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AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS ACTION PLAN (AEMLAP)

IMPROVING THE CONSERVATION STATUS OF MIGRATORY LANDBIRD SPECIES IN THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN REGION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP) is aimed at improving the conservation status of migratory landbird species in the African-Eurasian region through the international coordination of action for these species, and catalysing action at the national level. The overall goal is to develop an initial overarching, strategic framework for action at the international level to conserve, restore and sustainably manage populations of migratory landbird species and their habitats.

This complements the work of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) and the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptor MOU) to restore the status of other African-Eurasian bird species.

This Action Plan covers 42 globally threatened migratory landbird species, 138 Least Concern migratory landbird species with decreasing global population trends and 373 Least Concern migratory landbird species with increasing, stable or unknown global population trends. Consult Annexes 1 and 3 for the background information and species list, respectively¹.

The thematic areas of the AEMLAP focus are habitat conservation, taking and trade, research and monitoring, and education and information, as well as 'other issues' covering diseases and collision. The most important identified threat to migratory landbird species is **habitat loss and degradation** at breeding and non-breeding sites, as well as at the network of sites these species depend on during migration. **Taking and trade** for economic and cultural purposes can also negatively influence some populations. Other threats include the risk of **disease** and **collision**.

In response to these threats, there is an urgent need **for research and monitoring** as well as **education and information** to provide useful data that directs conservation efforts and increases public awareness and support, respectively. All of these threats and responses are covered by the various actions contained in this Action Plan.

¹ In implementing Decision 12.22 c), the AEMLAP species lists in Annex 3 were updated by the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties based on the relevant adopted taxonomic reference Handbook of the Birds of the World - BirdLife Version 3.0, November 2018, and IUCN Red List of birds (BirdLife International 2018) and the IUCN Species Information Service (SIS) database (2018). In the Executive Summary, the figures of species contained in each category A, B and C were updated accordingly in response to changes in the IUCN Red list status and global population trend.

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INTRODUCTION

The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), signed at Bonn on 23 June 1979, calls for international co-operative action to conserve migratory species. Article IV.4 of the Convention encourages Parties to conclude agreements, including non-legally binding administrative agreements, in respect of any populations of migratory species.

Accordingly, at the 10th Conference of the Parties (COP) of CMS, Resolution 10.27 on *Improving the Conservation Status of Migratory Landbirds in the African Eurasian Region* was adopted. It urges Parties to develop an Action Plan for the conservation of African-Eurasian migrant landbird species and their habitats throughout the flyway and calls for the establishment of a working group to steer the production and implementation of the Action Plan.

To this end, the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbird Working Group (AEML-WG) and Steering Group (AEML-SG) were set up. The AEML-WG is established under the CMS Scientific Council and comprises technical and policy experts nominated by the Scientific Council, from across the African-Eurasian flyway region, contributing to the development and implementation of the Action Plan. The AEML-SG is a closed subset of the AEML-WG, coordinating the Action Plan development and implementation process.

Migratory landbird species constitute an important part of the global biological diversity which, in keeping with the spirit of the Convention on Biological Diversity (1992) and Agenda 21, should be conserved for the benefit of present and future generations. Many populations of migratory landbird species that migrate over long distances between and within Africa and Eurasia are particularly vulnerable because they cross the territory of different countries and make these annual and cyclic movements on a broad front – having a widely dispersed distribution across habitats.

There is increasing concern regarding the considerable number of African-Eurasian migratory landbird species, especially those that spend the non-breeding season south of the Sahara, that have declining population trends at a national, regional and/or global level. There is also concern over the lack of knowledge of the status and trends of many migratory landbird species in Africa and Asia. Urgent action is needed to reverse significant and potentially significant population declines.

Among the factors that contribute to the unfavourable conservation status of many African-Eurasian migratory landbird species, the loss, degradation and fragmentation of habitats resulting from human economic activities and land-use practices with negative effects on biodiversity are of high priority. Climate change is likely to have an exacerbating effect, causing a temporal and spatial ecological asynchrony that adversely influences migratory landbird populations.

