



IKB in the Mediterranean and Europe: History and Framework for Action

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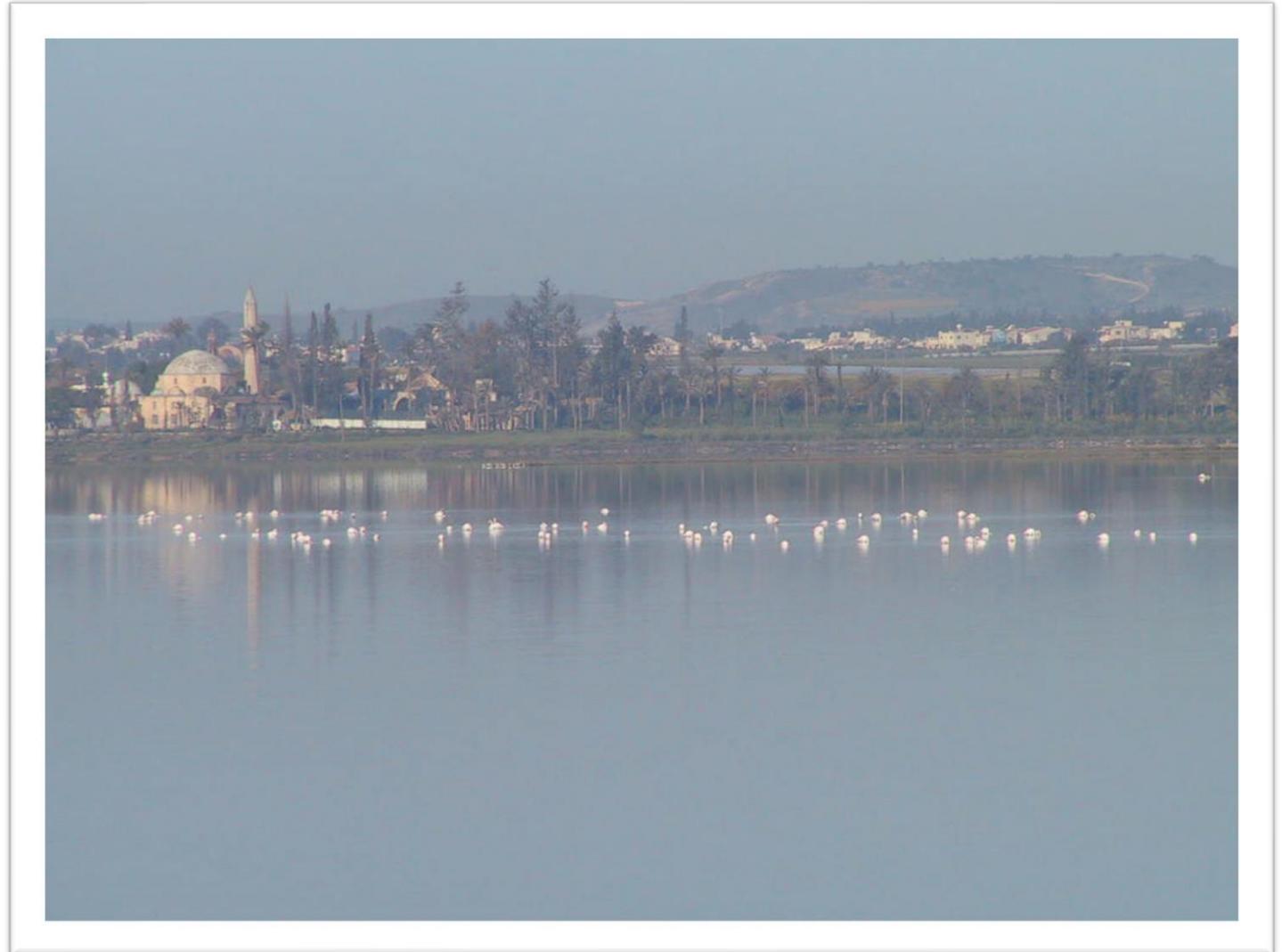
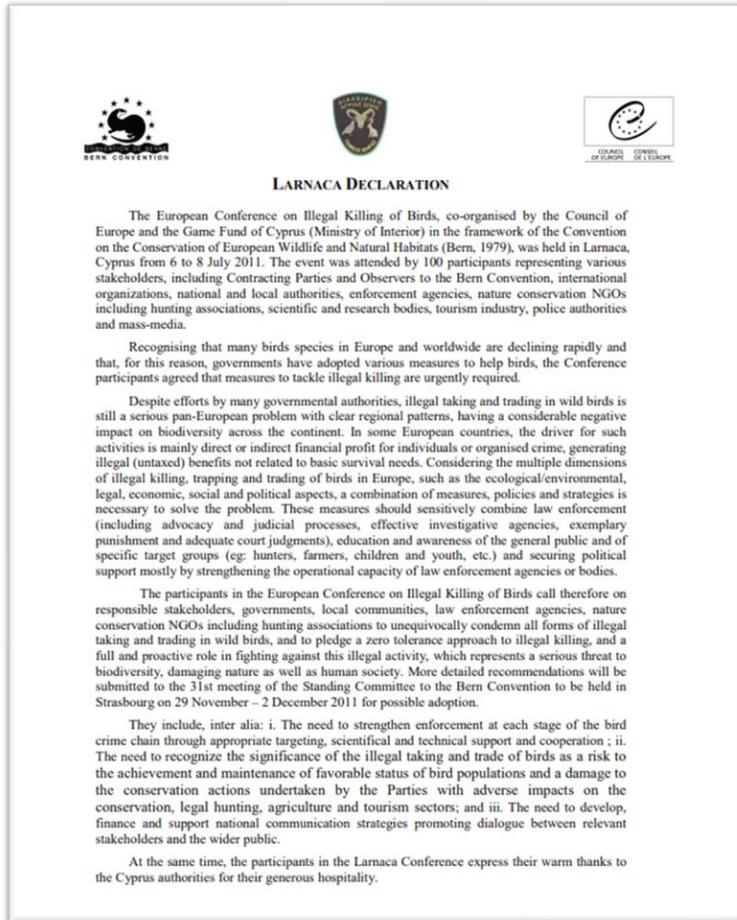




