

Part II: Activities to be carried out by individual Range States and Co-operating Organisations

**Drawn from the 2007-2009 Conservation Plans,
and arranged as follows:**

All Range States – Western Population

All Range States – Central Population

All Range States – Eastern Population

Individual Range States (in alphabetical order)

Co-operating organisations

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<p>All Range States</p> <p>Western Population</p> <p>(Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation)</p>	<p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p><i>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</i></p> <p>Continue to investigate all reported sightings.</p> <p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p><i>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations</i></p> <p>Attempt to ground truth locations of Siberian Cranes provided by PTTs.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p><i>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</i></p> <p>Produce a specific video for western flyway in cooperation with ICF.</p> <p>Publicize information in CMS electronic bulletin, ICF Bugle, SCF News and other newsletters and scientific journals and books.</p> <p>Share educational/awareness materials with each other. Determine how to share available education material, films and other material between countries, notwithstanding the language.</p> <p>Develop booklets for different target groups such as decision makers, students, teachers, public, etc.</p> <p>Distribute widely the new booklet and poster produced by CMS and ICF.</p> <p>Distribute materials from other Siberian Crane Range States.</p> <p>Organise exchange of videos about Siberian Cranes produced in 2004-2007 period, maybe during 7th CMS Meeting.</p> <p>Organise and exchange video footage and photographs of cranes/sites/people involved in CMS and other projects.</p> <p><i>5.2. Community involvement</i></p> <p>Organise and expand Crane Celebration.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</i></p> <p>Identify technical and administrative focal points.</p> <p>Inform CMS Secretariat of any changes on responsibilities.</p> <p>Establish a network for monitoring migrating cranes species through collaboration including WCASN sites and other important sites.</p> <p>Attend the Scientific Conference "Cranes of Palearctic: Biology and Conservation" of the CWGE in Rostov NR in October 2007.</p> <p>Participate in CWGE activities.</p>

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<p>All Range States</p> <p>Western Population</p> <p>(Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation)</p>	<p>Provide data to the SCFC on Siberian Crane sightings and on activity on MoU implementation for SCF News development.</p> <p>Update report annually.</p> <p>Use the revised report template until further notice.</p> <p>Host and attend MoU meetings.</p> <p>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</p> <p>Survey for additional sites to be considered for inclusion in WCASN.</p> <p>Submit documentation to CMS for nomination of any appropriate sites.</p> <p>6.4. Capacity building</p> <p>Provide training for staff under the UNEP/GEF SCWP and WCASN sites.</p>

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<p>All Range States</p> <p>Central Population</p> <p>(Afghanistan, India, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)</p>	<p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p><i>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</i></p> <p>Participate in January Waterfowl Census through the Asian Waterfowl Census.</p> <p>Continue to investigate all reported sightings of the Siberian Crane.</p> <p>Continue to conduct ecological studies of the Siberian Crane in your country.</p> <p><i>2.2. Maintain and contribute to the regional database on the Siberian Crane and its habitats</i></p> <p>Provide updated data of Siberian Cranes to Siberian Crane Flyway Coordinator (SCFC) to maintain and update regional Siberian Crane Database.</p> <p><i>2.4. Evaluate efficacy and application of research/ monitoring</i></p> <p>Provide national level review in reports. CMS and ICF will coordinate review of data on a regional level.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p><i>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</i></p> <p>Publicize information in CMS bulletin, ICF Bugle, Siberian Crane Flyway (SCF) News and other newsletters and scientific journals and books.</p> <p>Share educational/awareness materials with each other. Determine how to share available education material, films and other material between countries, notwithstanding the language.</p> <p>Develop booklets for different target groups such as decision makers, students, teachers, public, etc.</p> <p>Distribute widely the new booklet and poster produced by CMS and ICF.</p> <p>Distribute materials from other Siberian Crane Range States.</p> <p>Organise exchange of videos about Siberian Cranes produced in 2004-2007 period, maybe during 7th CMS Meeting.</p> <p>Organise and exchange video footage and photographs of cranes/sites/people involved in CMS and other projects.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</i></p> <p>Identify technical and administrative focal points.</p> <p>Inform CMS Secretariat of any changes on responsibilities.</p> <p>Establish a network for monitoring migrating cranes species through collaboration including network sites and other important sites.</p>

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<p>All Range States</p> <p>Eastern Population</p> <p>(China, Mongolia, Russian Federation)</p>	<p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p><i>2.2. Maintain and contribute to the regional database on the Siberian Crane and its habitats</i></p> <p>Continue to supply data for regional database covering all Siberian Crane sites according to the unified format. Need to add Mongolia (other countries already covered within the framework of the UNEP/GEF SCWP).</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p><i>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</i></p> <p>Identify technical and administrative focal points.</p> <p>Inform CMS Secretariat of any changes on responsibilities.</p> <p>Provide data to the SCFC on the Siberian Crane sightings and on activities related to CMS MoU implementation for SCF News.</p> <p>Update report to CMS Secretariat annually.</p> <p>Use the revised report template until further notice.</p> <p>Host and attend MoU regular meetings.</p>

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<p>Afghanistan</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Central population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to monitor threats and identify other areas of threat to the cranes. Continue education and conservation programme in sites known to be wintering sites using posters intended to reduce hunting. Develop an information exchange mechanism between neighboring countries to facilitate an improved conservation knowledge-base. Develop education materials to be shared with religious scholars on hunting prohibition.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Increase focused education to reduce illegal hunting and enforce laws.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue crane counting under conservation education during migratory season in March. Continue monitoring historical Siberian Crane stopovers.</p> <p>2.3. Promote or take into account avian influenza surveillance at important crane sites</p> <p>Continue to work with veterinarians and hunters to raise awareness about avian influenza. Implement an education programme at the community level on crane gathering sites along the migration routes.</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Save the Environment of Afghanistan (SEA) will prepare a conservation plan for Ab-i-Estada and Dashter Nawar if Siberian Cranes are reported in these areas.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</p> <p>Reproduce Siberian Crane information card for distribution to raise awareness.</p>

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<p>Afghanistan</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>Organise seminar on cranes and other migratory species for school teachers and students in celebration of environment day.</p> <p>Support in construction of observation towers in Kole Hashmat in Kabul. These towers will be used for migratory bird watching and monitoring.</p> <p>Make safe facility for cranes at Kabul Zoo and get one pair of Siberian Cranes from OCBC or CBCC.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>Need to notify CMS of names of administrative and technical focal points within these organisations.</p> <p>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</p> <p>Consider sites around Amudaria and Shurtepa Strait; Parwan, Bamyan, Kaipsa (Central AF); Ab-i-Estada and Dast-e-Nawar for nomination to the WCASN.</p>

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<p>Azerbaijan</p> <p>Western Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Western population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue monitoring threats at sites nominated to the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and Other Waterbirds (WCASN) or in newly investigated sites.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Plan to list Siberian Crane into the new edition of the Red Data Book of Azerbaijan under law.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue general systematic monitoring through ground surveys. Investigate other flyway in the west of republic through ground survey. Publish book on current situation with cranes in Azeri languages.</p> <p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p>3.2. Develop safe migration routes for Siberian Cranes based on those used by Eurasian Cranes</p> <p>Continue surveys and working with questionnaires.</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Extend territory of Kyzyl-Agach NR to cover all registered Siberian Crane sites. Develop cooperation with local community and NGO for identification of new sites important for the Siberian Crane. Prepare management plan for Kyzyl-Aghach NR. Include Siberian Crane conservation in a management plan for Shirvan National Park. Conduct necessary research for Shirvan National Park and Kyzyl-Aghach NR in cooperation with Academy of Science. Monitor and survey the impacts of climate change on crane habitats, if resources are available (in cooperation with Iran and Kazakhstan).</p>

