



Bundesministerium
für Umwelt, Naturschutz,
Bau und Reaktorsicherheit

2nd meeting of the Energy Task Force

Summary of ETF 1

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Short History

- Impact of renewables and power lines on species repeatedly addressed by CMS, AEWA, EUROBATs
- IRENA, CMS, AEWA, Birdlife join forces in 2014
- CMS and AEWA adopt “Guidelines for Sustainable Deployment” in 2014
- CMS Resolution 11.27 establishes Energy Task Force



ETF 1 in Capetown, SA

Outcomes

Setting up: Modus Operandi

Membership decisions

Cape Town Declaration

Good practices/Case studies

Identification of opportunities
and challenges

Work Plan 2017-2018

Technical Working Group

Highlights/Action points

Remote participation and voting?

Bern, Ramsar, Eurobats, EIB, AfDB,
WB, EWEA, AFSEA, ENTSO-E

Vision of the ETF

Identify research priorities, review
guidance material, review sensitivity
mapping tools (Chair: Noam Leader)



Case studies at ETF 1

Cambridge Conservation Initiative project (British Trust for Ornithology)

- Assesses impacts of different levels of RE generation for birds/mammals globally

Renewable Grid Initiative (RGI)

- Connects transmission system operators (TSO) with civil society

Migratory Soaring Birds Sensitivity Mapping Tool (Birdlife)

- Assists wind energy developers and regulatory authorities to identify avian collision risks of proposed wind energy developments

Egypt

- Importance of avian sensitivity mapping tools and shut down on demand

South Africa

- Successful cooperation between End. Wildlife Trust and utilities
- EIA and SEA procedures in SA: need for data collection and monitoring



Key Policy Changes needed

- Improvements of legislative frameworks
- Development of national monitoring protocols
- Incorporation of Cumulative Impacts Assessment in addition to EIA and SEA requirements in legislation



Barriers

- Lack of communication and data sharing between stakeholders
- Lack of understanding of how environmental risks become business risks
- Lack of integrated monitoring
- Lack of training and skills



Key interventions

- Addressing research/knowledge gaps
- Promoting and improving guidance material (such as the CMS and AEWA Guidelines)
- Exchange of best practices
- Outreach to key stakeholders

This is taken up in the work plan.