A brief history of the various initiatives



Bern Convention meeting Larnaca, Cyprus 2011 Larnaca Declaration





Starting 2012

The EU Roadmap 2012-2017: Towards eliminating illegal killing, trapping and trade of birds

Version 5 February 2017

Roadmap towards eliminating illegal killing, trapping and trade of birds

Based on various sources of information (in particular the Bern Convention Recommendation on the illegal killing¹², trapping and trade of wild birds, discussions with BirdLife International, the Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU (FACE), and Member States, and a study produced for the Commission³), the Commission intends to identify actions to be taken at EU or Member State level with a view to increase effectiveness in measures aimed at eliminating illegal killing, trapping, and trade of birds in the EU.

The first version of the Roadmap was finalized in December 2012. The present version has been updated according to the actions undertaken and further to the Tunis' Conference on Illegal killing, trapping and trade of birds⁴ organized by the Bern Convention and the Recommendation N° 164 (2013) of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention on the implementation of the " *Tunis Action Plan 2013-2020 for the eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds*"⁵.

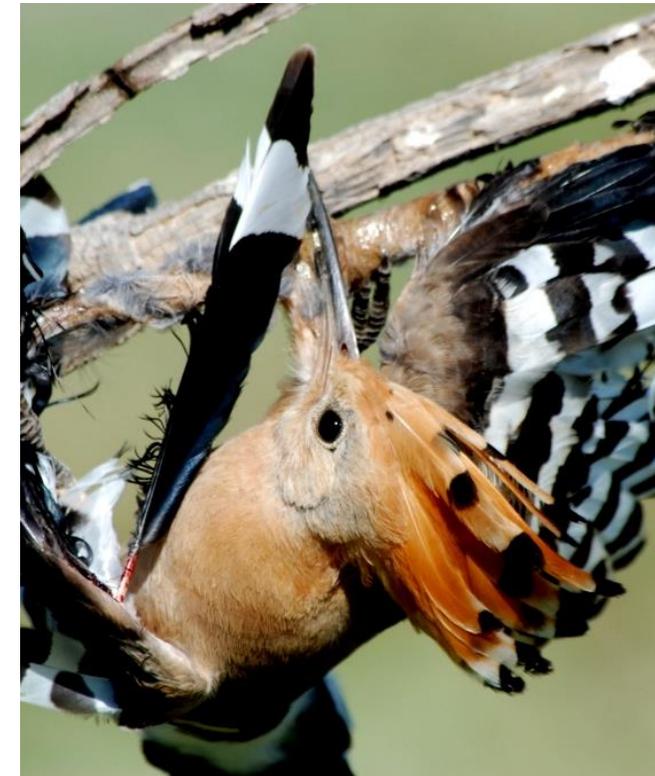
Although enforcement is primarily a responsibility of Member States, the Commission can play a significant role to help improve the situation. The five main domains where the Commission can act are the following: 1) Raising awareness of the competent authorities and the civil society, 2) Funding projects, 3) Co-ordinating efforts at EU level, 4) Processing data provided by Member States in the context of their reporting obligations or Commission's enquiries, and 5) Initiating legal procedure.

