing support for, waterbird and wetland conservation (e.g. campaigns, information notes or other initiatives)?

No relevant information related to raise public awareness and objectives of the UNEP/AEWA Action Plan. There are no resources for such activities. Embassies who are normally supporting NGO projects are not willing to support such kind of activities?? or do not have such activities like eligible for funding. AEWA should communicate with those embassies of foreign courtiers in developing countries and sent some general remarks and suggestions regarding such necessity.

7. Final comments

7.1 General comments on the implementation of the AEWA Action Plan

Generally implementation of the AEWA Action Plan is marginalized in Republic of Macedonia. No program activities in Annual Work Program of MEPP, no projects related to AEWA Action Plan. Only The Bird Study and Protection Society of Macedonia are very active in this process and in the frame of their capacities (especially financial) of course.

7.2 Observations concerning the functions and services of the various AEWA bodies

a. The Agreement Secretariat

b. International organisations

c. AEWA NGO partners

International NGO are taking care only to get some bigger project for what later they absolutely do not care about the local – national partners, national needs etc. so they misused international support for their activities- they forgot what is their role and what is the purpose of their support by the parties. The last case was that WOW project by WI – that is much bigger project than the 20 year activity of AEWA itself (about 10 mil. dollars) and up to now we have not seen some involvement (there are even not a contacts to the local –national level!!! ???)

7.3 How might the Action Plan be further developed as a practical aid for national and international conservation of migratory waterbirds?

There should be a priority list done by each Party and donor organization should take care for the countries where any project have been supported for the last 50 years (I guess many African and some East European Countries are such case). Another way it is absolute hypocrisy- everybody is talking about sustainable development and they himself are not doing anything even to help countries which are marginalized. In many cases even financial instruments are not possible to be allocated for such developing countries- and the reson nobody knows?

8. Progress to implement Resolutions and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Parties

Please summarize progress to implement decisions of previous Meetings of the Parties.

/ . No progress

9. OPTIONAL SECTION – Planned and future actions

Contracting Parties are invited to outline below any further information regarding the aims of the Agreement, for example, planned actions or other informative examples.

1. Species conservation – no plans, no actions, no financial resources; no support from abroad;
2. Habitat conservation - no plans, no actions, no financial resources; no support from abroad;
3. Management of human activities - no plans, no actions, no financial resources; no support from abroad;
4. Research and monitoring - no plans, no actions, no financial resources; no support from abroad;
5. Education and information - no plans, no actions, no financial resources; no support from abroad;

List of abbreviations and acronyms used in the report

MEPP- Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning,

MAFWE- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy,

MEC- Ministry of Education and Science,

MFA- Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

MLC- Ministry of Local Communities,

NRC- National Ramsar Committee for Wetlands,

NC CMS- National Committee for CMS, National Bonn Committee

BSPSM- Bird Study and Protection Society of Macedonia.

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