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<p>Azerbaijan</p> <p>Western Population</p>	<p>Provide training for identification of Siberian Crane and waterbirds and monitoring of their habitats with support of Academy of Science and other national and foreign specialists, NR staff and local communities.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p><i>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</i></p> <p>Provide information to mass media about sightings of the Siberian Crane during migration.</p> <p>Broadcast Russian video on national TV.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</i></p> <p>Exchange experts between Siberian Crane sites in Azerbaijan and Iran. (in cooperation with Iran).</p> <p><i>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</i></p> <p>Nominate Apsheron and Samukh sites.</p> <p><i>6.4. Capacity building</i></p> <p>Increase public awareness and knowledge level among local community.</p> <p>Provide field equipment to nature reserve staff.</p> <p>Provide training for NR staff, involving foreign specialists if funds are available.</p> <p><i>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</i></p> <p>Develop proposal on Siberian Crane monitoring for ICF.</p>

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<p>India</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Central population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to monitor and assess threats to other cranes at Siberian Crane sites due to sporadic hunting and deaths due to poisoning.</p> <p>Implement a plan to bring water from an alternate source to Keoladeo National Park (KNP).</p> <p>Continue enforcing the Wild Life Protection Act to reduce poaching and poisoning of other crane species where it occurs.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>A new Wildlife Crime Bureau is being established to enforce the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act and will strengthen existing anti-poaching mechanisms.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Initiate state-level counts for resident and migratory cranes.</p> <p>Monitor migratory cranes.</p> <p>2.3. Promote or take into account avian influenza surveillance at important crane sites</p> <p>Continue to provide training to wildlife and veterinary staff in wild bird handling and AI surveillance at network sites and other important sites.</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Ensure that a new source of water is established for KNP.</p> <p>Continue to monitor quality of wetlands and advise on impacts of development plans in Etawah-Mainpuri.</p> <p>Continue projects as detailed in the adjacent column. Activities in the management plan will ensure funding support from the state, as well as federal government, for work related to Siberian Cranes.</p> <p>Continue several research activities in KNP as socio-economic research and education activities by WWF; limnology studies by SACON; socio-economic study and waterfowl counts by WII.</p> <p>Plan new studies on habitat preference by waterbirds in Etawah-Mainpuri by ICWWG.</p> <p>Continue to work on impacts of land use on wetland health and waterbird populations. Initial results will be available by 2010.</p>

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<p>India</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p>Initiate capacity building project for KNP in cooperation with UNESCO. Plans to create buffer zones of KNP to disallow development activities are ongoing.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p><i>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</i></p> <p>Hold Wildlife Week and Wildlife Day Celebrations annually to involve the general public.</p> <p>Prepare a Cranes of India poster.</p> <p>Produce information material for print media on Siberian Crane conservation initiatives.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</i></p> <p>Provide nomination letter for Etawah and Mainpuri Wetland complex to CMS by Ministry of Environment and Forest.</p>

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<p>Islamic Republic of Iran</p> <p>Western Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Western population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Conduct assessments through Fereydoon Kenar (FDK) management plan, and include them in action plan of the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Maintain involvement of local guards to protect Siberian Crane and other species.</p> <p>Maintain non-shooting conditions in FDK and improve situation by construction of new guard station.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Review current legislation on nature protection and submit new proposal to National Environment High Council.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Develop and implement Siberian Crane monitoring plan.</p> <p>Provide regular monitoring in Ardebil site according to reports about migration from other stopovers through the Range States.</p> <p>Use experience of Russia and Kazakhstan for questionnaires to improve investigation.</p> <p>Support student project on ecological studies of Siberian Crane.</p> <p>2.3. Promote or take into account avian influenza surveillance at important crane sites</p> <p>DoE will facilitate sample collection of wild birds at FDK, Bujagh National Park and all protected areas.</p> <p>Raise public awareness about avian influenza through brochures, booklets and workshops.</p> <p>Disseminate guidelines with other agencies through official processes.</p> <p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations</p> <p>Consider development of bilateral agreement on migratory birds.</p> <p>Continue cooperation on release of captive-bred Siberian Cranes reared in OCBC in Iran (in cooperation with Russia).</p> <p>3.2. Develop safe migration routes for Siberian Cranes based on those used by Eurasian Cranes</p>

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<p>Islamic Republic of Iran</p> <p>Western Population</p>	<p>Explore feasibility/ desirability of work on Eurasian Crane inter-sessionally (consider this work if resources are available) (in cooperation with Russia).</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p><i>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</i></p> <p>Improve conservation status of FDK NSA, including establishment of buffer zone for NSA.</p> <p>Extend Kiashahr Ramsar site to the whole of Bujagh National Park.</p> <p>Strengthen current Site Management Committees and establish a local hunting NGO through the Site Management Committee.</p> <p>Develop co-management agreements for FDK and Bujagh National Park</p> <p>Finalize management plans and start implementation for FDK and Bujagh NP through a participatory process involving key stakeholders at the site; the plan should be approved by the Site Management Committees.</p> <p>Sign agreements with national, provincial and local universities to conduct research and participate in management of project sites.</p> <p>Monitor and survey the impacts of climate change on crane habitats, if resources are available (in cooperation with Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan).</p> <p>Study the impact of using agro-chemicals in the Siberian Crane habitats. Continue cooperation with UNDP small-grant projects.</p> <p>Provide capacity building for the trappers associations through required trainings and awareness raising activities.</p> <p>Provide training on waterbird monitoring, implementation of management plan, etc.</p> <p>Implement training strategy developed under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Follow up the activity through the participatory management and co-management agreements for FDK and Bujagh National Park.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p><i>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</i></p> <p>Provide copy of Mirsadeghi move to ICF.</p> <p>Follow up on implementation of awareness raising strategy (action plan developed under the UNEP/GEF SCWP).</p> <p>Implement CEPA programme in line with national SCWP awareness strategy. Priorities include – awareness programme in support of site conservation at FDK and BNP, targeted education of shooters, outreach of SCWP results.</p>

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<p>Islamic Republic of Iran</p> <p>Western Population</p>	<p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>Organise Crane Celebration event at FDK and World Migratory Bird Day Celebration at Bujagh NP.</p> <p>Follow implementation of awareness raising strategy (action plan developed under the UNEP/GEF SCWP). Involve NGOs in the implementation of the public awareness strategy</p> <p>Complete the guard station building in Oja Kaleh under the UNEP/GEF SCWP and DoE if funds are available. Construct a visitor center next to the guard station.</p> <p>5.3. Sustainable livelihood opportunities</p> <p>Proposed that local guards operate the guard station at FDK after completion. New local guards (from Kiashahr) should be employed at Bujagh NP.</p> <p>Support ecotourism development projects at FDK and Bujagh NP</p> <p>Extend the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) work to the whole FDK NSA under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Support micro-credit scheme operated through Trappers Association trust funds at FDK to facilitate sustainable livelihood projects under UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>Continue to cooperate on release of captive-bred Siberian Cranes into the wild (in cooperation with Russia).</p> <p>Exchange experts between Siberian Crane sites in Azerbaijan and Iran (in cooperation with Azerbaijan).</p> <p>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</p> <p>Nominate Ardebil site depending on confirmation of the Siberian Crane sightings.</p> <p>6.4. Capacity building</p> <p>Improve site management capacity on community participation and implementation of management plans.</p> <p>Implement training needs assessment developed under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p>

