



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

OVERVIEW OF INSTRUCTION OF MOP2 TO THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

At the second session of the Meeting of the Parties, which took place from 25-27 September 2002 in Bonn, Germany, the Meeting adopted in total 13 Resolutions and 1 Recommendation. In many of these resolutions the Technical Committee is requested/ called upon or instructed to take some actions. In the Annex attached hereto an overview is given per Resolution and respective paragraph of what is requested of the Technical Committee.

PROPOSAL

The Secretariat proposes to review all actions as mentioned in the Annex attached hereto. All these points will come back on the agenda of the current meeting. As starting point for further discussion by the TC, proposals are made by the Secretariat on how to deal with each issue. The TC members will be requested to give their view on these proposals and in some cases to have a first discussion during the TC meeting. It is foreseen that some of the work has to be contracted out and that some activities could be elaborated more by an intersessional working group.

ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Res.	Para	Description	Actions to be taken as proposed by the Secretariat
2.1	4	<p><i>Noting</i> - and Northern <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>, North west European population of , and the Baltic, Denmark <i>Somateria mollissima</i> determines existing categorizations for the and the Technical Committee, working with Wetlands status of these four populations in the light of additional informat report their findings to the Meeting of the Parties at its third session;</p>	<p>For MOP3 the current AEWA Action Plan needs to be updated again. This proposes that review of the added to the contract with Wetlands International. Wetlands International</p>
	6	<p><i>Requests</i> on bodies of the Convention on Migratory Species, to review further birds and species traditionally considere instance at the species listed in Table 2 and Table 3 of AEWA/MOP2.9, particular, the extent to which the existing Action Plan is adequate in scope to address differing conservation problems faced by birds of prey,</p>	<p>The Secretariat suggests to have a first discussion at TC4 meeting and if oup to discuss the matter 2004.</p>
		<p>the Technical Committee of the Agreement to develop guidelines for the interpretation of the term “significant long-term decline” in the context of Table 1 of the Action Plan;</p>	<p>The Secretariat suggest to have a first discussion at the TC4 meeting and to consult if necessary some experts in this field.</p>
	8	<p><i>Further calls upon</i> the Technical Committee of the Agreement to provide clarification on the procedures used to delimit bio-geographical populations of waterbirds, noting their significance as practical units for conservation management;</p>	<p>The Secretariat proposes to have a first discussion during TC4 and to establish an intersessional working group to discuss this more in detail and to report back for the first time at the TC5 meeting in 2004.</p>

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2.1	10	<i>Requests</i> the Technical Committee to develop, at its next meeting, proposals for enhancing the analytical content of the third edition of the AEWA <i>Report on the Conservation Status of Migratory Waterbirds in the Agreement Area</i> , and to consider how that information may be used to direct input to future reviews of the Agreement's implementation priorities;	The Secretariat proposes to discuss this issue during the TC4 meeting.
2.2	9	Request the Technical Committee to review the experiences of those countries that have phase out or are endeavouring to phase out, the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands, in consultation with hunting organisations, gun and ammunitions manufacturers and traders, and to map the situation in all the Range States, and accordingly bring elaborate guidance to the Meeting of the Parties at its third session.	The Secretariat proposes that the TC reviews the experience of countries that have phase out or are endeavouring to phase out lead shot for the first time at the TC5 meeting in 2004. Meanwhile, Wetlands International will start drafting an update report on phasing out lead shot as follow up on the report of 2000.
2.3	5	<i>Instructs</i> the Secretariat and the Technical Committee, within available resources and in consultation with Parties and appropriate organisations, to review all the existing AEWA guidelines regularly, in particular taking account of the additional comments provided by participants to the Meeting of the Parties;	The Secretariat proposes that at the TC4 meeting the guideline on avoidance of introduction of non-native species of waterbirds and the guideline on national legislation are reviewed by the TC.
2.4	7	<i>Instructs</i> the Agreement Secretariat to disseminate the international implementation priorities for 2004-2007 (AEWA/MOP2.19/Rev.1), to coordinate closely with related conventions and international organisations for their implementation, to seek appropriate donors, and, following the recommendations of the Technical Committee, to bring to each future session of the Meeting of the Parties reports on progress with implementation and an updated list of priorities;	At each meeting of the TC the Secretariat will report on progress made regarding implementation of the International Implementation Plan 2003-2007. The Secretariat proposes that at TC5 meeting a discussion should take place considering lessons learnt for future projects for inclusion in IIP.
2.5	2	<i>Instructs</i> the Technical Committee, through regional representatives and in close cooperation with the Agreement Secretariat, to improve the communication with all Range States and in particular with the Contracting Parties;	A first discussion on improving communications with the Range States should take place at TC4. More in general the Secretariat is working on contracting out drafting of a communication strategy for the Agreement. A first discussion on this will take place at the TC4 meeting. It is foreseen that a substantial discussion on this matter could take place at TC5.

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2.5	7	<i>Requests</i> each Contracting Party to appoint, before 1 January 2003, a suitably qualified technical expert in that country to act as a focal point for Technical Committee matters, and, as appropriate, to provide input into work of the Technical Committee either directly or through liaison with other suitably qualified technical experts, and to disseminate the work of the Committee in their country.	The Secretariat is working on this.
2.9	4	<i>Authorizes</i> the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Technical Committee, to review and decide upon applications received for small grants taking into account the conditions in paragraph 3 above and the budget available;	The Secretariat proposes that at TC meetings proposals for SGF are tabled for approval by the TC. So far no funds are available for SGF and at the TC4 it should be discussed how funds could be accrued for this purpose.
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2.1	5	<i>Authorizes</i> the Standing Committee, in close cooperation and consultation with the Technical Committee, to adopt the Action Plan on an interim basis so as to allow the Dark-bellied Brent Goose Working Group to continue its activities	The Secretariat proposes to submit the final draft for review at the TC4 meeting. The outcome should be that the TC4 draft a recommendation to the Standing Committee to adopt the current Action Plan.