This document constitutes a unifying international plan of action to focus implementation and delivery to address the key pressures facing migratory landbird species within the African-Eurasian flyway. It details specific actions; however, the mode of implementation is dependent on strategies and resource availability in and across Range States in the African-Eurasian flyway region. This Action Plan complements the work of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) and the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptor MOU), also encompassing the CMS MOUs on Aquatic Warbler and Middle European Great Bustard, as well as identify areas of synergy with other instruments that have the potential to contribute to the conservation of migratory bird species, such as the Bern Convention.

There is the need for immediate and concerted international actions to conserve African-Eurasian migratory landbird species and to maintain and/or restore their populations to a favourable conservation status. The effective implementation and enforcement of the actions listed in this Action Plan depends on the involvement of, and cooperation between, all Range States in the region, as well as relevant international and national intergovernmental, non-governmental and private sector

organisations, with the aim of encouraging research, training and awareness-raising to maintain, restore, manage and monitor migratory landbird species. Consult Annex 1 for further details on the introduction and background information.

The aim of this Action Plan is to improve the conservation status of migratory landbird species in the African-Eurasian region through international coordination of action for these species and catalysing necessary actions at the national level.

The overall goal is to develop an initial overarching and common strategic framework for action at the international level to protect, conserve, restore, and sustainably manage populations of migratory landbird species and their habitats in the African-Eurasian region.

SCOPE OF ACTION PLAN

The geographic scope of this Action Plan is the area of the migration systems of African-Eurasian landbird species, hereafter referred to as the 'Action Plan area'. This includes Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, Afghanistan and the Indian sub-continent. Consult Annex 2 for the map of the Action Plan area and list of Range States.

The taxonomic scope comprises populations of Galliformes, Gruiformes, Charadriformes, Columbiformes, Caprimulgiformes, Apodiformes, Cuculiformes, Coraciiformes, Piciformes and Passeriformes, which are principally ecologically dependent on terrestrial habitats and for which the entire population, or significant proportions of the population, cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries.

The migratory landbird species covered by this Action Plan are further classified into three categories:

- A (globally threatened and near-threatened),
- B (Least Concern, but with decreasing global population trends), and
- C (Least Concern, with increasing, stable or unknown global population trends).

Migratory landbird species covered by AEWA, the Raptor MOU or other instruments have been included, but indicated as such in Annex 3 of this Action Plan. Consult Annex 3 for the detailed species list.

THREATS TO MIGRATORY LANDBIRD SPECIES

Migratory landbird species depend on a variety of terrestrial habitats throughout the flyway. Factors that limit population trends may occur in breeding, stop-over or non-breeding sites and landscapes. Habitat loss and degradation poses the most important threat to migratory landbird species. Taking² and trade for economic, subsistence, recreational and cultural purposes may also negatively influence their populations. Other threats include the risk of disease and collision.

Besides direct action to address these pressures, there is an urgent need for research and monitoring as well as education and information to provide useful data that directs conservation efforts and increases public awareness and support, respectively.

All of these threats and responses to them are covered by the various actions contained hereafter. Consult Annex 4 for a matrix indicating how implementing each action can aid in the achievement of other policy frameworks and regulations.

² 'Taking' means taking, hunting, fishing, capturing, harassing, deliberate killing, or attempting to engage in any such conduct – CMS Convention Text, 1979.

LIST OF ACTIONS

Unless otherwise stated, the following actions are for implementation by the CMS Parties and other Range States (consult Annex 2 for list of Range States), in liaison with competent national and international organisations and other relevant stakeholders. Consult Annex 5 for a matrix highlighting parties and/or institutions responsible for the implementation of each action.

Actions are categorized into thematic groups, and though some actions are cross-cutting, effort has been made to limit the repetition in this Action Plan. Consult Annex 1 for further details under each thematic section and Annex 6 for a reference list of documents referred to in this Action Plan.