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<p>China</p> <p>Eastern Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Eastern Population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to study the relationship between water levels, water plants and waterbirds in the Poyang Lake Basin and Xianghai National Nature Reserve (NNR).</p> <p>Continue to conduct the impact assessment of oil operations on the wetlands at Momoge NNR.</p> <p>Implement the sector management plans, and establish the cooperation and coordination mechanism between different agencies.</p> <p>Continue to conduct ecological monitoring to ensure that activities are sustainable.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Enhance coordination between the People’s Congress of Heilongjiang and Jilin Provinces and the provincial forestry departments separately; push for the regulations to be issued as early as possible.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to operate the national monitoring system, and conduct the flyway monitoring and wintering survey as well.</p> <p>Continue to coordinate with the RCU (Regional Coordination Unit) of the UNEP/GEF SCWP to allocate more funds to support the capture trial in the Poyang Lake Basin.</p> <p>Revise and update the monitoring plan along the Siberian Crane flyway annually, and continue to conduct monitoring activities.</p> <p>Continue to conduct winter waterbird surveys in Poyang Lake Basin, and breeding surveys of large waterbirds, including cranes at four Northeast China staging sites.</p> <p>Continue to conduct monitoring along the Siberian Crane flyway.</p> <p>Recommend an alternative trial capture at Poyang Lake NNR, if Siberian Cranes in breeding area of Yakutia are not captured successfully.</p> <p>Continue to conduct monitoring and survey to collect related re-sighting data, as well as from the bird watchers and volunteers.</p> <p>Continue to conduct the study of the relationship between water levels, water plants and waterbirds for the following years.</p> <p>2.2. Maintain and contribute to the regional database on the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to improve and update the wetlands management system based on GIS for Songnen Plain and Poyang Lake Basin, and provide more technical support for the policy-making and site management plans.</p>

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<p>China</p> <p>Eastern Population</p>	<p>Establish the national database for the China sites under North East Asia Crane Working Group (NEACWG).</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Develop master plan to seek funding support from the central government, if Nanjishan NNR is officially designated as a National Nature Reserve.</p> <p>Promote the establishment of one new nature reserve in Poyang Lake Basin.</p> <p>Provide technical support for completion of the Ramsar Information Sheet for Keerqin and Momoge NNRs and the boundary modification of the functional areas for Momoge NNR and push the governments at different levels to approve the application.</p> <p>Implement the sector management plans in the following years.</p> <p>Continue to operate the site management committees or community co-management committees, and the provincial advisory groups as well.</p> <p>Reinforce the Wetlands Protection Regulations for Jiangxi and Heilongjiang strictly.</p> <p>Establish a review system to revise and update the sector mgt plans as required.</p> <p>Stimulate the sector plans to be incorporated with the local governmental plans including the water mgt plan and ecotourism plan.</p> <p>Launch the wetlands restoration project in Keerqin or Xianghai or Zhalong NNRs.</p> <p>Complete the management plans and public education plans for Keerqin and Momoge NNRs by the end of 2007.</p> <p>Continue to conduct the relationship study in Poyang Lake Basin and Xianghai NNR to provide technical support for the site.</p> <p>Continue to conduct water, bird and plant monitoring in Zhalong NNR, which will provide the basic data and information for the development of the detailed water replenishment plan for Zhalong NNR wetlands, and the upcoming wetlands restoration project.</p> <p>Conduct wetland monitoring in Momoge and Keerqin NNRs, which will provide technical support for the wetland restoration project.</p> <p>Continue to maintain and update the GIS systems for Poyang Lake Basin and Songnen Plain, and provide the technical support.</p> <p>Conduct the impact assessment of the oil field operation on the wetlands in Momoge NNR, which will aid in controlling and managing the oil field operation.</p> <p>Revise and update the China national training strategy based on the training needs analysis, and conduct the related trainings as required.</p>

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<p>China</p> <p>Eastern Population</p>	<p>Develop mechanisms to increase transfer of knowledge and skills from consultants to local staff.</p> <p>Improve the field monitoring equipment with co-financing from the national monitoring system for wildlife disease and other projects.</p> <p>Continue to employ local farmers as the patrolling staff for Zhalong, Xianghai and Keerqin NNRs.</p> <p>Continue to operate the site management committees.</p> <p>Continue to maintain the cooperative mechanism with the oil company in Momoge NNR.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p><i>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</i></p> <p>Develop a simple communications strategy with assistance from the RCU of the UNEP/GEF SCWP Communication Coordinators.</p> <p>Speed up the publication of scientific results so that they are released as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Contribute information and data to the regional partners</p> <p>Develop local school curricula for Keerqin NNR with funds from the NFWF/ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation Migratory Bird Programme.</p> <p>Finalize the public education book for Poyang Lake Basin and incorporate into the local education system.</p> <p>Jointly conduct some public education activities with the support of the NFWF/ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation Migratory Bird Programme.</p> <p><i>5.2. Community involvement</i></p> <p>Continue to encourage monitoring teams to raise awareness and involve public in the following years, as well as distribution of some public education materials, such as posters, badges, T-shirts, etc.</p> <p>Conduct public education activities for target groups in local communities together with the community pilot activities for Poyang Lake Basin, Zhalong and Xianghai NNRs.</p> <p>Develop an ecotourism booklet and improve the interpretation system for Xianghai NNR.</p> <p>Conduct public education activities for target groups of local communities while developing the site mgt plans and public education plans for Momoge and Keerqin NNRs.</p> <p>Open the center or museum for the public, especially for the local students and farmers.</p> <p><i>5.3. Sustainable livelihood opportunities</i></p> <p>Implement the community pilot activities in Poyang Lake Basin, Zhalong and Xianghai NNRs.</p> <p>Monitor and evaluate the progress and efficiency of the community pilot activities to determine the sustainable resources and replicated activities.</p>

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<p>China</p> <p>Eastern Population</p>	<p>Establish the national database for the China sites under North East Asia Crane Working Group (NEACWG).</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</i></p> <p>Strengthen coordination and cooperation between different government agencies, including the departments of water resources and agriculture.</p> <p>Conduct staff exchange with Yakutian colleagues and invite them to visit stop-over sites or wintering sites in China.</p> <p>Continue to enhance the coordination mechanism of this reporting system.</p> <p>Try to share the observations and sightings with the SCFC in a timely manner.</p> <p>Continue to collect related information and data to complete the national report on time.</p> <p>Discuss in the board meeting of SFA to determine when China may hold this meeting.</p> <p><i>6.3. Support Siberian Crane conservation activities through the East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership</i></p> <p>Help to nominate the candidate for NEACWG in the terms of reference according to the provisions of NEACWG.</p> <p>Develop, maintain and update the database for China in the frame of the NEACWG.</p> <p><i>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</i></p> <p>Ensure regular funds are allocated to the sites of NEACWG and EAAP in China.</p> <p>Provide administrative support for any sites to raise funds from the different channels.</p> <p>Encourage the sites to develop the small-scale project proposals to submit to CMS Secretariat.</p> <p>Continue to allocate some funds to support the provincial forestry departments to coordinate activities related to Siberian Crane conservation.</p> <p>Ensure the regular fund allocation to the site of national monitoring system for wildlife disease.</p> <p>Promote the incorporation of Siberian Crane sites into the national wetlands monitoring system.</p> <p>Promote the incorporation of Siberian Crane sites into the national wetlands restoration programme.</p> <p>Ensure that regular funds are allocated to Xianghai and Zhalong NNRs to protect the non-commercial forest annually.</p>

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<p>Kazakhstan</p> <p>Western and Central Populations</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Western population" and "All Range States – Central Population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to monitor threats on the UNEP/GEF SCWP sites (Naurzum, Zharsor-Urkash) and initiate same work in the west of republic and on territories investigated by PTT and other methods in future, if finance will be available.</p> <p>Investigate Aral Sea regions and territories with PTT (satellite transmitter) and other methods in future if funds are available.</p> <p>Use Forest and Hunting Committee (regional departments) to implement best practice based on experience in West Siberia, ban hunting on lakes in autumn where Siberian Cranes stop during migration.</p> <p>Participate in international training on best practice in conservation and management of the Siberian Crane and its habitats, possibly under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Prepare list of the Siberian Crane migration stopovers for stakeholders to declare them as non-shooting areas.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Continue realization of the national programme on securing hunting territories for stakeholders. Enforce stakeholders' responsibility for nature protection measures.</p> <p>Initiate training on nature protection legislation. Increase the education standards for rangers.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue monitoring of known stopovers in Kostanay Region along Siberian Crane migration routes.</p> <p>Provide monitoring in the southern regions of Turgay Depression (Sarycopa, Lower Irgyz and Turgay, territories near northern Aral) if funds are available.</p> <p>Continue to determine new Siberian Crane staging areas in Kostanay Region and to expand activity to other regions located along flyways of the Siberian Cranes if funds are available.</p> <p>Continue to study the Siberian Crane stopovers on the basis of data which have been received before as a result of PTT and direct observations. If possible, it should be done through IBA programme or attraction of other resources.</p> <p>Continue to survey the northeast coast of the Caspian Sea in the framework of IBA programme. Probably it can be done through monitoring programme of oil company.</p> <p>Search for financial resources for organisation of studies of new areas on Siberian Crane flyways. It is reasonable to implement such works in coordination with PTT programme.</p>

