



8th MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
03 - 05 March 2008, Bonn, Germany

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 Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure (Doc TC 8.2) will be proposed for adoption.

4. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

The provisional Agenda (Doc TC 8.3) and Work Programme (Doc TC 8.4) will be proposed for adoption.

5. Admission of Observers

The Chairman will orally inform the members about the international inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations that have been invited to participate at this Technical Committee meeting.

6. Adoption of the Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Technical Committee

The minutes of the previous meeting (Doc TC 8.5) will be proposed for adoption.

7. Report by the Chairman

The Chairman will orally report on the Technical Committee's activities since the last meeting.

8. Report by the Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce the Report of the Secretariat (Doc TC 8.6).

9. Reports by the Regional Representatives

The TC Regional Representatives will orally report on the implementation of AEW in their respective regions.

10. Current status regarding implementation of the International Implementation Priorities 2006-2008

The Secretariat will report on the current status regarding implementation of the IIP 2006-2008 (Doc TC 8.7).

11. Report by TC Working Group 1

TC Working Group 1 will present a draft paper on priority waterbird taxa that would benefit from an early review of the limits of their populations (Doc TC 8.8). The TC should review, comment and approve the paper for submission to MOP4 through the Standing Committee.

12. Report by TC Working Group 2

TC Working Group 2 will present draft guidance on application of AEW Table 1 criteria for categories A3a and B2a (degree of concentration on a small number of specific sites at any stage of annual cycle) (Doc TC 8.9). The TC should review, comment and approve the guidance for submission to MOP4 through the Standing Committee.

13. Report by TC Working Group 3

TC Working Group 3 will present draft guidance on application of AEWA Table 1 criteria for categories A3b and B2b (dependence on a habitat type which is under severe threat) (Doc TC 8.10). The TC should review, comment and approve the guidance for submission to MOP4 through the Standing Committee.

14. Report by TC Working Group 4

The Secretariat will report orally on behalf of TC Working Group 4 on the progress of drafting guidance on application of AEWA Table 1 criteria for categories A3d and B2d (extent of extreme fluctuations in population size or trend). The TC will be invited to comment.

15. Report by TC Working Group 5

The Secretariat will report orally on behalf of TC Working Group 5 on the progress of development of an online national report format (Doc TC 8.11) and harmonization of reporting with other MEAs, as well as a Strategic Plan for the Agreement (Doc TC 8.12). The TC will be invited to comment.

16. Report by TC Working Group 6

TC Working Group 6 will present a draft proposal for amendments in the AEWA Action Plan to accommodate conservation measures for seabirds following on the recommendations of the TC paper on the potential role of the Agreement in the conservation of seabirds (Doc TC 8.13 & Doc TC Inf 8.1). The TC should review, comment and approve the draft proposal.

17. Report by TC Working Group 10

The Secretariat and the Regional Representatives will orally report on the implementation of tasks with regard to the AEWA Conservation Guidelines as agreed at the previous TC meeting. The Secretariat will also report on the drafting of a new guideline. The TC will be invited to comment and to provide advice on further work.

18. Amendments to the Action Plan

The Secretariat will present a proposal for an amendment to paragraph 7.5 of the Action Plan, which will introduce new schedule for update of the international reviews described in paragraph 7.4 (Doc TC 8.14). The TC will be invited to comment and approve a proposal for amendment for submission to MOP 4 through the Standing Committee.

19. AEWA Single Species Action Plans

a. Progress in implementation and development of SSAPs

The Secretariat will orally report on the progress of implementation of the previously adopted action plans for the Sociable Lapwing, the Great Snipe, the Black-winged Pratincole, the Ferruginous Duck, the White-headed Duck, the Corncrake, the Northern Bald Ibis, the Light-bellied Brent Goose and the Maccoa Duck (if different information from the AP para 7.4 international review is available) as well as on the progress in developing SSAPs for the Lesser White-fronted Goose, the Dark-bellied Brent Goose, the Lesser Flamingo, the Eurasian Spoonbill, the Black-tailed Godwit, the Madagascar Pond-heron, the White-winged Flufftail and the Icelandic population of the Whooper Swan. The TC will be invited to comment.

b. Enhanced AEWA SSAP format

The Secretariat will orally report on the progress in developing enhanced AEWA SSAP format (including proposed mechanism for coordination of implementation). The TC will be invited to comment.

20. Avian Influenza

a. Update

The Secretariat and the TC will orally report past and ongoing activities since the last meeting (Doc TC Inf. 8.2).

b. Draft AI Resolution for submission to MOP4

The TC will be invited to comment on the draft and develop further the AI Resolution for submission to MOP4 (Doc TC 8.15) through the Standing Committee.

21. Other reports

The Secretariat will orally report on other ongoing projects and activities.

22. Reports of the Technical Committee and the Secretariat to MOP4

The TC will be invited to discuss the content and format of these two reports.

23. Proposals for amendments to the Rules of Procedure for the Technical Committee for submission to MOP4

The TC will be invited to comment on the proposed procedure for nomination and election of regional representatives and experts (Doc TC 8.16), the proposed adoption of English as the working language of the TC and make any other modifications or suggestions for amendments.

24. TC work plan 2006-2008

The TC will be invited to review and, if appropriate, introduce amendments to the TC Work Plan 2006-2008 (Doc TC 8.17).

25. Date and venue of the next Technical Committee meeting

26. Any other business

27. Closure

WORKSHOPS

In addition to the agenda items above there will be **three evening workshops**, in which will be discussed and approved the international reviews that are being prepared in accordance with paragraph 7.4 of the Action Plan or MOP resolutions (*this will replace reporting from working groups 7-9*). Following the conclusions of these reviews resolutions, suggested amendments to the Action Plan, suggested update and restructuring of the International Implementation Priorities will be drafted for submission to MOP4 through the Standing Committee. The schedule of the workshops is as follows:

Workshop 1, evening of 02 March 2008 (Sunday)

International reviews to be covered:

- i. Report on the status and trends of populations (*Doc TC 8.18*);
- ii. Report on the stage of preparation and implementation of single species action plans (*Doc TC 8.19*);
- iii. Report on the re-establishment projects (*Doc TC 8.20*).

Workshop 2, evening of 03 March 2008 (Monday)

International reviews to be covered:

- iv. Report on pertinent hunting and trade legislation in each country relating to the species listed in Annex 2 (*Doc TC 8.21*);
- v. Update report on the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands (*Doc TC 8.22*);
- vi. Report on the experiences of countries which have phased out lead shot for hunting in wetlands (*Doc TC 8.23*).

Presentation by Niels Kanstrup (CIC) on a project to facilitate elimination of the impact of toxic hunting ammunition on wildlife, the environment and humans

Workshop 3, evening of 04 March 2008 (Tuesday)

International reviews to be covered:

- vii. Report on the effects of climate change on migratory waterbirds (*Doc TC 8.24*);
- viii. Report on the status of introduced non-native waterbird species and hybrids thereof (*Doc TC 8.25*).