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AEWA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2012-2015

(Version September 2012)

Introduction

This work plan has been compiled by the Agreement's Secretariat after the 5th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP5) on 14-18 May 2012. The plan outlines major tasks to be fulfilled by the Technical Committee (TC) in the triennium 2012-2015 as instructed by MOP5 and previous MOPs or by the Agreement's Action Plan (*for each task see reference to resolutions or AP paragraphs*). It does not reflect duties to be performed on *ad hoc* basis, such as project applications review and approval, Implementation Review Process consultations or unforeseen issues that may emerge over the inter-sessional period.

The TC approved the present work plan in June 2012 through correspondence (via the AEWA TC Workspace) and was revised at the 11th meeting of the TC in Accra, Ghana, 27-30 August 2012. The plan can be amended, either at any following TC meeting during the triennium or intersessionally through correspondence in order to enhance delivery of outputs or better reflect changing reality.

Following the current practice in the TC, each task will be taken forward by a TC working group consisting of several regional representatives, organisation representatives, thematic experts, invited experts, observers, as well as Secretariat staff. Against each task the working group members are noted with abbreviations of their names in no particular order (see full names at the end of the document). The only exception is the first mentioned person (underlined in the table below) who is supposed to chair the working group, and provide for the delivery of results.

Some of the tasks are not to be fulfilled solely by the TC and will require input (reports, assessments, etc.) by external consultants. Therefore these tasks could only be fulfilled if resources permit. Those tasks are formatted in red *Italic* font. The Secretariat should endeavour to provide necessary resources to fulfil all tasks. Tasks formatted in blue font have been completed.

The TC has been urged to work collaboratively with the other scientific subsidiary bodies of the biodiversity conventions (notably, the Scientific Council of the Convention on Migratory Species, the Biodiversity Convention's Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention). In assessing tasks for the next triennium, each Working Group should attempt to identify which tasks might be undertaken collaboratively (in whole or in part) with other MEAs.

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<p>1. Lead, hunting and trade</p> <p>WG: <i>JYMM, LS, ML, SJ, ArM, AM, JH, TEH, NC, BH, CL, SD</i></p>	<p>Each WG member compiles and reviews necessary resources against each task (shares on the TC Workspace); prepares for a workshop at TC11</p>	<p>At a workshop review and discuss all tasks; decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced. Decide on detailed work schedule and deadlines for the delivery of each of them. Draft (and approve) ToRs for the tasks to be outsourced.</p>	<p>Prioritisation, actions, lead, expected outputs and deadlines</p> <p>For detailed account of the planning of tasks implementation of WG1 please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	<p>Actions tbc</p>	<p>Actions and deadlines tbc</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)</p>
<p>1.1. Provide guidance on a species-by-species basis to the Parties on how to deal with look-alike species with regard to hunting (Resolution 4.3)² (<u>carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012</u>)</p>			<p>Lead: LS, (AM)</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: List & examples</p> <p>Deadlines: Mid 2013</p> <p>Priority: Low</p> <p>Please see Table 1.</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		

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² If fully-fledged Conservation Guidelines are to be produced, their format will be dependent on the outputs of WG6 (Conservation Guidelines), task 6.1.

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			Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)			
<p><i>1.2. Prepare the Terms of Reference for the revision of CGs No.5³ on sustainable harvest of waterbirds, which shall include, amongst other things, (1) the guidance on breeding and pre-nuptial migration periods in Resolution 5.10, (2) more specific requirements with respect to the “principle of sustainable use” as a guidance to the Parties on how to implement para 4.1.1 of the AP and (3) the guidance on the use of “limits of taking” in the sense of para 2.1.1(a) of the AP (Resolution 5.3 & IIT No. 30, Resolution 5.10, Resolution 4.3) (carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012)</i></p>			<p>Lead: AM, (JYMM) + contractor</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Concept note, ToR + Conservation Guidelines</p> <p>Deadlines: Nov 2012, Dec 2012 + early 2014</p> <p>Priority: High</p> <p>Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		
<p>1.3. Examine, as far as waterbird species covered by the Agreement are</p>			<p>Lead: BH</p> <p>Expected outputs by</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to</p>		

³ The format is dependent on the outputs of WG6 (Conservation Guidelines), task 6.1.

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concerned, any potential problems from the use of lead shot in terrestrial ecosystems (Resolution 4.1) (<u>carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012</u>)			<p>TC12: List & short note</p> <p>Deadlines: Apr 2013</p> <p>Priority: Low</p> <p>Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	MOP6, as appropriate		
1.4. Examine whether there is need for establishing a comprehensive monitoring system for domestic trade in the AEWA area and, provided there is need, give guidance to the Meeting of the Parties on how to implement such a system (Resolutions 4.3 and 5.2)			<p>This task will be implemented as part of the implementation of task 1.7</p> <p>Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>			
1.5. Advise on a more adequate implementation of the Action Plan's population approach in the national legislation (particularly with regard to ban on hunting and trade) and, if needed, provide guidance on its consequences for Parties. Such guidance may e.g.			<p>Lead: SD, (AM)</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: List & short note</p> <p>Deadlines: Feb 2013</p> <p>Priority: Medium</p> <p>Please see Table 1.</p>	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		

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clarify the question how to deal with different populations of the same species in a country (Resolution 4.3)			Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)			
1.6. Provide guidance concerning measures that should be taken in order to prevent exemptions listed in AP paragraph 2.1.3 operating to the detriment of species listed in Table 1 (Resolution 4.3)			Lead: AM, (ML) Expected outputs by TC12: Note Deadlines: Apr 2013 Priority: Low Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		
<i>1.7. Review the ARTEMIS project and give advice on steps to be taken in order to establish an international system for the management of harvest data for the countries in the AEWA area that are not covered by ARTEMIS (Resolution 4.3) and/or prepare the Terms of Reference for the project on increasing knowledge on waterbird harvest in the AEWA area (Resolution 5.3 & IIT No. 7)</i>			Lead: AM, (JYMM) + contractor Expected outputs by TC12: Concept note, ToR + Report Deadlines: Nov 2012, Jan 2013 + mid 2014 Priority: High Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		

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			(August 2012)			
1.8. Provide advice on whether provisions concerning the control of restocking for hunting should be included in the Action Plan (Resolution 4.3)			<p>This task will be implemented as part of the implementation of task 1.2</p> <p>Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>			
1.9. Provide minimum standard requirements for hunting proficiency tests (Resolution 4.3)			<p>This task will be implemented as part of the implementation of task 1.2</p> <p>Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>			
1.10. Develop simple guidance that will allow Contracting Parties to report back to MOP6 on national knowledge concerning lead fishing weights and waterbirds and the phasing out of lead (Resolution 5.6) ⁴			<p>Lead: PC, BH</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Questions for the National Report Format</p> <p>Deadlines: Oct 2012</p> <p>Priority: Low</p>	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		

⁴ Task 2.1 of WG2 on National Reporting, Strategic Plan and Aichi targets is dependent on the outputs of the implementation of this task

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			Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)			
1.11. Provide further documentation on the nature and scale of the effects of lead fishing weights on waterbirds (Action Plan 4.3.12)			<p>Lead: JH, BH</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Critique & risk analysis, short note</p> <p>Deadlines: Apr 2013</p> <p>Priority: Low</p> <p>Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		
1.12. Provide basic guidance on the preparation of adaptive harvest guidelines (task identified at TC11)			<p>Lead: BH</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Brief guidance</p> <p>Deadlines: Early 2013</p> <p>Priority: Low</p> <p>Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		

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<p>2. National reporting, Strategic Plan and Aichi targets</p> <p>WG: ML, DS, SN, MM, KM/PC, JYMM, AM, TEH, FK, SD</p>	<p>Each WG member compiles and reviews necessary resources against each task (shares on the TC Workspace); prepares for a workshop at TC11</p>	<p>At a workshop review and discuss all tasks; decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced. Decide on detailed work schedule and deadlines for the delivery of each of them. Draft (and approve) ToRs for the tasks to be outsourced.</p>	<p>Prioritisation, actions, lead, expected outputs and deadlines</p>	<p>Actions tbc</p>	<p>Actions and deadlines tbc</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)</p>
<p>2.1. Revise the national report format and make the necessary adjustments on the basis of received feedback after the MOP5 reporting cycle; address necessary changes following MOP5, amongst others, develop a module for the national report format on the designation and management of important sites for informing the next editions of the Site Network Report⁵ (Resolution 5.2) and reporting framework on</p>			<p>This task will be implemented together with tasks 2.2, 2.5 and 2.6</p> <p>Lead: SD, SN, DS</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Revised National report Format, new separate modules on site networks and population status</p> <p>Deadlines: various by end of 2012</p>	<p>Task to be completed before TC12</p>		

⁵ Task 3.1 of WG3 on International Reviews is dependent on the outputs of the implementation of this task

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climate change adaptation measures ⁶ (Resolution 5.13), as well as reporting requirements spelled out in other MOP5 resolutions ⁷ ; consider harmonisation with the formats of CMS, Ramsar, EU Birds Directive and others, as appropriate (Resolution 4.7)			Priority: Essential Please see Table 2. Planning of activities on tasks 2.1, 2.2, 2.5 and 2.6 (WG2) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)			
2.2. Consider the need for modular approach to national reporting with modules reported at different intervals; synchronise timing with reporting cycles of CMS, Ramsar, EU Birds Directive and others, as appropriate			This task will be implemented together with tasks 2.1, 2.5 and 2.6 Please see Table 2. Planning of activities on tasks 2.1, 2.2, 2.5 and 2.6 (WG2) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)	Task to be completed before TC12		
2.3. Provide input into the Terms of Reference for the development of the Analytical Tool of the Online Reporting System (Resolutions 5.1 & 5.2)			Lead: SD Expected outputs by TC12: ToR Deadlines: dependent on funding availability Priority: Essential	Task to be completed before TC12		

⁶ Linked to WG7 on Climate Change

⁷ This task is dependent on the outputs of WG1 (Lead, hunting and trade), task 1.10.