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<p>Kazakhstan</p> <p>Western and Central Populations</p>	<p>Continue investigation of all reported sightings.</p> <p>2.3. Promote or take into account avian influenza surveillance at important crane sites</p> <p>Undertake sample collection of waterbirds in important wetlands.</p> <p>Raise public awareness about avian influenza among decision makers, local communities and veterinary agencies at WCASN and important crane sites.</p> <p>Disseminate guidelines with other agencies and local groups at Siberian Crane sites and other important crane sites.</p> <p>2.4. Evaluate efficacy and application of research/ monitoring</p> <p>Prepare review of experience of monitoring of Siberian Crane and proposal for improved implementation of system of monitoring in Kostanay Region.</p> <p>Prepare list for stakeholders of wetlands used by Siberian Cranes as stopovers to declare them as non-shooting zones.</p> <p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations</p> <p>Take part in Agreement on the "Flight of Hope" Project and participate in this project.</p> <p>Provide satellite tracking along Siberian Crane migration routes if PTT are available for released birds (in cooperation with Russia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).</p> <p>3.2. Develop safe migration routes for Siberian Cranes based on those used by Eurasian Cranes</p> <p>Support monitoring groups.</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Prepare proposals on establishment of protected territories at Kulykol and Tyuntyugur-Zhanshura sites.</p> <p>Establish Zharsor-Urkash Wildlife Refuge, demarcate the borders, install signboards and employ and train a staff of rangers.</p> <p>Organise a protected area at Ural River Delta.</p> <p>Prepare nomination documents for inclusion of Tyuntyugur-Zhanshura, and Sarykopa in the Ramsar List.</p> <p>Sign basin agreement with main stakeholders and ranger to improve water regime of Naurzum Lake System.</p> <p>Continue work with local people; provide training strategy and programme for public awareness and education, involve local stakeholders in the process for protection of territories.</p>
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<p>Kazakhstan</p> <p>Western and Central Populations</p>	<p>Complete management plan for Naurzum NR.</p> <p>Include measures important for Siberian cranes and other waterbirds in draft management plan. Approve management plans.</p> <p>Prepare management plan of Zharsor-Urkash Wildlife Refuge and integrate with the management plan of the Naurzum NR, including research needed. Prepare ecotourism development plan for the UNEP/GEF SCWP sites.</p> <p>Zharsor-Urkash/Kulykol/ Tontegir-Zhansura: Conduct studies, analysis of the current situation and prepare proposals, of financial sources are attracted under the framework of the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Monitor and survey the impacts of climate change on crane habitats, if resources are available.</p> <p>Plan studies on biodiversity, socio-economic, and grazing assessments at Kulykol and Tyuntyugur-Zhanshura sites within the framework of the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Prepare maps of ecosystems under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Prepare analytical review of results of annual monitoring.</p> <p>Organise series of training courses on ecological education and tourism for nature reserve staff and regional societies of hunters and fishermen; provide ecological tours, purchase equipment, prepare education posters and publications within the framework of the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Work with local community to improve management of buffer zone.</p> <p>Enhance management of buffer zones and external threats for protected areas critical for the Siberian Crane.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</p> <p>Produce three films (Naurzum Nature Reserve, Siberian Crane conservation efforts, Crane Day Celebration).</p> <p>Spread this activity to western parts of Kazakhstan.</p> <p>Produce and distribute colorful posters, caps, sports-shirts with the UNEP/GEF SCWP project logo and pictures of competition winners and other items depicting cranes.</p> <p>Continue developing and distributing materials as possible, to cover other regions along the flyway of Siberian Cranes. Search for additional funding for publishing calendars, booklets and other items on cranes.</p> <p>Produce and disseminate a new booklet on the Siberian Crane in Kazakhstan, the problems of its protection and role of Kazakhstan in international efforts on its recovery.</p> <p>Prepare stickers of the project sites as key territories for both protection of Siberian Cranes and other globally endangered waterbird species.</p> <p>Update booklet for three crane species, translate and distribute booklet on "101 Questions About Cranes» by Vladimir Flint.</p>

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<p>Kazakhstan</p> <p>Western and Central Populations</p>	<p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>Distribute information programmes produced.</p> <p>Continue to organise Crane Celebration, expanding it to the territory of Tyuntyugur-Zhanshura site and Atyrau Region (areas adjoining Ural delta). As possible, cover other areas on the flyway of Siberian Cranes.</p> <p>Develop information center in Karamendy Village near Naurzum.</p> <p>5.3. Sustainable livelihood opportunities</p> <p>Prepare eco-tourism strategy under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>FHC to appoint individuals as administrative and technical focal points.</p> <p>Cooperate in "Flight of Hope" project.</p> <p>Realize cooperation with Russia in framework of the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Participate in other international projects.</p> <p>Continue to send information on the Siberian Crane sightings and conservation activity to the SCFC.</p> <p>Participate in regular Range State CMS MoU meetings.</p> <p>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</p> <p>Prepare nomination sheets for three areas (Sarykopa, Tengiz-Kurgaldzhino and Lower Turgay River).</p> <p>Continue identification of new sites important for protection of Siberian Cranes and other crane species.</p> <p>6.4. Capacity building</p> <p>Realize strategy on capacity and education within the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Purchase equipment for Resource Information Center in Karamendy Village.</p> <p>Organise international training on ecosystem and monitoring indicators in the framework of the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Evaluate training programme efficacy.</p> <p>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</p> <p>Explore possibility to propose project for implementation of basin agreement.</p> <p>Apply to CMS to provide letters to the Government with appeal to support Siberian Crane conservation measures.</p>

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<p>Mongolia</p> <p>Eastern Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Eastern Population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue studies on the impact of livestock and people on the lakes used by Siberian Cranes during the summer.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Contribute to enforcement (observance of laws).</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue monitoring at Siberian Crane sites.</p> <p>Continue study of identified places for sightings of Siberian Cranes.</p> <p>Continue ecological research.</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Suggest proposal to create international protected area including OBNP in Mongolia and Sokhondinsky State Nature Reserve in Russia (WWF -Mongolia is working on this).</p> <p>Study anthropogenic impact and pasture livestock breeding on Siberian Crane habitats in the Onon and Uldza Rivers Basin including impacts of climate change.</p> <p>Introduce in practice regular experience sharing in training and research, especially through the protected area network.</p> <p>Hire separate rangers to control buffer zone if financing is available.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</p> <p>Obtain VHS video about the Siberian Crane again.</p> <p>Continue to publish information about the Siberian Crane sightings, including foreign magazines.</p> <p>Share booklets, calendars and posters on the Siberian Crane widely.</p> <p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>Conduct Crane Celebrations in Central and Inner Mongolia.</p> <p>Work out and realize education programmes.</p>

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<p>Mongolia</p> <p>Eastern Population</p>	<p><i>5.3. Sustainable livelihood opportunities</i> Work on proposals for cattle density decreasing by organising new water wells and pastures.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</i> Conduct international expedition in Mongolia to investigate summer habitats of the Siberian Crane in 2008-2009. Participate in field expeditions in Yakutia. Plan to establish Mongolian–Russian joint protected area. Conduct trainings and experience exchange on GIS implementation.</p> <p><i>6.3. Support Siberian Crane conservation activities through the East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership</i> Add OBNP to sites of the NEASWG in 2009.</p> <p><i>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</i> Mobilize technical and finance assistance from international sponsors.</p>