The Roadmap lists possible actions under 4 main headlines: 1) Monitoring and data collection, 2) Information exchange, training and awareness-raising, 3) Enforcement and legal aspects, and 4) Prevention. The Roadmap does not aim to set up a comprehensive program aimed at eliminating illegal killing, trapping and trade of birds. Such a program can be found in the Bern's Convention Action Plan. It rather **aims to list all possible actions for the Commission and a set of actions for the other concerned parties**.



CMS-AEWA initiative on Egypt and Libya

- The Plan of Action to Address Bird Trapping along the Mediterranean Coasts of Egypt and Libya in 2013
- Developed by CMS/AEWA with support of BirdLife International & BirdLife Europe, Working Group on African Eurasian Landbirds, the governments of Egypt, Libya and Germany





Bern Convention parallel process

- Tunis Action Plan 2013-2020


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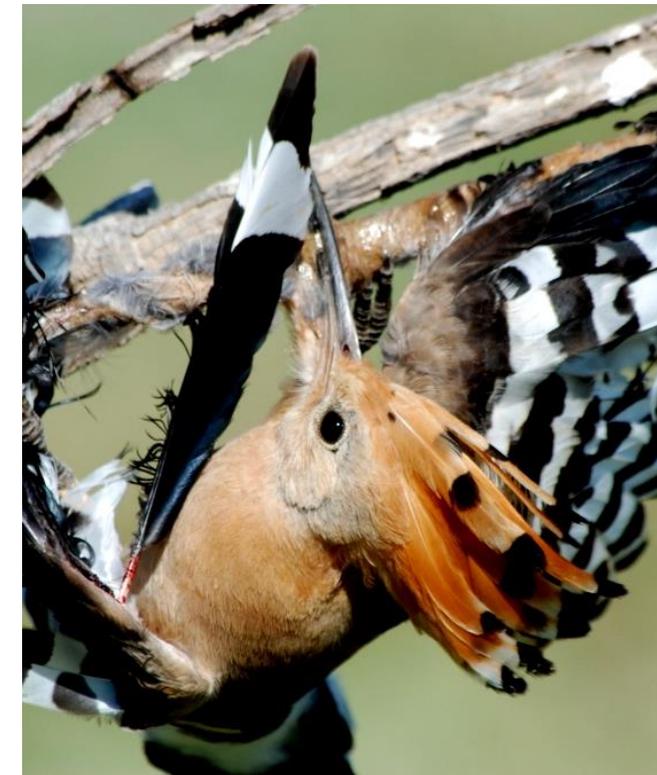
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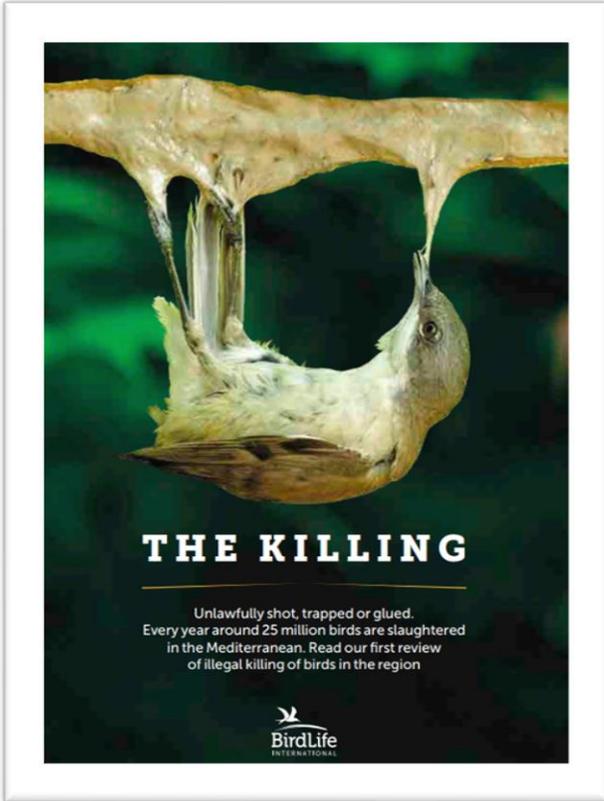
Recommendation No. 164 (2013) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 6 December 2013, on the implementation of the Tunis Action Plan 2013-2020 for the eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds