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			Please see Table 3. Planning of activities on task 2.3 (WG2) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)			
2.4. Determine how to assess progress towards reaching targets 2.4, 3.3, 3.4 and 5.8, elements of targets, 1.2, 2.3 and 4.4, and achieving indicator G10 of the Strategic Plan 2009-2017; review the thresholds of target 4.3 and indicator G8; determine what further data and comprehensive analysis will be needed on target 3.2 and 5.7 (Resolution 5.2)			<p>Lead: AM, SN, ML, CEPA/FK, SD</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Questions for the revised National Report Format, assessment of further relevant information</p> <p>Deadlines: End 2012</p> <p>Priority: Essential</p> <p>Please see Table 4. Planning of activities on task 2.4 (WG2) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	Task to be completed before TC12		
2.5. Consider developing common implementation indicators for AEWA and Ramsar, if appropriate, based, for example on the TEMATEA tool (Resolution 5.19)			<p>This task will be implemented together with tasks 2.1, 2.2 and 2.6</p> <p>Please see Table 2. Planning of activities on tasks 2.1, 2.2, 2.5 and 2.6 (WG2) as decided at TC11</p>	Task to be completed before TC12		

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			(August 2012)			
2.6. Assess progress on issues relevant to the Aichi Targets, and to present triennial assessments of AEWA's contribution to each of the relevant Aichi Targets, elaborating further needs as necessary and appropriate, as an agenda item for each future MOP through to 2020 (Resolution 5.23)			This task will be implemented together with tasks 2.1, 2.2 and 2.5 Please see Table 2. Planning of activities on tasks 2.1, 2.2, 2.5 and 2.6 (WG2) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)	Task to be completed before TC12		

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3. International Reviews WG: DS, HS, SN, JYMM, NC, BH, ArM, SD	Each WG member compiles and reviews necessary resources against each task (shares on the TC Workspace); prepares for a workshop at TC11	At a workshop review and discuss all tasks; decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced. Decide on detailed work schedule and deadlines for the delivery of each of them. Draft (and approve) ToRs for the tasks to be outsourced.	Prioritisation, actions, lead, expected outputs and deadlines	Actions tbc	Actions and deadlines tbc	Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)
3.1. To continue to develop the “ <i>Report on the Site Network for waterbirds in the Agreement area</i> ” ⁸ so as to better reflect information on the management and conservation status of key sites, to further develop ways of summarising this information accessibly (Resolution 5.2) while taking into account reporting needs on the AEWA Strategic Plan and assessment against relevant Aichi targets (Resolution 5.23)			Lead: SN Expected outputs by TC12: draft report and draft resolution Deadlines: various (end of 2012, 2013 and 2014) Priority: Essential Please see Table 5. Planning of activities on task 3.1 (WG3) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		

⁸ This task is dependent on the outputs of WG2 (National Reporting, Strategic Plan and Aichi targets), task 2.1

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<p>3.2. Guide the process of preparation of (1) CSR6, (2) the Review on gaps in knowledge, (3) the Review on preparation and implementation of SSAPs and (4) the Review on non-native species of waterbirds (Action Plan 7.4) while taking into account reporting needs on the AEWA Strategic Plan and assessment against relevant Aichi targets (Resolution 5.23)</p>			<p>Lead: DS (SN, PC)</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: ToRs and draft reports</p> <p>Deadlines: various (2012 and 2013)</p> <p>Priority: Overall high (reports in order of priority: CSR6, SSAPs, non-natives, gaps in knowledge)</p> <p>Please see Table 6. Planning of activities on task 3.2 (WG3) as decided at TC11 (August 2012).</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		

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<p>4. Waterbird monitoring</p> <p>WG: SN, DS, EO, HA, SS, SJ, JYMM, PT, BH, TEH, SD</p>	<p>Each WG member compiles and reviews necessary resources against each task (shares on the TC Workspace); prepares for a workshop at TC11</p>	<p>At a workshop review and discuss all tasks; decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced. Decide on detailed work schedule and deadlines for the delivery of each of them. Draft (and approve) ToRs for the tasks to be outsourced.</p>	<p>Prioritisation, actions, lead, expected outputs and deadlines</p>	<p>Actions tbc</p>	<p>Actions and deadlines tbc</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)</p>
<p>4.1. Provide additional guidance to the Parties on how to ensure that populations are covered by international monitoring schemes which are appropriate both in their scopes and methods to produce reliable international population size and trend estimates, including monitoring of seabirds and colonial breeding waterbirds⁹ (Resolution 5.2)</p>			<p>Lead: SN</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Info doc (poss. Annex to CSR6)</p> <p>Deadlines: mid 2013</p> <p>Priority: Essential</p> <p>Please see Table 7. Planning of activities on task 4.1 (WG4) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		

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<p><i>4.2. Develop Conservation Guidelines¹⁰ in order to provide guidance to the Parties on how to develop individual monitoring programmes which are appropriate in their scope and methods to obtain reliable estimates of population sizes and trends of waterbird populations breeding or wintering in their territories while striving towards a harmonised methodology (Resolution 5.2)</i></p>			<p>Lead: SN (JYMM, PT) + contractor</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Info doc (poss. Annex to CSR6)</p> <p>Deadlines: various 2013 and 2014</p> <p>Priority: Essential</p> <p>Please see Table 8. Planning of activities on task 4.2 (WG4) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		
<p>4.3. Identify priorities for the systematic development of waterbird monitoring, in order to reach the target of a 50% increase by 2017 in the number of populations whose status is assessed on the basis of regular monitoring data, as per the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017, taking into account the conservation status of the populations, their geographic representativeness and</p>			<p>Lead: SN</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Info doc (poss. Annex to CSR6)</p> <p>Deadlines: mid 2014</p> <p>Priority: Essential</p> <p>Please see Table 9. Planning of activities on task 4.3 (WG4) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		

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other factors (Resolution 5.2)						
4.4. Work with the Waterbird Monitoring Partnership to make progress towards the monitoring related targets of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017 and to report to MOP6 and, if required, to propose this issue to be revisited at MOP6 with the aim to secure a long-term, sustainable solution for international waterbird monitoring (Resolution 5.22)			<p>Lead: SN</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Info doc and draft resolution</p> <p>Deadlines: mid 2014</p> <p>Priority: Low</p> <p>Please see Table 10. Planning of activities on task 4.4 (WG4) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		

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5. CEPA & Communication Strategy WG: CEPA, HA, HS, EO, DS, NC, PT, FK, SD	Each WG member compiles and reviews necessary resources against each task (shares on the TC Workspace); prepares for a workshop at TC11	At a workshop review and discuss all tasks; decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced. Decide on detailed work schedule and deadlines for the delivery of each of them. Draft (and approve) ToRs for the tasks to be outsourced.	Prioritisation, actions, lead, expected outputs and deadlines	Actions tbc	Actions and deadlines tbc	Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)
5.1. Provide advice and prioritisation on the ongoing implementation of the Communication Strategy (Resolution 5.5)			Activity: follow the prioritisation of CS as defined in the Strategic Plan 2009-2017 Deadlines: Continuous Priority: Low			
5.2. Guide and support the revision process for the Communication Strategy (Resolution 5.5)			Lead: CEPA/FK Expected outputs by TC12: draft revised Communication Strategy Deadlines: mid 2014	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		

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			<p>Priority: Essential</p> <p>Please see Table 11. Planning of activities on task 5.2 (WG5) as decided at TC11 (August 2012).</p>			
<p>5.3. Engage in the future implementation of the Global Interflyway Network (GIN) (task identified at TC11)</p>			<p>Lead: CEPA/FK</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: various</p> <p>Deadlines: Continuous</p> <p>Priority: Low</p> <p>Please see Table 12. Planning of activities on task 5.3 (WG5) as decided at TC11 (August 2012).</p>			

