



FOURTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE  
CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS (AEWA)  
12-13 MAY 2003, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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## PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

### Sunday, 11 May 2003

08.00-20.00 Excursion to Samarkand (Optional)

### Monday, 12 May 2003

#### Morning

09.30-12.30 Plenary: Agenda items 1- 11

1. Opening
2. Welcome addresses
3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
4. Adoption of the agenda and work programme
5. Admission of Observers
6. Adoption of the minutes of previous TC meeting
7. Report of the Chairman
8. Report by the Secretary
9. Report on the activities of the working groups
10. Update of the GEF project
11. Implementation of the International Implementation Priorities 2003-2007

#### Afternoon

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-19.00<sup>1</sup> **Working group I:** Agenda items 11 (a, b, c and e), 13 and 16

11. Implementation of the International Implementation Priorities
  - a. Pilot Study/ review of potential from waterbird ringing recovery analyses for the Agreement
  - b. Coordination of waterbird ringing schemes, particularly in Africa
  - c. Publication of data on long-tailed duck and additional research
  - e. Report on status and trends of Populations for MOP3
  
13. Amendments to the Action Plan
  - c. Develop guidelines for the interpretation of long-term decline in the text of Table 1 of the Action Plan
  - d. Provide clarification on the procedures used to delimit bio-geographical populations of Waterbirds.
  
16. Development on International Species Action Plans  
Dark-bellied Brent Goose Plan

**Working group II:** Agenda items 11 d, 13 b, 14 and 15

12. Implementation of the International Implementation Priorities 2003-2007
  - d. Development of a communication strategy for AEWA
  
13. Amendments to the Action Plan
  - b. Review of further development of the Agreement by including additional species of wetlands birds and species traditionally considered as seabirds
  
14. Review of the Conservation Guidelines
  - a. Guideline on avoidance of introduction of non-native species of Waterbirds and the draft of the special brochure on this issue
  - b. Guideline on national legislation on the protection of Waterbirds and their habitat
  - c. Draft Guideline on international emergency situations
  
15. Development of the Action Plan for the Central Asian-South Asian Flyway.

**Tuesday, 13 May 2003**

Morning

09.00-12.30 Plenary discussion of the results of the working groups  
  
Plenary: agenda item 12 and 13

Afternoon

12.30-14.00 Lunch  
  
14.00-17.00 Plenary: Agenda items 14-19

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<sup>1</sup> Also part of the first evening might be available to continue with the work of the working group