The Standing Committee to the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under the terms of Article 14 of the Convention;

Having regard to the aims of the Convention to conserve wild fauna and its natural habitats;

Recalling that Article 1, paragraph 2 of the Convention requires Parties to give particular emphasis to the conservation of endangered and vulnerable species, including endangered and vulnerable migratory species;





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Preliminary assessment of the scope and scale of illegal killing and taking of birds in the Mediterranean

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The numbers Brochet et al 2016 and 2017





Resolution 11.16 Rev.COP13 Prevention of Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds. Adopted in 2014



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UNEP/CMS/Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP13)
Original: English

THE PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS
Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 13th Meeting (Gandhinagar, February 2020)



MIKT

22 MEMBERS - Government officials of CMS contracting Parties.

36 OBSERVERS:

- Non **CMS Parties** and other interested **countries**.
- **Other stakeholders** include Secretariats of the participating MEAs, UNEP, UNODC and other UN organizations, INTERPOL, Europol, EUFJE, ENPE, IMPEL, the hunting community and NGOs, like BirdLife International.



European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law





Recognition of the EU support to CMS for MIKT: Champion Plus



The European Union was recognized as Champion Plus for their generous support and commitment towards addressing Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean for the period 2018 - 2023. This activity has been funded with the contribution granted by the European Commission under the Migratory Species Champion Programme and through the Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC Programme) Cooperation Agreements with UNEP.



MIKT₁-July 2016, Cairo



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CAIRO DECLARATION ON ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

We, the members¹ of the Intergovernmental Task Force to address illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds in the Mediterranean, who met for our first meeting in Cairo, Egypt from 12-15 July 2016 with observers from interested non-Mediterranean Parties², non-Parties to CMS³, MEA Secretariats and international organizations and networks⁴, advisory bodies⁵ and Non-Governmental Organizations⁶,

Aware that illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds (IKB) in the Mediterranean Region is contributing to alarming population declines of a number of species that are listed on the CMS Appendices;

Recalling Resolution 11.16 of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of CMS, which urged Parties, non-Parties and other stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, to engage in immediate cooperation through the establishment of an Intergovernmental Task Force to address IKB in the Mediterranean;

Acknowledging the clear regional patterns which define this problem as a serious pan-Mediterranean issue causing a devastating impact on biodiversity;

Mindful of the existing guidelines and action plans to tackle IKB, in particular the Tunis Action Plan under the Bern Convention, the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking and the EU Roadmap towards eliminating IKB;

Conscious of the socio-economic dimensions of IKB and the need to understand the social, economic and cultural drivers by local communities, especially those that depend



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1st Meeting of the Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean *Cairo, Egypt, 12 – 15 July 2016*

PROGRAMME OF WORK 2016-2020 FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

INTRODUCTION

1. The priority actions in this Programme of Work (POW) are based on the existing guidelines and action plans in place for the Mediterranean region, especially the Bern Convention's Tunis Action Plan 2013-2020 for the eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds (Tunis Action Plan). They are also based on the proposals received from participants of the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT).
2. Illegal killing, taking and trade is a shared issue and the implementation of the POW requires cooperation among governments, international organizations, law enforcement agencies, local communities, the responsible stakeholders and nature conservation NGOs, including hunting associations, to maximize impact.
3. The present POW includes a zero tolerance approach to illegal killing, trapping and trade of migratory birds (IKB), and the adoption of a full and proactive role at national level in fighting against these illegal activities, supported by international exchange of experience and cooperation

MIKT Programme of Work 2016-2020



MIKT *Modus operandi*

Adopted 1st Meeting Cairo 2016

Defining Goal, role, scope, remit, membership, governance,
operation and Consultative Group
Foresees a Coordinator



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15 July 2016
UNEP/CMS/MIKT1/Doc.3/Rev.1

***Modus operandi* of the Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade
of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean**
Prepared by the Secretariat



MIKT2- June 2017, Malta





Working jointly with Bern Convention



Since 2017 MIKT meets jointly with the Bern Convention Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds

Geographic Scope: Mediterranean and Europe (Bern Convention reach)



Annex 1 to Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP13)

Scoreboard to assess the progress in combating illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds (IKB)

A self-assessment framework for national use

17 July 2017

Prepared by the Secretariats of the Bern Convention and of CMS with the support of Umberto Gallo-Orsi and Sergei Golovkin

This document was extensively discussed at the Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds (Bern SFPs Network) and the UN Environment/CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT), held in Sliema (Malta), the 22nd and 23rd June 2017

The Scoreboard Adopted as Annex to Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP12) in 2017

A. National monitoring of IKB – data management of scope and scale of IKB.

1. Status and scale of IKB

The extent to which data and information on illegal activities at national level are available.

