

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral Environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English and French (working languages) Unofficial courtesy translations available in Arabic and Russian
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	Migratory populations of <i>Falconiformes</i> and <i>Strigiformes</i> species occurring in Africa and Eurasia
RANGE STATES/REIO*	132: Afghanistan; ALBANIA; ALGERIA; Andorra; ANGOLA; ARMENIA; AUSTRIA; Azerbaijan; BANGLADESH; BELARUS; BELGIUM; BENIN; Bahrain; Bhutan; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; BULGARIA; BURKINA FASO; BURUNDI; CAMEROON; CABO VERDE; Central African Republic; CHAD; China; Comoros; CONGO; CÔTE D'IVOIRE; CROATIA; CYPRUS; CZECH REPUBLIC; DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO; DENMARK (incl. Faeroe Islands and Greenland); DJIBOUTI; EGYPT; EQUATORIAL GUINEA; ERITREA; ESTONIA; ETHIOPIA; EUROPEAN UNION; FINLAND (incl. Åland Islands); FRANCE (incl. Mayotte and Reunion); GABON; GAMBIA; GEORGIA; GERMANY; GHANA; GREECE; GUINEA; GUINEA-BISSAU; HUNGARY; Iceland; INDIA; IRAN; Iraq; IRELAND; ISRAEL; ITALY; JORDAN; KAZAKHSTAN; KENYA; Kuwait; Kyrgyzstan; LATVIA; Lebanon; Lesotho; LIBERIA; LIBYA; LIECHTENSTEIN; LITHUANIA; LUXEMBOURG; MADAGASCAR; Malawi; MALI; MALTA; MAURITANIA; MAURITIUS; MOLDOVA; MONACO; MONGOLIA; MONTENEGRO; MOROCCO; MOZAMBIQUE; Namibia; Nepal; NETHERLANDS; NIGER; NIGERIA; NORWAY (incl. Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands); Oman; PAKISTAN; Palestine; POLAND; PORTUGAL; Qatar; ROMANIA; Russian Federation; RWANDA; San Marino; SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE; SAUDI ARABIA; SENEGAL; SERBIA; SEYCHELLES; Sierra Leone; SLOVAKIA; SLOVENIA; SOMALIA; SOUTH AFRICA; South Sudan; SPAIN (incl. the Canary Islands); SRI LANKA; Sudan; SWAZILAND; SWEDEN; SWITZERLAND; SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC; TAJIKISTAN; THE FYR OF MACEDONIA; TOGO; TUNISIA; Turkey; Turkmenistan; UGANDA; UKRAINE; United Arab Emirates; UNITED KINGDOM (incl. Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Cyprus sovereign bases and Gibraltar); UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA; UZBEKISTAN; Vatican City; YEMEN; Zambia; ZIMBABWE.
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURES	57: Signed on 22.10.2008 by 28 States: ANGOLA, ARMENIA, BURUNDI, CHAD, CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DJIBOUTI, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, FINLAND, GAMBIA, GUINEA, HUNGARY, KENYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, Nepal, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PORTUGAL, SENEGAL, Sudan, TOGO, United Arab Emirates, UNITED KINGDOM, YEMEN; 04.12.2008 : SOUTH AFRICA; 19.07.2010 : LUXEMBOURG; 22.11.2011 : BELGIUM, DENMARK, EUROPEAN UNION, GERMANY, GHANA, ITALY, ROMANIA; 25.11.2011 : MONACO; 14.05.2012 : FRANCE; 15.05.2012 : SLOVAKIA; 09.12.2012 : SOMALIA; 10.12.2012 : NIGER; 27.05.2013 : TUNISIA; 04.07.2013 : SWEDEN; 09.09.2013 : EGYPT; 29.11.2013 : LIBYA; 05.11.2014 : CZECH REPUBLIC, SWITZERLAND; 22.12.2014 : SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC; 28.12.2014 : Lebanon; 10.03.2015 : IRAN; 04.05.2015 : SPAIN; 06.10.2015 : Comoros; 11.11.2015 : CROATIA, ISRAEL; 07.03.2016 : INDIA; 13.03.2017 : SAUDI ARABIA.
IN EFFECT	On the first day of the month following the date on which there are at least eight Range States signatories, including at least two each from Europe, Asia and Africa; open for signature indefinitely, will become effective for each subsequent Range State on the first day of the month following the date of signature by that Signatory.
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	1 November 2008
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	First Meeting of the Signatories (MoS1): Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 9-11 December 2012. Second Meeting of the Signatories (MoS2): Trondheim, Norway, 5-8 October 2015. Meetings to be convened every three years.
SECRETARIAT	Coordinating Unit at CMS Office - Abu Dhabi Tel: +971 2 6934 437 E-mail: cmsoffice.ae@cms.int Web: www.cms.int/raptors
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU (apart from financing on a national basis and solicitation of funds from other sources – Art 20). Since 2009, the Coordinating Unit has been supported by the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi, on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Emirates.
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Four Co-operating Partners: Signed on 22.10.2008 by CMS Secretariat; 04.12.2008 : BirdLife International; 16.12.2011 : International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey; 29.11.2016 : IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Species Survival Commission Vulture Specialist Group.

* CMS Parties in capital letters.