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<p>6. Conservation Guidelines¹¹</p> <p>WG: MB, HS, EO, HA, ML, NC, BH, AM, CL, SD</p>	<p>Each WG member compiles and reviews necessary resources against each task (shares on the TC Workspace); prepares for a workshop at TC11</p>	<p>At a workshop review and discuss all tasks; decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced. Decide on detailed work schedule and deadlines for the delivery of each of them. Draft (and approve) ToRs for the tasks to be outsourced.</p>	<p>Prioritisation, actions, lead, expected outputs and deadlines</p>	<p>Actions tbc</p>	<p>Actions and deadlines tbc</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)</p>
<p>6.1. Undertake a critical review of the style and format of AEWA's Conservation Guidelines, <i>inter alia</i> considering some existing issues¹² and to make recommendations to the Standing Committee prior to developing further guidance in the current format for consideration (Resolution 5.10)</p>			<p>Lead: DS, MB</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: guide to guidelines, focal points feedback report</p> <p>Deadlines: mid 2013</p> <p>Priority: Essential</p>	<p>Task to be completed before TC12</p>		

¹¹ Actions related to AEWA Conservation Guidelines will be also dealt with by WG1 (tasks [1.1] and 1.2), WG4 (tasks [4.1] and 4.2), WG7 (task [7.3]), WG8 (task 8.2), WG9 (task [9.2]) and WG10 (tasks 10.1a and 10.1b)

¹² (1) the merits or otherwise of shorter information notes that might be easier to translate into local languages; (2) the need to target different styles or types of guidance to different audiences (e.g. government policy makers, wetland managers, other relevant stakeholders or user groups); (3) the merits or otherwise of regionally specific guidance; (4) knowledge of the extent of use of the existing guidelines and implications for the dissemination of guidance; and (5) the potential value of a 'guidance to guidance' format as has been developed by the Ramsar Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel.

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			Please see Table 13. Planning of activities on task 6.1 (WG6) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)			
6.2. Assess the guidelines prepared so far under Action Plan paragraph 7.3 and identify the need for the development of new ones and update of the current ones while taking into account the related tasks of WGs 1 & 4 (Action Plan 7.6)			Lead: DS, MB Expected outputs by TC12: list of guidelines reviewed and new guidelines needed Deadlines: mid 2013 Priority: Essential Please see Table 14. Planning of activities on task 6.2 (WG6) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)	Task to be completed before TC12		
6.3. Prepare the Terms of Reference for the revision of CGs No.1 on national SSAPs (Resolution 5.3 & IIT No. 29)			Lead: BH, NC Expected outputs by TC12: ToR Deadlines: end 2012 Priority: Low	Task to be completed before TC12		

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
<p>6.4. Finalise the guidelines on <i>Hunting and trade legislation</i>¹³, including a synthesis of existing migratory waterbird conservation legislation and measures currently in place within Contracting Parties and to present the guidelines to MOP6 for consideration and to propose procedures through which they may be kept up-to-date and thus continue to reflect best and current practice after MOP6 (Resolution 5.25)</p>			<p>Lead: CL, ML</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: draft Conservation Guidelines</p> <p>Deadlines: mid 2014</p> <p>Priority: Essential</p> <p>Please see Table 15. Planning of activities on task 6.4 (WG6) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		

¹³ Separate draft guidelines on *Hunting and trade legislation* do not exist, but both issues have been covered in the draft Conservation Guidelines on National Legislation for the Protection of Migratory Waterbirds and Their Habitats which CG will need to be finalised for submission to the MOP.

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
7. Climate change WG: DS, MM, LS, SS, PT, SD	Each WG member compiles and reviews necessary resources against each task (shares on the TC Workspace); prepares for a workshop at TC11	At a workshop review and discuss all tasks; decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced. Decide on detailed work schedule and deadlines for the delivery of each of them. Draft (and approve) ToRs for the tasks to be outsourced.	Prioritisation, actions, lead, expected outputs and deadlines	Actions tbc	Actions and deadlines tbc	Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)
<i>7.1. Review and summarise, with contributions from the National TC Focal Points, relevant studies and policies related to climate change and migratory waterbird conservation and management, especially with respect to the creation and management of networks of protected and managed sites and other adequately managed sites, and to bring such an overview to MOP6 (Resolution 5.13)</i>			Lead: MB, DS Expected outputs by TC12: various Deadlines: mid 2014 Priority: High Please see Table 16. Planning of activities on task 7.1 (WG7) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		
<i>7.2. Prepare the Terms of</i>			Lead: SN	Review and adopt		

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
<p><i>Reference for the project on identification of important sites vulnerable to climate change (Resolution 5.3 & IIT No. 4)</i></p>			<p>Expected outputs by TC12: various</p> <p>Deadlines: mid 2014</p> <p>Priority: Other</p> <p>Please see Table 17. Planning of activities on task 7.2 (WG7) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>	<p>outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		
<p>7.3. Work collaboratively with both the Ramsar STRP and the CMS ScC, on issues of common concern related to impacts of climate change on wetlands and their dependent migratory waterbirds so as to develop common guidance¹⁴ for the Contracting Parties, whenever possible (Resolution 5.13)</p>			<p>The implementation of this task will be undertaken in the framework of tasks 7.1 and 7.2</p> <p>Please see Table 16. Planning of activities on task 7.1 (WG7) as decided at TC11 (August 2012) and Table 17. Planning of activities on task 7.2 (WG7) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>			

¹⁴ If fully-fledged Conservation Guidelines are to be produced, their format will be dependent on the outputs of WG6 (Conservation Guidelines), task 6.1.

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
<p>8. Renewable energy and migratory waterbirds</p> <p>WG: SJ, SS, MB, NC, BH, TEH, SD</p>	<p>Each WG member compiles and reviews necessary resources against each task (shares on the TC Workspace); prepares for a workshop at TC11</p>	<p>At a workshop review and discuss all tasks; decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced. Decide on detailed work schedule and deadlines for the delivery of each of them. Draft (and approve) ToRs for the tasks to be outsourced.</p>	<p>Prioritisation, actions, lead, expected outputs and deadlines</p>	<p>Actions tbc</p>	<p>Actions and deadlines tbc</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)</p>
<p><i>8.1. Identify, in liaison with relevant industry bodies and other interested parties, key knowledge gaps and/or deficiencies in guidance related to the impact of renewable energy production and migratory waterbirds, and make proposals as to how these might most effectively be filled (Resolution 5.16)</i></p>			<p>Action: Finalise the ToR and outsource to a contractor (funding permitting)</p> <p>Lead: SJ, SD</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: ToR + gap analysis report</p> <p>Deadlines: end 2012, mid 2014</p> <p>Priority: Medium</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		
<p>8.2. Prepare the Terms of Reference for the preparation of guidelines</p>			<p>Action: provide input into the ToR for the joint CMS family-</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to</p>		



Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
on avoiding/mitigating the impacts of wind energy developments on waterbirds ¹⁵ (Resolution 5.3 & IIT No. 12)			IRENA project Lead: SD Expected outputs by TC12: ToR Deadlines: Done Priority: n/a	MOP6, as appropriate		

¹⁵ The format is dependent on the outputs of WG6 (Conservation Guidelines), task 6.1.

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
<p>9. Disturbance</p> <p>WG: LS, JYMM, MB, MM, DS, BH, ArM, JH, SD</p>	<p>Each WG member compiles and reviews necessary resources against each task (shares on the TC Workspace); prepares for a workshop at TC11</p>	<p>At a workshop review and discuss all tasks; decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced. Decide on detailed work schedule and deadlines for the delivery of each of them. Draft (and approve) ToRs for the tasks to be outsourced.</p>	<p>Prioritisation, actions, lead, expected outputs and deadlines</p>	<p>Actions tbc</p>	<p>Actions and deadlines tbc</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)</p>
<p>9.1. Elaborate definitions, to be proposed to the MOP, of the terms "disturbance" and the "significant" nature of any disturbance that may negatively affect the conservation of waterbirds, at the individual and population levels, in the context of applying the AEWA Action Plan (Resolution 5.24)</p>			<p>Lead: TEH</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: Proposals for definitions with justifications</p> <p>Deadlines: end 2012</p> <p>Priority: Essential</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		
<p><i>9.2. Prepare the Terms of Reference for commissioning (1) a synthesis of scientific knowledge of disturbance,</i></p>			<p>Lead: BH</p> <p>Expected outputs by TC12: ToR + synthesis report +</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersession al tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
<p><i>including activities that are significant and widespread sources of disturbance, and dealing both with the effects of disturbance and with the possible mechanisms of adaptation, mitigation and compensation, and where relevant, summarising those studies that have evaluated the short-term effects of disturbance and its long-term impact on bird productivity and survival, both at the individual and population levels, as well as (2) simple but comprehensive guidance¹⁶ on the management of disturbance in a form that may be widely translated and disseminated, and submit the synthesis and the guidance to MOP6 for consideration (Resolution 5.24)</i></p>			<p>guidance</p> <p>Deadlines: end 2012, end 2013</p> <p>Priority: Essential</p> <p>Please see Table 18. Planning of activities on task 9.2 (WG9) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>			