Question: What is the quality of national data about IKB?

Measurement:

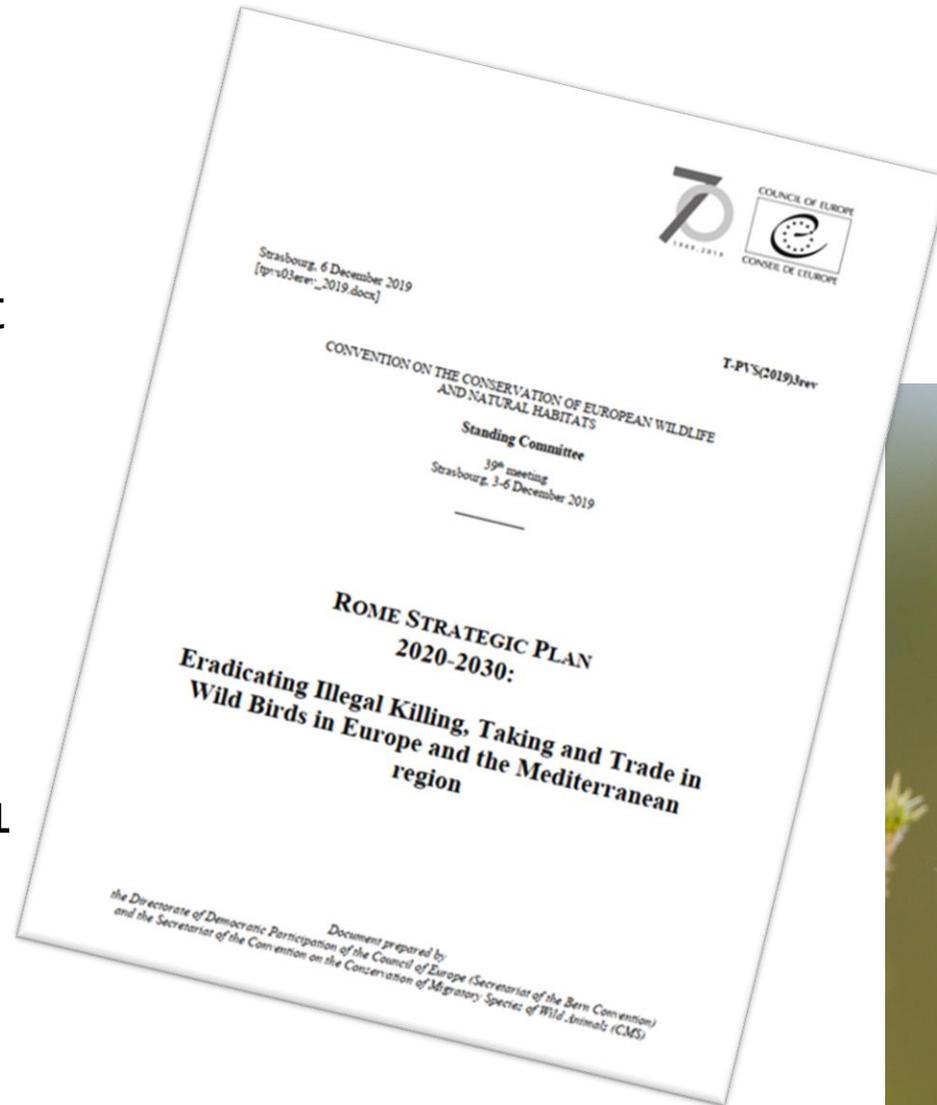
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Comments:

MIKT₃- May 2019

Rome Strategic Plan: a joint plan for 2020-2030

- Adopted by Bern Convention at 39th Meeting of the Standing Committee in Dec 2019
- Adopted by MIKT members through online consultation in June 2020
- MIKT Workplan adopted in 2021 for 2021-2025