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<p>Pakistan</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Central population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to research threats and monitor habitats with reference to other cranes.</p> <p>Use count data on three established crane sites to assess the status of crane populations.</p> <p>Survey impact of crane capture for captivity.</p> <p>Assess hunting threats.</p> <p>Better enforcement of existing laws on live capture is required. In the fall trapping and hunting is lower than during spring migration. Usually 17-23 March is the primary hunting period.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to conduct annual surveys.</p> <p>2.3. Promote or take into account avian influenza surveillance at important crane sites</p> <p>Work with crane hunters to collect samples from captured birds.</p> <p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p>3.2. Develop safe migration routes for Siberian Cranes based on those used by Eurasian Cranes</p> <p>Consider putting satellite transmitters on Eurasian Cranes under Pakistan Wetlands Programme, provided that funding and technical assistance is secured. The programme has also suggested aerial surveys of migrating cranes from light aircraft to track routes.</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Continue activities on crane conservation in the Kurram Valley.</p> <p>Establish community crane refuges in cooperation with North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) Wildlife Department.</p> <p>Develop site-based management plans for Tonsa Barrage and Tanedar Wallah (need to confirm with NWFP & WWF-Pakistan).</p> <p>Consider research in collaboration with climate change unit in the proposed sites for the WCASN by NWFP.</p>

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<p>Pakistan</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p>Provide training in crane captive breeding and husbandry techniques by Cracid and Crane Breeding and Conservation Center (CBCC) for two people under collaboration with Pakistan Wetlands Programme.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</p> <p>NWFP Wildlife Department and PFI will continue to screen the film and celebrate annual Wildlife Week, Earth day and Biodiversity day. Pakistan Wetlands Programme will continue to celebrate World Wetlands Day and will reprint posters of Cranes of Pakistan for distribution to local sites. Broadcast locally produced film on Cranes of Pakistan.</p> <p>Pakistan Wetlands Programme will print material related to conservation of wetlands and associated biodiversity in Pakistan.</p> <p>Pakistan Forest Institute will prepare a brochure on cranes of Pakistan.</p> <p>NWFP Wildlife Department will print its various types of educational material for distribution among students and general public in Kurram Valley.</p> <p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>Ongoing listed activities including conducting of seminars, competitions, and so on will be continued. Funding availability is limited; proposals have been submitted to continue the activities.</p> <p>Extension division of NWFP Wildlife Department and Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI) are conducting the training activities.</p> <p>The PWP will explore possibility of conducting educational activities on cranes in the Central Indus Wetlands Complex.</p> <p>Crane Conservation and Education Centre has been established and will be operational in 2007. The CBCC Belgium in partnership with PWP will provide pairs of various crane species to the Centre for educational purposes and for display.</p> <p>Pakistan Wetlands Programme will explore options for sustainable livelihood strategies in the Central Indus Wetlands Complex.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>Pakistan Wetland Project will provide GIS maps for sites proposed to WCASN.</p> <p>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</p> <p>Provide nomination letter for Taunsa Barrage (Punjab), Thanadar Wala by NWFP.</p> <p>Propose additional sites: Wasta Lake (Baluchistan), Musa khel (Baluchistan) and Panjnad (Punjab) for WCASN.</p>

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Pakistan Central Population	<p>6.4. Capacity building Conduct training needs assessment under its training and capacity building initiative by PWP.</p> <p>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation Continue fund raising efforts. WWF Pakistan will continue its efforts to write proposals for raising funds.</p>

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<p>Russian Federation</p> <p>Western Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Western population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to monitor determined threats at four sites of the UNEP/GEF SCWP, WCASN sites and on territories investigated by PTT (satellite transmitter) and other methods in future.</p> <p>Participate in international training on best practice in conservation and management of the Siberian Crane and its habitats, possibly under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Hold consultations with the Ministry of Agriculture and regional Administrations on Siberian Crane range about closing of spring hunting season.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Legislation is already optimal, no action required.</p> <p>Plan to work on increasing the compensation fee for damage to Siberian Crane (poaching) with Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to provide regular monitoring (ground and aerial) on proposed WCASN sites and in Astrakhan NR.</p> <p>Conduct aerial survey to west of Urals, if funds are available.</p> <p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations</p> <p>Consider development of bilateral agreement on migratory birds.</p> <p>Continue cooperation on release of captive-bred Siberian Cranes reared in OCBC in Iran.</p> <p>Continue to implement reintroduction programme, including "Flight of Hope" Project.</p> <p>3.2. Develop safe migration routes for Siberian Cranes based on those used by Eurasian Cranes</p> <p>Study Eurasian Cranes breeding grounds identified if funds are available and Eurasian Cranes are marked with PTTs in India.</p> <p>Continue to study migration routes of Eurasian Cranes if PTTs and funds are available.</p> <p>Develop proposals on protection of key stopover sites on the migration route of Eurasian Cranes.</p>

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<p>Russian Federation</p> <p>Western Population</p>	<p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Provide a letter to the MNR of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture with request to hasten resolution of the federal wildlife refuge problem. Provide support of the UNEP/GEF SCWP and other international conservation projects.</p> <p>Seek support of regional administrations to speed up the solution of the problem with federal wildlife refuges.</p> <p>Complete management plans for the UNEP/GEF SCWP sites.</p> <p>Study current situation at Agrakhansky Wildlife Refuge, Dagestan.</p> <p>Assess impact of oil and gas developments in KARB and KRB.</p> <p>Extend training and capacity building experience from the UNEP/GEF SCWP to Agrakhansky Wildlife Refuge.</p> <p>Work to increase buffer zone for Belozersky Wildlife Refuge.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</p> <p>Continue to distribute Siberian Crane poster by Robert Bateman.</p> <p>Prepare and distribute booklets on Siberian Cranes, methodical recommendation for students and teacher.</p> <p>Republish booklet "101 Question About Cranes" by Flint and distribute it.</p> <p>Continue publicizing information about Siberian Cranes and related activities with support from UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Use "Flight of Hope" Project for education along the flyway.</p> <p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>Provide education activity in Dagestan, especially in Agrakhansky Wildlife Refuge and Dagestansky NR.</p> <p>Continue the programme "Siberian Crane in a Suitcase".</p> <p>Organise and expand Crane Celebration.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>Continue to cooperate on release of captive-bred Siberian Cranes into the wild (in cooperation with Iran).</p> <p>Cooperate in "Flight of Hope" project with Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.</p> <p>Realize cooperation in framework of the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p>

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<p>Russian Federation</p> <p>Western Population</p>	<p>Participate in other international projects.</p> <p>Continue to send information on the Siberian Crane sightings and conservation activity to the SCFC. 6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</p> <p>Complete nomination process for proposed sites to WCASN.</p> <p>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</p> <p>Continue work with non-governmental agencies to fundraise for the Siberian Crane conservation and release programme.</p> <p>Continue to work with governmental agencies for fund raising for the Siberian Crane conservation and release programme.</p>

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<p>Russian Federation</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Central Population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue to monitor threats. Work with oil and gas companies in Konda and Aymka River basin (KARB) and Kunovat River Basin (KRB) sites.</p> <p>Participate in international training on best practice in conservation and management of the Siberian Crane and its habitats, possibly under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Participate in international training on best practice in conservation and management of the Siberian Crane and its habitats, possibly under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Provide consultations with Federal Services and regional administrations about spring hunting along the Siberian Crane Flyway.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Send the letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) of Russian Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture requesting a rapid solution to the problem of the federal wildlife refuges (zakazniks). Provide the support of the UNEP/GEF SCWP and other international nature conservation projects.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Monitor known breeding grounds and stopovers.</p> <p>Identify new Siberian Crane breeding sites and migration stopovers through questionnaires and PTTs, if PTTs are available.</p> <p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations</p> <p>Continue to implement reintroduction programme, including "Flight of Hope" Project.</p> <p>3.2. Develop safe migration routes for Siberian Cranes based on those used by Eurasian Cranes</p> <p>Study Eurasian Crane breeding grounds identified through Eurasian Crane marking in India.</p> <p>Continue to study migration routes of Eurasian Cranes if PTT and funds are available.</p> <p>Develop proposals on protection of key stopover sites on the migration route of Eurasian Cranes.</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p>