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Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
<p>10. Emerging issues</p> <p>WG: All</p>	<p>Each WG member compiles and reviews necessary resources against each task (shares on the TC Workspace); prepares for a workshop at TC11</p>	<p>At a workshop review and discuss all tasks; decide which are to be fulfilled by the WG and which are to be outsourced. Decide on detailed work schedule and deadlines for the delivery of each of them. Draft (and approve) ToRs for the tasks to be outsourced.</p>	<p>Prioritisation, actions, lead, expected outputs and deadlines</p>	<p>Actions tbc</p>	<p>Actions and deadlines tbc</p>	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)</p>
<p>10.1. Extractive industries:</p> <p>a. work with the Ramsar STRP and other interested parties to develop guidance¹⁷ for assessing the significance of cumulative impacts of multiple wetland losses along species' flyways, and the implications for EIA, SEA and other assessment processes (Resolution 5.14)</p> <p>b. working with the Ramsar STRP to finalise the <i>Guide</i></p>			<p>10.1.a. Action: Provide a discussion paper for Ramsar STRP</p> <p>Lead: DS</p> <p>Expected outputs: discussion paper</p> <p>Deadlines: Jan 2013</p> <p>Priority: High</p> <p>10.1.b & c. Action:</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate</p>		

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<p><i>to Guidance on Extractive Industries</i>¹⁸ and to disseminate this to Contracting Parties (Resolution 5.14, Resolution 5.3 & IIT No. 11)</p> <p>c. continue to collaborate with the Ramsar STRP on these issues, in particular jointly working with other interested organisations to further develop geospatial analytical tools for identifying those areas where potential conflicts may arise regarding impacts of extractive industry processes on wetlands of importance for migratory waterbirds (Resolution 5.14)</p>			<p>Review existing drafts</p> <p>Lead: DS</p> <p>Expected outputs: identification of next steps</p> <p>Deadlines: end 2012</p> <p>Priority: High</p>			
<p>10.2. Power lines: monitor the implementation of Resolution 5.11 in consultation with the CMS ScC which is in charge of monitoring the CMS Resolution 10.11 and to provide further guidance when relevant new developments on reducing the impact of power lines</p>			<p>Action: Disseminate case studies of implementation of the guidelines to be collated through the revised NRF (add questions)</p> <p>Lead: SJ, SD</p> <p>Expected outputs by</p>	<p>Task to be completed before TC12</p>		

¹⁸ The format is dependent on the outputs of WG6 (Conservation Guidelines), task 6.1.

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on birds become available, such as improved mitigation techniques (Resolution 5.11)			<p>TC12: new questions for the NRF</p> <p>Deadlines: early 2013</p> <p>Priority: High</p>			
<p>10.3. Poisoning & agrochemicals: collaborate with the CMS Scientific Council Working Group on poisoning of migratory birds, on issues of mutual concern (Resolution 5.12)</p>			<p>Action: the Secretariat to maintain involvement in the CMS ScC WG on poisoning and keep the TC informed.</p> <p>Provide a short summary on the Workspace of the AEWA activities so far related to poisoning</p> <p>Lead: SD, NC</p> <p>Expected outputs: as per the objectives of the CMS ScC WG</p> <p>Deadlines: Continuous</p> <p>Priority: High</p>			
<p>10.4. Regional multi- species declines: explore how multi-species and regional-scale declines</p>			<p>Action: Secretariat to advance the development of the multi-species action</p>	<p>Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as</p>		

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
(such as Baltic seaducks) might be addressed through a combination of appropriate national and international measures (Resolution 5.6)			<p>plan for Southern African seabirds</p> <p>Compile a short review on the approaches used in addressing such declines and the pre-conditions for each approach</p> <p>Lead: SD, DS</p> <p>Expected outputs: Draft multi-species AP, short review</p> <p>Deadlines: end 2014, end 2013</p> <p>Priority: High / Medium</p>	appropriate		
<p>10.5. Taxonomy & nomenclature: as a follow up of the work on this issues in 2009-2012, contribute to the CMS ScC intersessional work on bird taxonomy and nomenclature (Resolution 4.11) (<u>carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012</u>)</p>			<p>Action: Secretariat to participate in the CMS Scientific Council process and keep the TC informed</p> <p>Lead: SD</p> <p>Expected outputs: proposal to MOP6</p> <p>Deadlines: end 2014 (dependent on the CMS COP11</p>	Review and adopt outputs for submission to MOP6, as appropriate		

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
			<p>outcomes)</p> <p>Priority: High</p>			
<p>10.6. Breeding & pre-nuptial migration periods: continue providing relevant information on African species, as mentioned in Appendix 1 of Resolution 5.10, as knowledge of these improves through the implementation of the Action Plan for Africa and bring elaborated guidance to a future session of the Meeting of the Parties (Resolution 5.10)</p>			<p>Action: In case of new information emerges, pass it on to the CPs</p> <p>Lead: n/a</p> <p>Expected outputs: n/a</p> <p>Deadlines: Continuous</p> <p>Priority: Low</p>			
<p>10.7. Invasive aquatic weeds: Compile a guide to the available guidelines on the issue (carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012)</p>			<p>Action: Compile together with the Ramsar STRP a joint guide to guidelines</p> <p>Lead: DS</p> <p>Expected outputs: draft guide</p> <p>Deadlines: end 2013</p> <p>Priority: Low</p>			
<p>10.8. Traditional knowledge and harvest:</p>			<p>Action: Share the draft review again on</p>			

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
finalise the delayed review on this issue (<u>carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012</u>)			<p>the Workspace, next steps to be identified</p> <p>Lead: SD</p> <p>Expected outputs: next steps identified</p> <p>Deadlines: early 2013</p> <p>Priority: Low</p>			
<p>10.9. Emerging diseases: to participate in the new CMS ScC WG on wildlife diseases (<u>carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012</u>)</p>			<p>Action: Keep participation in the CMS ScC WG and report back to the TC</p> <p>Lead: DS, Secretariat</p> <p>Expected outputs: n/a</p> <p>Deadlines: Continuous</p> <p>Priority: Low</p>			
<p>10.10. Consumptive harvest and sustainability: to check with FAO about their review of consumptive hunting (<u>carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012</u>)</p>			<p>This task will be implemented through task 1.7</p> <p>Please see Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)</p>			

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
<p>10.11. Seabird bycatch¹⁹: to establish and maintain contact with ACAP, BirdLife Seabird Programme, Albatross Task Force (<u>carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012</u>)</p>			<p>Action: Share info on the Workspace about ACAP and the BirdLife ATF</p> <p>Lead: NC</p> <p>Expected outputs: n/a</p> <p>Deadlines: early 2013</p> <p>Priority: Low</p>			
<p>10.12. Transnational corporations: To establish contact with them (awareness raising, fundraising) (<u>carried over from Work Plan 2009-2012</u>)</p>			<p>Action: Undertake a discussion on the Workspace and start establishing contacts (take note of the Ramsar resolution on responsible investments and the existing partnerships of Wetlands Int and BirdLife Int with corporations)</p> <p>Lead: DS</p> <p>Expected outputs: established communication</p> <p>Deadlines: 2013</p>			

¹⁹ Other considerations: broaden the scope of this point to other seabird-related issues; check what has not been covered yet by others



Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
			Priority: Medium			

Issue/Working Group ¹	Intersessional tasks	11 th TC meeting (27-30 Aug 2012)	Intersessional tasks	12 th TC meeting (second half 2014 - tbc)	Intersessional tasks	MOP6 (mid / second half 2015 - tbc)
<p>11. Habitat loss & degradation (to be jointly established with the Ramsar STRP)</p> <p>WG: <u>DS</u> & <u>ND</u> + all</p>		Proposed at TC11	<p>Action: establish the joint WG and identify its tasks to be incorporated into the current TC and STRP work plans</p> <p>Lead: DS & ND</p> <p>Deadlines: early 2013</p> <p>Priority: High</p>	Actions tbc	Actions and deadlines tbc	<p>Submit final outputs for approval by MOP6 after they were signed-off by the StC</p> <p>Deadline: 180 days before MOP5 (<i>applies to the submission, not the actual finalisation of the document(s)</i>)</p>

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CEPA	CEPA expert (tbi)	(<u>5</u> , 10)
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EO	Erasmus Owusu	(4, 5, 6, 10)
FK	Florian Keil	(2, 5, 10)
HA	Hichem Azafzaf	(4, 5, 6, 10)
HS	Hussein Sosovele	(3, 5, 6, 10)
JCV	Jean-Christophe Vie	(10)
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JYMM	Jean-Yves Mondain-Monval	(<u>1</u> , 2, 3, 4, 9, 10)
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²⁰ Bold and underlined – chairing the respective Working Group