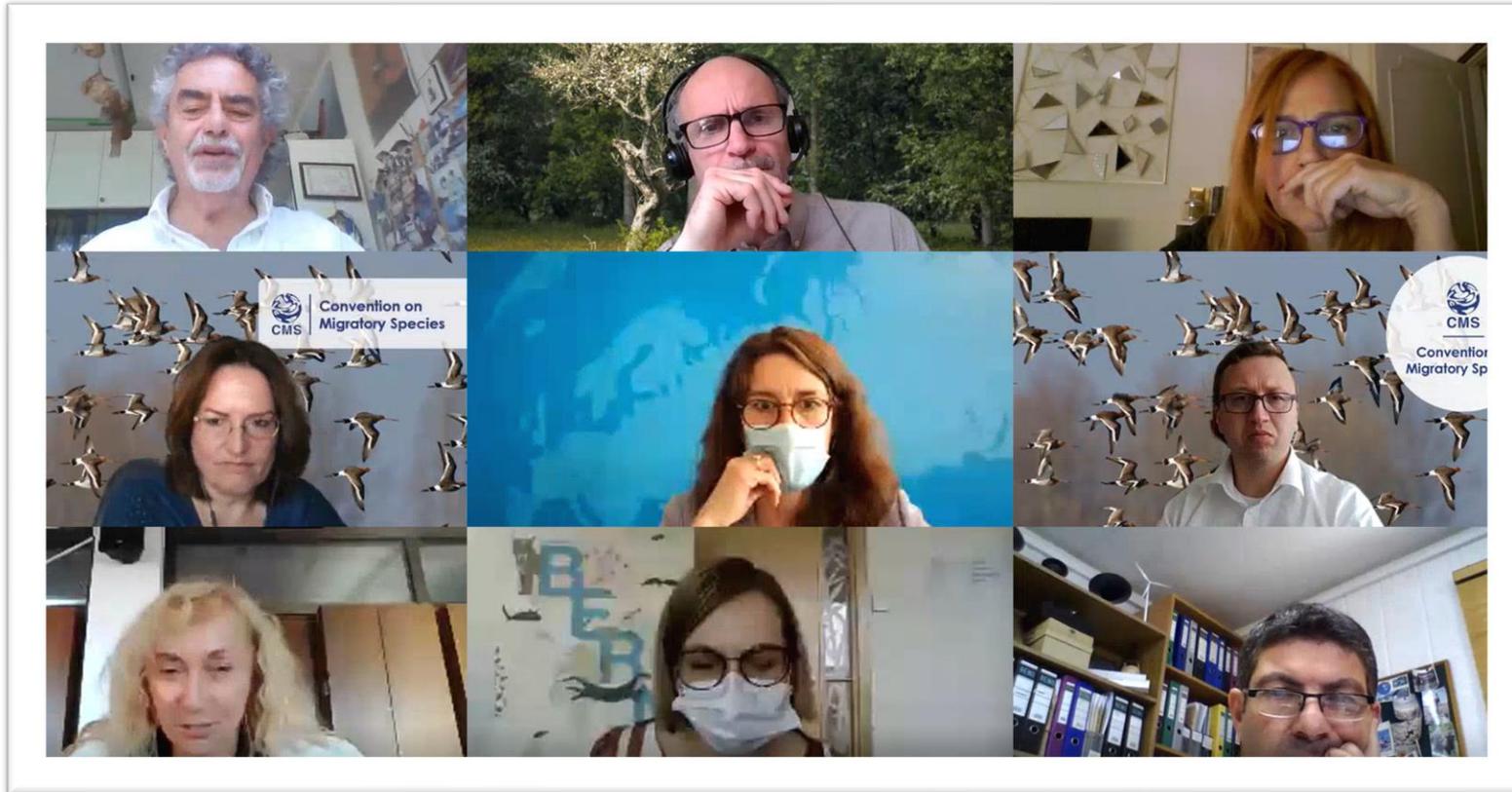


Rome Strategic Plan



Vision

A reduction of at least 50% in the scale and scope of IKB by 2030, within the geographic extent of the plan (Europe and particularly the Mediterranean region), compared to a 2020 baseline, aiming ultimately at the **eradication of IKB.**



MIKT₄-June 2021 Online

- Baseline and Methodology
- MIKT Workplan 2021-2025
- Periodic Assessment and frequency of meetings



Rome Strategic Plan on IKB 2020-2030

Objectives

1. To **understand** the extent scale and scope of IKB and the **motivations** behind illegal killing of birds
2. To **prevent** the illegal killing of birds
3. To ensure that the illegal killing of birds is incorporated effectively and efficiently in **national legislation**
4. To ensure that effective and efficient **enforcement** of relevant legislation is undertaken
5. To ensure effective and efficient **justice** for IKB-related offences



Thank you!