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<p>Russian Federation</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Provide a letter to the MNR of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture with request to hasten resolution of the federal wildlife refuge problem. Provide support of the UNEP/GEF SCWP and other international conservation projects.</p> <p>Inform regional departments of Federal Service about inadequate protection measures of federal wildlife refuges.</p> <p>Develop and implement management plans in the framework of the UNEP/GEF SCWP for project sites.</p> <p>Continue monitoring programme for the Siberian Crane habitats.</p> <p>Continue to monitor environmental impacts, if funds are available (in cooperation with Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).</p> <p>Provide training under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Increase the buffer zone of Belozersky Wildlife Refuge.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</p> <p>Continue publicizing information about Siberian Cranes and related activities.</p> <p>Use "Flight of Hope" Project for education along the flyway.</p> <p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>Continue the programme "Siberian Crane in a Suitcase".</p> <p>Organise and expand Crane Celebration.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>Attend the Scientific Conference "Cranes of Palearctic: Biology and Conservation" of the CWGE in Rostov NR in October 2007.</p> <p>Participate in CWGE activities.</p> <p>Study wintering grounds of Eurasian cranes in UZ, if funds are available.</p> <p>Implement the Flight of Hope Project.</p> <p>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</p> <p>Complete a nomination process of sites in WCASN.</p> <p>6.4. Capacity building</p> <p>Update training programmes.</p> <p>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</p> <p>Continue to involve Governmental organisations and NGOs.</p>

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<p>Russian Federation</p> <p>Eastern Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Eastern Population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue research on threats during nesting period (assess quantitative and qualitative parameters of habitats), and during migrations and use of staging areas (monitoring of power line impact and pollution of water bodies by lead shot). Monitoring of avian influenza virus in populations of wild birds in Yakutia.</p> <p>Monitoring of electric power line impact on migratory birds, if funds are available.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Continue development of normative legal basis at resource reserves in accordance with federal legislation under UNEP/GEF SCWP activity.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Continue ground monitoring research studies in Kytalyk, Kyupsky, Kuoluma-Chappanda and Chabda RRRs.</p> <p>Develop special monitoring programme concerning satellite tracking of Siberian Cranes including both young and adult birds.</p> <p>Conduct search for Siberian Cranes in the eastern part of north-taiga sub-zone (Abyisky and Momsky Uluses) in 2007.</p> <p>Submit and adopt an application for 2008 for financing research in search of nesting and summering grounds of Siberian crane in Oleneksk, Zhigansk, Crednekolimsk, Nizhnekolimsk, Momsk and Abiy Uluses to Ministry of Nature Protection of Yakutia.</p> <p>Submit an application for 2007 and next years for allocation of financing for research in West Yakutia (Zhigansk and Oleneksk Uluses) to ALROSA diamond mining corporation.</p> <p>Continue activity on crane capture and banding with color rings and PTT in 2007, and possibly in 2008.</p> <p>Plan to start investigation of reported sightings of the Siberian Crane from 2008.</p> <p>Continue research on monitoring Siberian Crane in Kytalyk RRR and Middle Aldan Model Territory in 2007-2009.</p> <p>Create similar national database according to questionnaire data (sighting and status of Siberian Crane) and breeding habitats.</p> <p>Organise avian influenza session during conference on North Pacific Migratory Birds Conservation in August 2007 in Yakutia.</p> <p>Extend and detail applied research in the course of further research studies.</p>

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<p>Russian Federation</p> <p>Eastern Population</p>	<p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p><i>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations</i></p> <p>Initiate joint research on genetic polymorphism of the Siberian Crane in captivity in China in 2008 along with scientists of Institute of Zoology of CAS and with support of China National Coordination Unit (NCU). Apply for a grant on Siberian Crane genetic research to the Russian Fund of Fundamental Research (RFFI).</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p><i>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</i></p> <p>Establish a Nature Park with Kytalyk RRR separate from the Board of Nature Protection Inspection as the first stage. This will allow the appointment of an interested leader and permanent staff of inspectors and rangers. In order to facilitate the process of park organisation and raising effectiveness of Siberian Crane protection, it is reasonable to include in the reserve the territories of regularly used crane habitat. Inclusion of marine and coastal areas demands a great number of permits and agreement at federal level that is difficult to do.</p> <p>Include Kytalyk RRR into the list of Ramsar Sites as the second stage. This will provide the reserve with adequate international status, required financing and proper protection.</p> <p>Make RRR status legally recognized at federal level.</p> <p>Establish a Steering Committee for MT Middle Aldan.</p> <p>Develop management plans for Kytalyk RRR and MT Middle Aldan in the period defined by consultant workplan.</p> <p>Collect additional necessary information through site visits along with ECORA representatives.</p> <p>Continue research on monitoring and assessment of environmental impacts.</p> <p>Monitor project implementation and impacts of exploitation of natural resources including oil and gas.</p> <p>Participate and assist governmental structures in training, since Yakutian Coordination Unit of the UNEP/GEF SCWP can't deal with it due to lack of funds and authorization.</p> <p>Re-establish Kytalyk RRR Administration to facilitate activities on forming the staff of Resource Reserve inspectors.</p> <p>Agree on protection of habitats of rare crane species in the Maya River Valley with the administration of the Khabarovsk Region.</p>

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<p>Russian Federation</p> <p>Eastern Population</p>	<p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</p> <p>Sign agreement between IBPC, National TV Company "Sakha" and "Olonkho" Association. Through this agreement prepare informational video films about Siberian Cranes and broadcast them on TV.</p> <p>Obtain financial support to publish "Strategy on Siberian Crane Protection" in English. Request WWF-Russia to publish (V. Nikiforov).</p> <p>Publish results of Siberian Crane research in scientific magazines such as <i>Ornithology, Siberian Ecological Magazine, etc.</i></p> <p>Publish book on Siberian Crane in the beginning of 2008. Texts of foreign authors will be published in English; texts of Russians authors will be published in Russian.</p> <p>Continue to implement project "Three White Cranes, Two Flyways, One World" and provide information on project website. Add Russian language section to the project website if funds are available.</p> <p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>Hire Ecological Education Consultant in 2007. Involve model local settlements and schools along flyway in the campaign through the internet, distribution of materials, consultative support in Yakutsk and during field expedition of crane experts, without visits targeted specifically for education. Conduct local and provincial contests and implement new education project, "Three White Cranes, Two Flyways, One World".</p> <p>Repair and supply with equipment Chabda RRR lodge for workshops and expeditions.</p> <p>Plan to conduct international ecological workshops for children, students and young professionals in Chabda RRR, in framework of the UNEP/GEF SCWP in 2008. Plan to get co-financing from "Bargary" Foundation (Sakha Republic).</p> <p>Evaluate ecotourism potential in Middle Aldan site.</p> <p>Expand Crane Celebrations. Since 2007 include Crane Celebrations in All-Republic State Action "Nature and We," especially contest for children "Siberian Crane is the Bird of Happiness."</p> <p>5.3. Sustainable livelihood opportunities</p> <p>Work on proposals to develop herd horse breeding in Allaikhovskiy Ulus of Yakutia.</p>