Table 1. Planning of Working Group 1 activities as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Issue	Key tasks	Description	Priority	TC WP tasks	Deadlines	Lead	WG Members	Links to other tasks	Expected output	Funding	Other links	Other comments
Sustainable Harvest	Define the various modes of taking	The production of a concept note will form the basis of the other harvest related tasks.	High	1.2 & 1.7	November 2012	AM	JYMM		Concept note	No		
	Prepare a ToR to produce guidance on sustainable harvest for the various modes		High	1.2	December 2012	AM	JYMM	1.1; 1.8; 1.9; 10.6; 10.8	ToR			The Guidelines will need to address issues raised in the other TC tasks
	<i>Develop AEWA Conservation Guidelines on Sustainable Harvesting</i>	<i>Follows from ToR</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>Early 2014</i>	<i>Contractor</i>	<i>AM, JYMM</i>	<i>1.1; 1.8; 1.9; 10.6; 10.8</i>	<i>Conservation Guideline/s</i>	<i>Yes</i>		
	Prepare a ToR for a project to improve knowledge of waterbird harvest in the AEWA Area		High	1.7	January 2013	AM	JYMM	1.4; 2.6; 10.10	ToR	No		The Report will need to address issues raised in the other TC tasks
	<i>Report on the</i>	<i>Follows from</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>Mid 2014</i>	<i>Contractor</i>	<i>AM,</i>	<i>1.4;</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Yes</i>		

Issue	Key tasks	Description	Priority	TC WP tasks	Deadlines	Lead	WG Members	Links to other tasks	Expected output	Funding	Other links	Other comments
	<i>knowledge of waterbird harvest in the AEWA Region</i>	<i>ToR</i>					<i>JYMM</i>	<i>2.6; 10.10</i>				
Population Approach	Examine which populations in Europe would require a population approach	This essentially looks at huntable species with populations that have different conservation status within a country - the list will be confined to Europe, as it is data rich	Medium	1.5	February 2013	SD	AM		List & short note	No		
Adaptive Harvest	Provide basic guidance on the preparation of adaptive harvest guidelines	based on current Pink-footed Goose Management Plan	Low	1.12	Early 2013	BH		1.2	Brief Guidance	No		Will link to Harvest Guidelines
Look-alike species	Provide guidance on a species-by-species basis to the Parties on how to deal with look-alike	Produce a list of species where this could be an issue and collate some current practices	Low	1.1	Mid 2013	LS	AM	1.2	List & examples	No		not a major priority as TC felt much of this should be captured in SSAPs . Work from here will go

Issue	Key tasks	Description	Priority	TC WP tasks	Deadlines	Lead	WG Members	Links to other tasks	Expected output	Funding	Other links	Other comments
	species with regard to hunting											into 1.2
Derogations	Provide guidance concerning measures that should be taken in order to prevent exemptions listed in AP paragraph 2.1.3		Low	1.6	April 2013	AM	ML	1.2; 6.4	Note			
Lead	Examine potential problems, for waterbirds, of lead in terrestrial ecosystems	BH will provide a list of species which may be affected	Low	1.3	April 2013	BH			List & short note	No	Most of this work will be informed by the CMS WG on Poisoning	
	Reporting on national knowledge regarding lead in fishing weights	Develop question to be included in the National Report Format (NRF)	Low	1.10a	Done	PC			Questions	No		The Group provided PC with key questions which will be incorporated into the revised NRF
	Reporting on national knowledge	Develop question to be included in the	Low	1.10b	October 2012	BH			Questions	No		



Issue	Key tasks	Description	Priority	TC WP tasks	Deadlines	Lead	WG Members	Links to other tasks	Expected output	Funding	Other links	Other comments
	regarding the phasing out of lead	NRF - more detailed questions to be proposed by BH										
	Lead fishing weights	Review the existing report	low	1.11	April 2013	JH			Critique & Risk analysis	No	Link findings to the CMS WG on Poisoning, to take place in June 2013	
		Provide further documentation on the nature & scale of effects of lead fishing weights on water birds in the AEWA region	low	1.11	April 2013	BH			Short Note	No	Link findings to the CMS WG on Poisoning, to take place in June 2013	

Table 2. Planning of activities on tasks 2.1, 2.2, 2.5 and 2.6 (WG2) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 2.1, 2.2, 2.5, 2.6	
Task description	Revision of National Report Format
Priority	Essential (finalized revised version to be made available to the CPs by end of 2013)
Task lead person	Initial work led primarily by Secretariat.
Working Group members involved	All
Type of product/output(s)	New/revised questions to be included in report format; separate modules for site networks and population status.
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	Yes, certain questions to come from task 2.4, as well as other WGs - E.g. Climate Change WG (questions on climate change adaptation measures); Lead, Hunting & Trade WG (questions on lead shot & lead fishing weights); International Review WG (questions on non-native species).
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	No (unless questions need to be reviewed by a consultant).
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Adjustments on basis of received feedback after MOP5 [Task 2.1]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secretariat to consolidate feedback of CPs & WCMC and provide this, along with proposals for amendments to questions, to the WG for further consideration. (September 2012) - Secretariat to provide WG with list of questions in current report format. (September 2012) •Incorporate reporting requirements from various MOP5 resolutions [Task 2.1]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secretariat to review MOP5 resolutions for reporting requirements and make this information available to the WG for consideration of how the reporting format might be amended to reflect these. (September 2012) - (DS) This process is to include consideration of the need for revised/additional questions to assess AEWA's contribution to the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets (answers to be used in compiling an assessment to be presented at MOP6) [Task 2.6]. - Work of other WGs to feed into this process. •Modular approach to national reporting [Task 2.2]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SN, DS & Secretariat to develop modules on (i) Site networks (module to be prepared by end of

	<p>2012 so as to be used in this reporting cycle); (ii) Population status (need not be launched this reporting cycle).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Harmonization with formats of CMS, Ramsar, EU Birds Directive etc (including common implementation indicators, where appropriate, for AEWA and Ramsar). [Tasks 2.1 & 2.5]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for inter-secretariat coordination.
<p>Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>Coordination in revision of reporting formats; alignment of questions where appropriate.</p>
<p>Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>Coordination in revision of reporting formats; alignment of questions where appropriate.</p>
<p>Additional comments/information</p>	

Table 3. Planning of activities on task 2.3 (WG2) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 2.3	
Task description	Drafting ToR for development of Analytical Tool of the Online Reporting System.
Priority	Essential
Task lead person	Secretariat
Working Group members involved	All
Type of product/output(s)	ToR
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	No.
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	No funds required for completion of this TC task (though funding will be required for development of Analytical Tool itself).
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	Once funding for development of the tool has been secured, the Secretariat will produce draft ToR in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC. This draft will be posted on the TC Workspace for comments and finalization by WG2.
Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?	Possibility of developing tool that can be used by a number of MEAs (which share cost of development)?
Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?	Possibility of developing tool that can be used by a number of MEAs (which share cost of development)?
Additional comments/information	

Table 4. Planning of activities on task 2.4 (WG2) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 2.4	
Task description	Assessment of progress towards meeting targets of the Strategic Plan
Priority	Essential (especially for those parts of the task feeding into revision of national report format)
Task lead person	Sub-tasks delegated to AM, SN, ML, CEPA Expert/FK, and Secretariat.
Working Group members involved	All.
Type of product/output(s)	New/revised questions for national report format; assessment of relevant materials (described below) to determine progress towards relevant SP targets.
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	No.
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	No.
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	<p><u>How to assess progress towards targets 2.4, 3.3, 3.4 & 5.8:</u></p> <p>Target 2.4 – AM to draft questions on enforcement of legally binding best practice standards - to be included in national report format. (Deadline: end of 2012)</p> <p>Target 3.3 – Secretariat to draft questions on establishment of research programmes that support implementation of waterbird conservation priorities - to be included in national report format. (Deadline: end of 2012)</p> <p>Target 3.4 – Secretariat to review material on www.conservatoinevidence.com for best practices on waterbird conservation programmes.</p> <p>Target 5.8 – Secretariat to assess resolutions of, and MoCs etc with, other biodiversity MEAs to assess whether these recognize the effectiveness of AEWA as an indicator for sustaining biodiversity on a global level.</p> <p><u>How to assess progress towards elements of targets 1.2, 2.3 & 4.4, and indicator G10:</u></p> <p>Target 1.2 – SN to draft questions on resilience of protected and managed sites to climate change - to be included in national report format. (Deadline: end of 2012)</p> <p>Target 2.3 – ML to draft questions on use of poisoned baits and non-selective methods of taking - to be</p>

	<p>included in national report format. (Deadline: end of 2012)</p> <p>Target 4.1 – No need to address before next MOP.</p> <p>Indicator G10 – Decided not to provide further guidance on this indicator.</p> <p><u>Whether to raise thresholds for target 4.3 and indicator G8:</u></p> <p>Target 4.3 – CEPA expert/FK to draft questions to obtain more detailed information from CPs concerning awareness programmes - to be included in national report format. (Deadline: end of 2012)</p> <p>Indicator G8 – No need to raise threshold.</p> <p><u>What further data and analysis will be needed on targets 3.2 and 5.7:</u></p> <p>Target 3.2 – SN to refer this issue to the monitoring working group (likely to result in questions to be included in national report format).</p> <p>Target 5.7 – Secretariat to provide description of what constitutes model coordination mechanism to be included in national report format. (Deadline: end of 2012)</p>
<p>Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>Should bear in mind desirability of aligning relevant questions in the respective reporting formats for Ramsar and AEWA.</p>
<p>Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>Should bear in mind desirability of aligning relevant questions in the respective reporting formats of CMS and AEWA.</p>
<p>Additional comments/information</p>	

Table 5. Planning of activities on task 3.1 (WG3) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 3.1 Report on the Site Network for waterbirds in the Agreement Area	
Task description	To continue to develop the “Report on the Site Network for waterbirds in the Agreement area” so as to better reflect information on the management and conservation status of key sites, to further develop ways of summarising this information accessibly (Resolution 5.2) while taking into account reporting needs on the AEWA Strategic Plan and assessment against relevant Aichi targets (Resolution 5.23)
Priority	Essential (highest priority)
Task lead person	Szabolcs Nagy
Working Group members involved	All
Type of product/output(s)	Finalised report and draft Resolution for MoP 5
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	Draft report already prepared
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	Yes: Wetlands International
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the existing draft report considering scope for presentational and methodological improvements, <i>inter alia</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • presentation style; • story-lines (key messages); • which a) habitats, and b) species on which to focus; and • treatment of turnover. Timetable: by the end of 2012 2. Undertake consultation with Contracting Parties in relation to data on sites, including management at sites. Consultation in early 2013, giving time for several rounds of chasing. Timetable: during 2013. 3. Revise report for consultation with TC12 and for submission to MoP6. Timetable: during 2014.



Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?	Key messages on sites have scope for reporting to CoP 12 in some form.
Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?	Highly relevant to CMS Climate Change Resolution
Additional comments/information	

Table 6. Planning of activities on task 3.2 (WG3) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 3.2 International reviews	
Task description	Guide the process of preparation of (1) <i>Conservation Status Review 6 (CSR6)</i> , (2) the <i>Review on gaps in knowledge</i> , (3) the <i>Review on preparation and implementation of SSAPs</i> and (4) the <i>Review on non-native species of waterbirds</i> (Action Plan 7.4) while taking into account reporting needs on the AEWA Strategic Plan and assessment against relevant Aichi targets (Resolution 5.23)
Priority	Priority by review: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Conservation Status Review 6</i> (highest) 2. <i>Review on preparation and implementation of SSAPs</i> 3. <i>Review on non-native species of waterbirds</i> 4. <i>Review on gaps in knowledge</i> (lowest)
Task lead person	DS
Working Group members involved	All
Type of product/output(s)	Reports to MoP6
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	No
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	Yes – CSR6 (Wetlands International); other reviews to be tendered
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	<i>Conservation Status Review 6</i> 2012: Discuss potential scope for improvements in style and format on the Workspace (all) 2013: Develop time-line for delivery of draft and final products once date for MoP 6 is known (Wetlands International)

	<p>Review on non-native species of waterbirds</p> <p>Unlikely that there will be scope to repeat the previous assessment undertake for MoP3. Approach should be to focus on key problems and species that are known to be issues (e.g. Ruddy Duck, Sacred Ibis etc.). There is potential for the national report to deliver much of the content of such a report if questions correctly focused.</p> <p>2012: WCMC to review ToR for review (before October?).</p> <p>2013: Collaborative work on proposed STRP guidance on IAS for wetland managers.</p> <p>Review on preparation and implementation of SSAPs</p> <p>There is clearly scope for co-ordination (and potentially cost-sharing with regard to review processes) between AEWA SS Action Planning and that undertaken by the EU, CMS and the Berne Convention.</p> <p>2012: Draft an AEWA vision of how a common assessment process for single species action plans might work and circulate to the EU, CMS and the Berne Convention to try to promote a common vision. Note opportunity to raise the issue with EU at Ornith Committee on 4 October. (Action - DAS)</p> <p>2013: If possible agree a common assessment framework and implement via SSAP Working Groups and Contracting Parties as appropriate. Draw data and information from existing processes.</p> <p>2013: Review need for stand-alone review of SSAP early in 2013 in the light of potential collaboration</p> <p>Review on gaps in knowledge</p> <p>2012: Existing Terms of Reference exist – circulate on Workspace for comment and development (Wetlands International).</p> <p>2013: Compile short and simple review of gaps using the considerable information that already exists in previous reviews and Resolutions.</p>
<p>Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>Potential for collaborative work on proposed STRP guidance on IAS for wetland managers.</p> <p>“Development of a guide to guidance and available information related to alien invasive species in wetlands, for wetland managers and policy-makers. Outcomes/outputs: STRP Briefing Note & COP12 Information Paper”</p>
<p>Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working</p>	<p>Possible shared review of implementation of Single Species Action Plans for birds with CMS</p>



potential?	
Additional comments/information	

Table 7. Planning of activities on task 4.1 (WG4) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 4.1 Provide additional guidance to the Parties on how to ensure that populations are covered by international monitoring schemes which are appropriate both in their scopes and methods to produce reliable international population size and trend estimates, including monitoring of seabirds and colonial breeding waterbirds	
Task description	This task focuses on identifying what are the most suitable monitoring methods for each AEWA populations to produce reliable population size and trend estimates.
Priority	Essential
Task lead person	SN
Working Group members involved	All
Type of product/output(s)	Information document (possibly Annex to CSR6)
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	No
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	No
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	SN to produce a draft table with proposed methods for each AEWA populations in first Q of 2013 WG members to review and comment in the second Q of 2013 (This product is to inform the data analysis for the CSR6 to be started in early 2014. Furthermore, it will be the basis for 4.2 and 4.3).
Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?	None
Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?	
Additional comments/information	

Table 8. Planning of activities on task 4.2 (WG4) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 4.2 Develop Conservation Guidelines²¹ in order to provide guidance to the Parties on how to develop individual monitoring programmes which are appropriate in their scope and methods to obtain reliable estimates of population sizes and trends of waterbird populations breeding or wintering in their territories while striving towards a harmonised methodology (Resolution 5.2)	
Task description	This task focuses on promoting the most suitable monitoring methods for each AEWA populations to AEWA Range States that can contribute to producing reliable population size and trend estimates.
Priority	Essential
Task lead person	SN
Working Group members involved	All
Type of product/output(s)	Information document (possibly Annex to CSR6)
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	4.1
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	c. € 10,000
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	SN to collate an overview of existing relevant international waterbird monitoring schemes, their guidance documents and technical leads in Q2 of 2013 WG members to review and add international schemes missing from SN's review SN to finalise guide to guidance document JYMM and PT to translate into French (Russian ? Arabic?) WG to identify existing thematic and geographic gaps Consultant/interested organisations to develop additional guidance for methods without international scheme
Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?	None

²¹ The format is dependent on the outputs of WG6 (Conservation Guidelines), task 6.1.



Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?	None
Additional comments/information	None

Table 9. Planning of activities on task 4.3 (WG4) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 4.3. Identify priorities for the systematic development of waterbird monitoring, in order to reach the target of a 50% increase by 2017 in the number of populations whose status is assessed on the basis of regular monitoring data, as per the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017, taking into account the conservation status of the populations, their geographic representativeness and other factors (Resolution 5.2)	
Task description	This task will analyse where to focus efforts strategically to reach the target mentioned in the name.
Priority	Essential
Task lead person	SN
Working Group members involved	All
Type of product/output(s)	Information document (possibly Annex to CSR6)
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	4.1 to be completed Info from the population status info provided in the national reports for MOP5 and from Birds in Europe 3
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	No
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	SN to update quality codes for population size and trends for each population as part of the CSR6 process and identify populations which size and trend estimates are not yet based on monitoring. (Q2 of 2014) Regional Reps in the WG to identify relevant capacity building schemes in their region and the populations affected by them Pay special attention to the monitoring status of species of Global Conservation Concerns. Compile proposed priorities and agree upon them at TC12.
Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?	None
Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?	None
Additional comments/information	None

Table 10. Planning of activities on task 4.4 (WG4) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 4.4. Work with the Waterbird Monitoring Partnership to make progress towards the monitoring related targets of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017 and to report to MOP6 and, if required, to propose this issue to be revisited at MOP6 with the aim to secure a long-term, sustainable solution for international waterbird monitoring (Resolution 5.22)	
Task description	The WG will be informed on the progress in relation to the development and resourcing of various components of the waterbird monitoring programme and will assess whether further steps are needed from the MOP.
Priority	Low
Task lead person	SN
Working Group members involved	All
Type of product/output(s)	Information document Draft resolution (if needed)
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	No
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	No
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	SN to provide update on the plans, budget and activities of the AEWMP on the TC Workspace WI will work with governments, conservation and hunting organisations SN to report prior to the next TC to the WG The WG and the TC to produce an information document on progress and, if necessary, a draft resolution
Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?	None
Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?	None