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<p>Russian Federation</p> <p>Eastern Population</p>	<p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</i></p> <p>Conduct joint Chinese-Russian expedition in the most intensive flyways of the Siberian Crane.</p> <p>Continue efforts to conclude a treaty with Zoological Institute of CAS.</p> <p>Continue efforts to conclude a 4-lateral treaty between Zoological Institute of CAS, George Washington University, Institute of Cytology and Genetics of Siberian Branch of RAS, and IBPC.</p> <p>Attend the International Scientific Conference "Cranes of Palearctic: Biology and Conservation" of the CWGE in Rostov NR in October 2007.</p> <p>Participate in CWGE activities.</p> <p>Continue to send information on the Siberian Crane sightings and conservation activity to the SCFC.</p> <p><i>6.3. Support Siberian Crane conservation activities through the East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership</i></p> <p>Send documents on protected areas of Central Yakutia for nomination to NEACWG to the Ministry of Nature Protection of Sakha Republic and to the Ministry of Natural Resources of Russian Federation.</p> <p>Prepare documents about Chaigurgino RRR in cooperation with ECORA Project for nomination to NEACWG and submit them to republic and federal governmental agencies.</p>

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<p>Turkmenistan</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Central Population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Organise monitoring of threats to the Siberian Crane stopovers and the Eurasian Crane wintering grounds.</p> <p>Participate in international training on best practice in conservation and management of the Siberian Crane and its habitats, possibly under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Organise seminars on optimal hunting seasons.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Organise a consultation meeting between the Ministry for Nature Protection and the Ministry of Justice to discuss enhancing bird protection legislation.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Monitor Miana-Chaacha, Tedjen Valley, and Amu-Dariya Valley (Kelif, Tallimirdjan).</p> <p>Continue to seek new data on Siberian and Eurasian Cranes in the wetlands located in the south-west, south-east, and northern Turkmenistan.</p> <p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations</p> <p>Provide satellite tracking along Siberian Crane migration routes if PTT are available for released birds.</p> <p>3.2. Develop safe migration routes for Siberian Cranes based on those used by Eurasian Cranes</p> <p>Research Amu-Dariya Valley, especially Atamurat – Kelif railway station part, if funds are available.</p> <p>Take part in the "Flight of Hope" Project (in cooperation with Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Nominate Miana-Chacha and Kelif Wildlife Refuges as IBAs and enforce crane protection there.</p> <p>Collaborate with local administration to provide necessary protection measures in Miana-Chaacha and Kelif Refuges.</p>

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<p>Turkmenistan</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p>Continue to monitor environmental impacts, if funds are available.</p> <p>Organise seminars with target group.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</p> <p>Continue publicizing information about Siberian Cranes and related activities.</p> <p>Continue to distribute informational materials received from CWGE. Translate Vladimir Flint's "101 Questions About Cranes" into local languages.</p> <p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>Continue to organise trainings for different target groups.</p> <p>Carry out the Crane Day Celebration in the range of all regions where Eurasian Cranes migrate and winter and highlight the actions in mass-media.</p> <p>Present posters by Robert Bateman to winners of competitions which will be carried out during actions "Cranes – Our Treasury" in the frames of "International Bird's Day" and "World Wetlands Day".</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>Need to notify CMS of names of Administrative and Technical Focal Points</p> <p>Attend the Scientific Conference "Cranes of Palearctic: Biology and Conservation" of the CWGE in Rostov NR in October 2007.</p> <p>Participate in CWGE activities.</p> <p>Take part in BirdLife International Programme on IBA in Central Asia and GEF/CEP "Khazar Project".</p> <p>Provide collaborated research (TM, AF, UZ) of Eurasian Crane wintering grounds in the Amu-Dariya valley, if funds are available.</p> <p>Provide collaborated research (TM, IR, AF) wintering grounds in Harrirud Valley, if funds are available.</p> <p>Continue to send information on Eurasian cranes to the SCFC.</p> <p>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</p> <p>Nominate sites Zeid-Tallimerdzen and Kelif-Tallimerdjan in 2008.</p> <p>6.4. Capacity building</p> <p>Prepare first draft of training needs.</p> <p>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</p> <p>Apply to CMS, ICF, and other sources for financial support for survey and monitoring of European Cranes' migration and wintering in Turkmenistan.</p>

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<p>Uzbekistan</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p><i>See also activities listed under "All Range States – Central population"</i></p> <p>Objective I: Reduce mortality</p> <p>1.1. Determine and monitor prevailing threats of all types to the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Organise monitoring of threats to the Siberian Crane stopovers and wintering grounds.</p> <p>Participate in international training on best practice in conservation and management of the Siberian Crane and its habitats, possibly under the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Organise seminars for rangers and hunters about optimal hunting seasons to eliminate Siberian Crane mortality on the flyway.</p> <p>1.2. Strengthen and improve enforcement of legislation for crane protection</p> <p>Enforce the measures for responsibility of conservation of the Siberian Crane and its habitat.</p> <p>Enhance activity for increasing protection status of territories important to the Siberian Crane.</p> <p>Initiate training on nature protection legislations for different target groups.</p> <p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p>2.1. Monitor and study the Siberian Crane and its habitats</p> <p>Monitor Siberian Crane sites, known as stopovers, and Eurasian Cranes stopovers along migration routes for the last 30 years. If possible, it should be done through Important Bird Area (IBA) programme or attraction of other resources.</p> <p>Continue to collect information about Siberian Cranes in Uzbekistan.</p> <p>Investigate any reports received.</p> <p>2.3. Promote or take into account avian influenza surveillance at important crane sites</p> <p>Undertake training in wild bird handling and AI surveillance for wildlife and veterinary staff at Western/Central Asian Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other Waterbirds (WCASN) and other important sites if funds are available.</p> <p>Raise public awareness about avian influenza among decision makers and local communities at network sites and important crane sites.</p> <p>Prepare awareness raising and training materials on AI (maps of main waterbird areas, identification guides for waterbird groups), if funds are available.</p> <p>Create a communication network for reporting dead or infected wild birds suspected to have AI network sites and other important crane sites.</p>

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<p>Uzbekistan</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations Sign Agreement on the "Flight of Hope" Project.</p> <p>Provide satellite tracking along Siberian Crane migration routes if PTT are available for released birds (in cooperation with Russia, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan).</p> <p>3.2. Develop safe migration routes for Siberian Cranes based on those used by Eurasian Cranes</p> <p>Continue research for suitable wintering grounds for the Siberian Crane release.</p> <p>Continue to collect information about territories used by Siberian and other cranes through various methods.</p> <p>Take part in the "Flight of Hope" Project (in cooperation with Russia and Kazakhstan).</p> <p>Objective IV: Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>4.1. Protect and manage habitats of importance for the Siberian Crane</p> <p>Nominate Achinskoye Lake and territories in Amu-Dariya River (Termez) as IBAs and enforce crane protection there.</p> <p>Develop collaboration with local communities and governmental agencies in sites where the Eurasian cranes wintering grounds are also suitable for Siberian cranes to winter.</p> <p>Continue to monitor environmental impacts, if funds are available.</p> <p>Continue to organise seminars with different target groups in regions of importance for the Siberian Crane.</p> <p>Use the system of frontier control for management of buffer zones and external threats.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</p> <p>Continue publicizing information and related activities about Siberian Cranes.</p> <p>Continue to produce and distribute informational material.</p> <p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>To continue annual observance of Crane Celebration and World Migration Day.</p>

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<p>Uzbekistan</p> <p>Central Population</p>	<p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</i></p> <p>Attend the Scientific Conference "Cranes of Palearctic Biology and Conservation" of the CWGE in Rostov NR in October 2007.</p> <p>Participate in CWGE activities.</p> <p>Take part in BirdLife International Programme on IBA in Central Asia, and the Flight of Hope Project.</p> <p>Provide collaborated research (TM, AF, UZ) of Eurasian Crane wintering grounds in the Amudaria Valley, if funds are available.</p> <p>Continue to send information on the Siberian Crane sightings and conservation activity as well as on Eurasian cranes to the SCFC.</p> <p><i>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</i></p> <p>Prepare background for nomination of list of potential sites for WCASN.</p> <p><i>6.4. Capacity building</i></p> <p>Prepare first draft of training needs.</p> <p><i>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</i></p> <p>Explore possibility to propose project for implementation basin agreement.</p> <p>Prepare grant proposal to support education and public awareness activity for task groups under implementation of the "Flight of Hope" Project.</p>