Additional comments/information	None
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Table 11. Planning of activities on task 5.2 (WG5) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 5.2 Review and revision of the AEWA Communication Strategy	
Task description	<p>Provide input and advice on technical aspects of the review and revision of the AEWA Communication Strategy.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>Resolution 5.5 requests the Technical Committee to involve a CEPA expert in the Committee and to establish an expert working group on CEPA to support both the ongoing implementation and revision process for the Communication Strategy.</p>
Priority	Essential
Who leads within AEWA, and what is the role of the TC?	AEWA Secretariat, with technical communications advice and contributions from the TC.
Task lead person	TC CEPA Expert (Once appointed)
Working Group members involved	CEPA Expert, WG5 Members
Type of product/output(s)	Advice and guidance to Secretariat and Standing Committee (StC)
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	Depends on revision process and timelines established by Secretariat and Standing Committee (StC). Nomination of TC CEPA expert and active TC WG5.
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	No (But it is anticipated that the Secretariat may need additional funds for a communications consultant to undertake the review and re-drafting of the strategy)
<p>Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work</p> <p>(Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)</p>	<p>To be further determined once the review and revision process has been established. Initial advice from WG5 elaborated at TC11 on aspects of the <u>scope of the review and revision</u> is that the work should include inter alia the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish, when scoping the review and revision, whether the next Communication Strategy should be 'AEWA-internal' and/or be an 'AEWA-external' strategy. • Review of effectiveness of current Communication Strategy (what has worked, what have been the challenges, what are the lessons learned from existing CS implementation, what has been realistic /

	<p>unrealistic) This review should include a list of top priority activities which should be the focus activities until the new CS is adopted by MOP6 in 2015. The TC will provide advice on the implementation of the existing CS based on this review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of National Reporting Information on CEPA Activities/Implementation. Look at what has come up/ back from Parties with regard to their implementation of CS at national level. Look at NR Format with regards to whether or not the format is asking the right questions.• New CS should clearly map out & define different roles and responsibilities of AEWA Implementation Bodies / People at national and international levels (Secretariat, National CEPA Focal Points, CEPA WG, TC CEPA Expert), and the connections between these bodies/people.• Involve newly appointed national CEPA experts (governmental or NGO) in CS implementation and revision process.• Include (factor in) new initiatives not covered in current CS (e.g. World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD), Plan of Action for Africa, SSAP International Working Group CEPA needs, Information Communication Technology (ICT) Overview/Strategy, increased cooperation and synergies with other MEAs).• Ensure that the revised CS is consistent with and identifiably supports implementation of AEWA Strategic Plan (CS should contribute to the implementation of the overall AEWA Strategic Plan and take into account the outcome of the CMS Future Shape process.• New CS should identify and prioritize international (AEWA-flyway scale) CEPA activities. Should be the basis to develop good links with the national CEPA Focal Point / Coordinator. Prioritized AEWA strategy should support and encourage development of national communication strategies, priorities and activities adapted according to national circumstances and needs.• Define role for civil society / for a stronger NGO involvement in communicating AEWA-related substantive issues (around topics).• Involve CEPA experts from other MEAs (for example Ramsar Convention, CBD) in advising on/reviewing new CS. Cross-check other MEA's equivalent CEPA Strategies/Programmes for a) good ideas b) for successful implementation/challenges faced. Take advantage of existing CEPA programmes and activities of other MEAs.• Consider establishment of a small informal WG to guide the overall implementation of the revision work, perhaps consisting of: Secretariat, StC Chair or Member, TC Chair or CEPA Expert (once appointed), Chair of CMS Strategic Plan WG, CEPA Experts from other MEAs (e.g. Ramsar, CBD).•• Look at online and offline communication, education and public awareness / consider right mix of communication tools, approaches and activities.
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Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?	No direct link to STRP 2013-2015 CEPA tasks. Advice and input from STRP CEPA Expert may be helpful. Ramsar Secretariat's experiences of implementing the Ramsar CEPA Programme should be considered in the overall review and revision process.
Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?	Resolution 5.5: <i>Further instructs</i> the Secretariat, taking into account CMS COP10 Resolution 10.9 , to prepare a full revision of the Communication Strategy for adoption by the sixth Session of the Meeting of the Parties, which would be based on a wide consultation process involving Contracting Parties, Range States, the Technical Committee, Partners as well as CEPA experts.
Additional comments/information	<i>Mapping out that this is a TC advisory role to a broader process, where the Secretariat will have a leading role to play.</i>

Table 12. Planning of activities on task 5.3 (WG5) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 5.3 Engagement in the future implementation of the “Global Interflyway Network” (GIN)	
Task description	The Global Interflyway Network was established in 2011 so as to facilitate knowledge and information sharing between waterbird and other taxa flyway initiatives worldwide. AEWA can valuably both contribute its experience, expertise and tools to support the work of other initiatives, and learn from the experiences of other initiatives in enhancing future AEWA implementation. The role of the Technical Committee would be, working with the AEWA Secretariat and others, to support the further development of the GIN, and ensure AEWA both contributes its expertise to, and draws expertise from, other flyway initiatives.
Priority	Lower [because not urgent or essential for core AEWA delivery, but outcomes would be expected to enhance AEWA implementation capacity and delivery.]
Who leads within AEWA, and what is the role of the TC?	AEWA Secretariat, with technical (including communications) advice and contributions from the TC.
TC Task lead person	TC CEPA expert member (once appointed)
Working Group members involved	As a significant component of anticipated activities under this task are communications-related, overall TC coordination of its inputs will be through the Communications WG
Type of product/output(s)	Various
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	In part. Aspects of the task implementation will be facilitated by the planned on-line GIN communications mechanism.
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	To be determined, but at this stage not anticipated as needed by the TC.
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	The overall approach would be for AEWA and its TC to <i>inter alia</i> : i. support and contribute to the further development of the GIN and its knowledge-sharing mechanisms; ii. identify priority issues for future AEWA implementation and utilize the GIN to access interflyway advice and expertise to support such implementation. An example might be the experience of N American landbird initiatives in wider landscape conservation measures, w.r.t. dispersed waterbird populations. iii. identify where AEWA good experience and tools could be made available to increase the capacity of,

	<p>and implementation support to, other flyway initiatives.</p> <p>Examples might be a) supporting the roll-out and further development of the WOW CSN Tool for other flyways; b) ensuring availability of AEWA Conservation Guidelines to all initiatives; and c) encouraging all flyway initiatives to collaborate on World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) activities and awareness-raising.</p> <p>Identification and prioritization of specific activities under this task will require further consideration.</p>
<p>Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>Ramsar has the following task (lower priority) approved in Resolution XI.17 (future scientific and technical priorities):</p> <p>Waterbird flyway initiatives - knowledge sharing (2013-15/5)</p> <p>Contribute to establishing a mechanism for sharing knowledge and experience on best practices in the development and implementation of flyway-scale waterbird conservation policies and practices.</p> <p><i>Outcomes/outputs:</i> Briefing Note (2011 workshop recommendations); input on Ramsar issues to the establishment of coordination mechanisms recommended by 2011 workshop.</p> <p>[Ramsar] Secretariat, CMS, AEWA, and other international flyway initiatives, with STRP</p> <p>Hence the STRP's role for this task is similar to that proposed here for the AEWA Technical Committee, and there is potential for STRP/TC collaboration in supporting further GIN networking.</p>
<p>Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>Potential for TC input to any further work of the CMS Flyways Working Group; and <i>vice versa</i>.</p>
<p>Additional comments/information</p>	<p>None</p>

Table 13. Planning of activities on task 6.1 (WG6) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 6.1 Review of the style and format of AEWA's CGs	
Task description	Undertake a critical review of the style and format of AEWA's Conservation Guidelines, <i>inter alia</i> considering some existing issues ²² and to make recommendations to the Standing Committee prior to developing further guidance in the current format for consideration
Priority	Essential
Task lead person	DS, MB
Working Group members involved	ND, NC, ML
Type of product/output(s)	1) Guide of guidelines; 2) Feedback report from focal points
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	No
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	None expected
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) David to initiate a guide of guidelines relevant to, but outside of, AEWA. Nicola, Melissa and Nick to give input. Will include review of formats, etc. 2) Mark and secretariat to compile personalized questionnaire to focal points based on feedback from National Reports (end of October?) 3) Will feed into task 6.2, which will also look at the merits or otherwise of shorter information notes that might be easier to translate into local languages, the need to target different styles or types of guidance to different audiences (e.g. government policy makers, wetland managers, other relevant stakeholders or user groups); the merits or otherwise of regionally specific guidance (all on a case by case basis of each guideline reviewed under 6.2).
Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks	Yes, in terms of adapting existing guidelines for AEWA purposes. Will also refer to RAMSAR guidelines questionnaire

²² (1) the merits or otherwise of shorter information notes that might be easier to translate into local languages; (2) the need to target different styles or types of guidance to different audiences (e.g. government policy makers, wetland managers, other relevant stakeholders or user groups); (3) the merits or otherwise of regionally specific guidance; (4) knowledge of the extent of use of the existing guidelines and implications for the dissemination of guidance; and (5) the potential value of a 'guidance to guidance' format as has been developed by the Ramsar Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel.



and/or joint-working potential?	as a guide.
Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?	Yes, in terms of adapting existing guidelines for AEWA purposes.
Additional comments/information	

Table 14. Planning of activities on task 6.2 (WG6) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 6.2 Update of existing and development of new CGs	
Task description	Assess the guidelines prepared so far under Action Plan paragraph 7.3 and identify the need for the development of new ones and update of the current ones while taking into account the related tasks of WGs 1 & 4 (Action Plan 7.6).
Priority	Essential
Task lead person	DS, MB
Working Group members involved	All
Type of product/output(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) List of guidelines reviewed 2) List of new guidelines needed
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	No
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	No
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) David to reduce list of 12 CG's by removing those already being reviewed 2) Assess existing guidelines to determine if they still fit their purpose (do some need to be removed?). 3) Identify issues where new guidelines are needed (but use guide of guidelines developed in 6.1 to adapt existing guidelines from elsewhere). 4) Review existing guidelines in terms of content, style, format, need for short (more user friendly) version, etc. Use feedback from focal points.
Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?	Will look to utilize existing guidelines rather than develop new ones.
Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?	Will look to utilize existing guidelines rather than develop new ones.
Additional comments/information	

Table 15. Planning of activities on task 6.4 (WG6) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 6.4 Finalisation of CGs on (hunting and trade) national legislation	
Task description	Finalise the guidelines on <i>Hunting and trade legislation</i> ²³ , including a synthesis of existing migratory waterbird conservation legislation and measures currently in place within Contracting Parties and to present the guidelines to MOP6 for consideration and to propose procedures through which they may be kept up-to-date and thus continue to reflect best and current practice after MOP6 (Resolution 5.25)
Priority	Essential
Task lead person	CL, ML
Working Group members involved	CL, ML
Type of product/output(s)	Draft guidelines for MoP adoption
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	No
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	No
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Catherine and Melissa to incorporate MOP5 info into guidelines already drafted, and put in on TC workspace for comment. Will bounce draft back to IUCN law centre for comment. 2) Perhaps a need to develop a shorter user friendly version?
Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?	no
Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working	no

²³ Separate draft guidelines on *Hunting and trade legislation* do not exist, but both issues have been covered in the draft Conservation Guidelines on National Legislation for the Protection of Migratory Waterbirds and Their Habitats which CG will need to be finalised for submission to the MOP.



potential?	
Additional comments/information	

Table 16. Planning of activities on task 7.1 (WG7) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 7.1 <i>Review of knowledge of ecological adaptation to climate change at wetlands in the context of waterbird conservation</i>	
Task description	Review and summarise, with contributions from the National TC Focal Points, relevant studies and policies related to climate change and migratory waterbird conservation and management, especially with respect to the creation and management of networks of protected and managed sites and other adequately managed sites, and to bring such an overview to MOP6 (Resolution 5.13)
Priority	High/Other
Task lead persons	MB, DS
Working Group members involved	MB, DS, MM, SN, LS, SS, PT
Type of product/output(s)	<p>Review of knowledge of ecological adaptation to climate change at wetlands in the context of waterbird conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published review paper [audience: science community] • Guide to guidance-style review (+ how to do it information sheets?)[audience: wetland managers and local communities] • Information sheets [audience: donor and aid communities] • Possible draft Resolution and Information paper or report for MoP6 (the latter especially highlighting gaps in knowledge) • Appropriate syntheses for Ramsar and CMS CoPs • Possible high level synthesis for CBD CoP
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	No
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	Yes, for Part 2
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work	<p>Review and summarise available literature on ecological adaptation to climate change at wetlands in the context of waterbird conservation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conventional literature review (MB to lead)
(Please note if the work need to be done	

<p>early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Development of questionnaire to seek information on good case studies as examples and/or other unpublished information 3. Circulation of questionnaire around relevant AEWA, CMS and Ramsar (STRP, IOP etc.) networks 4. Summarise information: by approaches; by region; by habitat <i>etc.</i>
<p>Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>High potential to undertake as joint project with Ramsar noting the call in Resolution 5.13 for such collaborative working</p>
<p>Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>High potential to undertake as joint project with CMS noting the call in Resolution 5.13 for such collaborative working</p>
<p>Additional comments/information</p>	<p>Note that the motivation of relevant case studies will probably not be waterbird conservation per se, but rather other issues e.g. managed retreat of coastlines is undertaken for flood defence purposes but creates good inter-tidal habitat for waterbirds.</p>

Table 17. Planning of activities on task 7.2 (WG7) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 7.2	
Task description	Prepare the Terms of Reference for the project on identification of important sites vulnerable to climate change (Resolution 5.3 & IIT No. 4)
Priority	Other
Task lead person	SN
Working Group members involved	MB, DS, MM, LS, SS, PT
Type of product/output(s)	Various
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	No
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	Yes Module 1 – one month’s work Module 2 – major collaborative project, potentially jointly funded with other interested parties
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	Module 1. Quick scan assessment of datasets available via Critical Sites Network Tool (especially Ramsar, IBA and Natura 2000). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SN to revise draft ToR (prepared at TC10 at Naivasha), by end of September. • Wetlands International to undertake (and potentially report results in the context of Sites Review) Module 2. Using results from quick scan work, develop a detailed specification for joint assessment of wetlands vulnerable to climate change, jointly with Ramsar, CMS and potentially other relevant interested parties (UNEP, WB, other MEAs etc.) <p>2013: Develop ToR for project that would interrogate existing datasets to deliver information on protected areas and wetlands vulnerable to climate change to deliver information needs for multiple partner organisations. Discuss and develop at Ramsar STRP, March 2012. Cost project and seek funding.</p> <p>2014: Implement project, synthesis and report results.</p> <p>2015: Report to MoP 6 (and other fora as appropriate).</p>

<p>Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>Module 2 potentially has close links to, and could potentially deliver elements of the following STRP tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications of climate change for Convention implementation. Guidance on the implications of climate change for Convention implementation, in particular for maintaining the ecological character of wetlands and establishing limits of acceptable change reference or baseline conditions for management, including restoration, and the emergence of novel ecosystems. • Advice on adaptation to climate change. Advice on ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change and maintaining ecological character for coastal and inland wetlands, and addressing the influence of large climate events, such as storms, floods and droughts, on wetlands. Focus on the water storage functions of wetlands and the potential that wetland restoration offers as an adaptation response. • Ramsar Sites boundary migration in response to sea level rise and other climate change effects. Advice to Parties on the implications of sea level rise for coastal Ramsar Sites, particularly those for which adaptation could be constrained due to, <i>inter alia</i>, the proximity of existing and expanding urban areas.
<p>Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?</p>	<p>Module 2 potentially has close links to, and could potentially provide further information that would support the delivery of elements of the CMS Resolution 10.19, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <p>Critical sites and ecological networks</p> <p>8. <i>Urges</i> Parties, when implementing Resolution 10.3 on ecological networks and related instruments, to improve the resilience of migratory species and their habitats to climate change in order to achieve the following objectives:</p> <p>a) to ensure that individual sites are sufficiently large, holding a variety of habitats and topography;</p> <p>b) to strengthen the physical and ecological connectivity between sites, aiding species dispersal and colonization when distributions shift;</p> <p>c) to consider the designation of seasonal protected areas in areas where migratory species occur at critical stages in their lifecycle and would benefit from extra protection;</p>
<p>Additional comments/information</p>	<p>Major partnership opportunity for AEWA.</p>

Table 18. Planning of activities on task 9.2 (WG9) as decided at TC11 (August 2012)

Task No. 9.2	
Task description	Prepare the Terms of Reference for commissioning (1) a synthesis of scientific knowledge of disturbance, including activities that are significant and widespread sources of disturbance, and dealing both with the effects of disturbance and with the possible mechanisms of adaptation, mitigation and compensation, and where relevant, summarising those studies that have evaluated the short-term effects of disturbance and its long-term impact on bird productivity and survival, both at the individual and population levels, as well as (2) simple but comprehensive guidance ²⁴ on the management of disturbance in a form that may be widely translated and disseminated, and submit the synthesis and the guidance to MOP6 for consideration (Resolution 5.24)
Priority	Essential
Task lead person	Baz Hughes
Working Group members involved	TC members
Type of product/output(s)	1) Document / Term of Reference 2) Review of scientific knowledge and Guidance to management of disturbance
Does the task depend on other tasks to be a) started, and/or b) completed?	1) Yes, it depends on 9.1
Funds needed for contracting an expert consultant?	Yes for point 2
Approach/steps (including timelines) for delivering the work (Please note if the work need to be done early in the triennium to allow it to inform other activities e.g. such as national reporting format)	1) After completing 9.1 (3 months) 2) End of 2013
Possible linkages to Ramsar STRP tasks and/or joint-working potential?	No

²⁴ If fully-fledged Conservation Guidelines are to be produced, their format will be dependent on the outputs of WG6 (Conservation Guidelines), task 6.1.



Possible linkages to CMS Scientific Council tasks and/or joint-working potential?	No
Additional comments/information	