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<p>Siberian Crane Flyway Coordinator</p>	<p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p><i>5.2. Community involvement</i></p> <p>Provide guidance on coordination and activities for Crane Celebration. Continue to provide model materials to be adapted into local languages.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</i></p> <p>Maintain and update focal point list regularly.</p> <p>Continue to collect and share information. Update SCFC website and establish Russian version of the website. Continue to update Siberian Crane database.</p>
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<p>International Crane Foundation</p>	<p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p><i>2.3. Promote or take into account avian influenza surveillance at important crane sites</i></p> <p>Finalize guidelines for reducing AI risks at wetland protected areas and make them available to all Range States and partner organisations.</p> <p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p><i>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations</i></p> <p>Plan and cooperate on providing eggs and chicks at early stage of breeding season for reintroduction programme (in cooperation with CBCC and OCBC). Provide training on new capture and release techniques.</p> <p>Order and provide high quality PTTs as funding allows.</p> <p>Continue to maintain programmes and accounts with ARGOS</p> <p>Distribute data immediately by email.</p> <p>Objective V: Increase public awareness and ecological education</p> <p><i>5.1. Share information on Siberian Crane conservation efforts</i></p> <p>Support education activities at sites in China through NFWF grant.</p>
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<p>International Crane Foundation</p>	<p>Make DVD copies in Russian language. Continue to provide DVD or Betacam copies in English or Russian languages on request. Discuss with countries at MoU6 the need/plan to make an updated film.</p> <p>Work with SCFC for plan to improve archive and accessibility of footage by newly hired UNEP/GEF SCWP Communications Coordinators.</p> <p>Continue to provide the range states with awareness materials especially for the Crane Celebration.</p> <p>Provide new layouts of posters.</p> <p>Provide new layouts of stickers to Range States.</p> <p>Provide layout of the Siberian Crane booklet and materials to China and Iran and other interested countries for translation in national language and printing.</p> <p>Maintain the UNEP/GEF SCWP and SCFC websites.</p> <p>Produce colorful booklet on the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>5.2. Community involvement</p> <p>Provide guidance on coordination and activities for Crane Celebration. Continue to provide model materials to be adapted into local languages.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p>Support PTT study of Siberian Cranes along Eastern Flyway (China and Yakutia).</p> <p>Compile and distribute CMS MoU6 meeting report, including revised Conservation Plans for three populations with limited number of copies.</p> <p>Send reminder to countries with request to update electronic database.</p> <p>Hire specialist to create electronic reporting database. Upload report database to CMS website. Upload country reports there with request of additional information from countries.</p> <p>Work with host country of CMS MoU7 to ensure that the meeting is financially secure.</p> <p>Liaise with other potential co-operating organisations as appropriate that signal their interest to sign the CMS MoU.</p> <p>BirdLife International should be considered re their new Species Champions campaign for Critically Endangered species.</p>

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<p>International Crane Foundation</p>	<p><i>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</i></p> <p>Continue to promote the development of the WCASN to ensure that all eligible countries nominate at least one site.</p> <p>Hire staff to compile and get additional information from Range States to prepare WCASN part as an appendix to Conservation Plan.</p> <p>Design and issue site certificates and produce guidance for site designation ceremonies with assistance from experts with experience of similar schemes.</p> <p>Finalize and circulate on CMS letterhead Terms of Reference for WCASN Committee and Site Review Working Group.</p> <p>Seek funding for training activities on WCASN in collaboration with ICF and other MoU cooperating organizations.</p> <p><i>6.3. Support Siberian Crane conservation activities through the East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership</i></p> <p>Participate in NEACWG meetings supported by the UNEP/GEF SCWP.</p> <p>Participate in EAAFP meetings to represent interests of the CMS MoU.</p> <p><i>6.4. Capacity building</i></p> <p>Participate in related international workshops and conferences. Facilitate training conducted in SCWP countries.</p> <p>Support exchange of Yakutian and Chinese experts through the UNEP/GEF SCWP and other projects.</p> <p><i>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</i></p> <p>Continue to fund the SCFC through UNEP/GEF SCWP until end of project in March 2009. ICF will work with CMS to fund this critical position.</p>

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<p>Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species</p>	<p>Objective II: Monitoring and research</p> <p><i>2.3. Promote or take into account avian influenza surveillance at important crane sites</i></p> <p>Make CMS Guidelines available through the Scientific Task Force.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>6.1. Improve national and international cooperation and information exchange</i></p> <p>Call attention to the importance of conserving Siberian Cranes and their habitats over their entire range, at relevant international conferences.</p> <p>Compile and distribute CMS MoU6 meeting report, including revised Conservation Plans for three populations with limited number of copies.</p> <p>Send reminder to countries with request to update electronic database.</p> <p>Hire specialist to create electronic reporting database. Upload report database to CMS website. Upload country reports there with request of additional information from countries.</p> <p>Work with host country of MoU7 to ensure that the meeting is financially secure.</p> <p>Liaise with other potential co-operating organisations as appropriate that signal their interest to sign the MoU.</p> <p>BirdLife International should be considered re their new Species Champions campaign for Critically Endangered species.</p> <p><i>6.2. Development of the Western/Central Asia Site Network for the Siberian Crane and other waterbirds (WCASN)</i></p> <p>Continue to promote the development of the WCASN to ensure that all eligible countries nominate at least one site.</p> <p>Hire staff to compile and get additional information from Range States to prepare WCASN part as an appendix to Conservation Plan.</p> <p>Design and issue site certificates and produce guidance for site designation ceremonies with assistance from experts with experience of similar schemes.</p> <p>Finalize and circulate on CMS letterhead Terms of Reference for WCASN Committee and Site Review Working Group.</p> <p>Seek funding for training activities on WCASN in collaboration with ICF and other MoU cooperating organisations.</p> <p><i>6.3. Support Siberian Crane conservation activities through the East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership</i></p> <p>Participate in EAAFP meetings to represent interests of the CMS MoU.</p>

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<p>Secretariat of the Conven- tion on Migratory Species</p>	<p><i>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</i></p> <p>Work with Range States, ICF and others, including CMS COP9, to secure funding for MoU7.</p> <p>Explore feasibility to establish trust fund and leverage additional funding from national governments and other international sources.</p> <p>Provide letters of support for efforts of national agencies and cooperating partners to secure additional funding for MoU-related activities.</p> <p>Continue to coordinate with Friends of CMS to determine what support could be provided to the MoU's implementation in collaboration with ICF.</p>

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<p>Cracid & Crane Breeding and Conservation Center (Belgium)</p>	<p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p><i>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations</i></p> <p>Plan and cooperate on providing eggs and chicks at early stage of breeding season for reintroduction programme in cooperation with Oka Crane Breeding Center (OCBC).</p> <p>Collaborate in genetic studies of captive population, if funds are available with OCBC.</p> <p>Objective VI: Enhance national and international cooperation and information exchange</p> <p><i>6.5. Raise funds to support a comprehensive conservation programme supporting CMS MoU implementation</i></p> <p>Continue to fund OCBC in future. Plan extra funds for OCBC exhibit facility reconstruction.</p>

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<p>Oka Crane Breeding Center</p>	<p>Objective III: Increase numbers and genetic diversity</p> <p><i>3.1. Promote recovery of the Siberian Crane populations</i></p> <p>Plan and cooperate on providing eggs and chicks at early stage of breeding season for reintroduction programme in cooperation with Cracid and Crane Breeding and Conservation Center (CBCC).</p> <p>Produce Siberian Crane eggs and chicks for release programmes. Explore new techniques of release taking account of biological features of the Siberian Crane.</p> <p>Continue cooperation on release of captive-bred Siberian Cranes reared in OCBC in Iran.</p> <p>Continue to participate in release programmes, including "Flight of Hope Project".</p> <p>Collaborate in genetic studies of captive population, if funds are available with ICF and CBCC.</p>