Classification key for actions

Anticipating immediate or early commencement of all actions, each is classified according to when results are expected (reporting timeline) and the priority for the action as determined by likely influence on the achievement of the overall goal of this Action Plan.

Timeline:

- S = results expected in short-term and actions that are already ongoing, (within one CMS COP intersessional period (i.e. three years));
- M = results expected in medium term, (within two COP intersessional periods (i.e. six years));
- L = results expected in long term, (within three COP intersessional periods or more (i.e. nine years or more)).

Priority:

- 1 = high (an activity needed to prevent the extinction of a migratory landbird species within the Action Plan area),
- 2 = medium (an activity needed to prevent or reverse population declines in any globally threatened or near threatened migratory landbird species, or the majority of other migratory landbird species with a declining population trend within the Action Plan area),
- 3 = low (an activity needed to restore populations of a globally threatened or near threatened migratory landbird species, or to prevent population declines in any migratory landbird species).

1.0 HABITAT CONSERVATION

1.1 Land-use changes

1.1.1 Agriculture

1.1.1.1 Intensive agriculture

- Develop and implement new policies or review existing policies that maintain and manage natural and semi-natural habitats of value for migratory landbird species within otherwise wide-scale and/or intensively managed, or cropped, agricultural landscapes including the promotion of agri-environment schemes and, where these exist, the removal of perverse incentives and subsidies – [M / 1].
- 2. *Promote types of biodiversity-friendly farming systems* that are favourable to migratory landbird species [S / 1].
- 3. Develop landscape design principles and guidance to mitigate the negative consequences of large-scale and/or intensive forms of agriculture on migratory landbird species and their habitats and share relevant experiences and good practices through collaboration between Range States [S / 2].
- 4. Undertake Strategic Environmental Assessments, as far as possible, to determine overall policies and plans for agriculture that fully consider migratory landbird species, their habitats and other biodiversity [M / 2].

5. Develop land-use planning strategies, using an ecosystem approach, for the conservation of the habitats of importance to migratory landbird species, and ensure the integration of environmental considerations within national agricultural policies – [M / 1].

1.1.1.2 Traditional agriculture including pastoralism and small-scale cropping systems

- 6. Promote agricultural policies that support participatory, sustainable natural resource management practices, e.g. small-scale agriculture and traditional farming methods (including pastoralism), that benefit populations of migratory landbird species and other biodiversity, including the promotion of appropriate measures within agrienvironment schemes and the removal of perverse incentives and subsidies, where these exist [M / 1].
- 7. Work with and empower local communities to advocate, develop and implement participatory approaches and incentives aimed at integrated, sustainable management of natural resources. This should encourage sustainable small-scale agriculture and woodland management, zonation of grazing, alternative income generation including habitat restoration where appropriate, improving both human livelihoods and the quality of habitat for migratory landbird species [M / 1].
- 8. Facilitate the sharing, internationally, of relevant pastoralist and small-scale agricultural experiences and good practices, which employ land-use systems that are ecologically sustainable and support populations of migratory landbird species. Support the documentation of case studies [S / 2].
- 9. Endeavour to include migratory bird habitat requirements into existing initiatives that work with farmers and local communities, such as the World Initiative for Sustainable Pastoralism³ (WISP) insofar as they cater for the needs of migratory landbird species, including by encouraging the development and implementation of interdisciplinary strategies for sustainable pastoralism based on traditional institutions for regulating resource use, but informed by seasonal or longer-term climatic forecasts [M / 2].

1.1.2 Timber and non-timber forest products

10. Include the habitat requirements of migratory landbird species in the development and implementation of national integrated woodland management plans. Where appropriate, woodlots or plantations of timber trees and/or sustainably managed community forest initiatives should be promoted to reduce pressures on natural forest habitats. Contribute to the implementation of the Work Programme on Forests of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) – [M / 1].

1.1.3 Water management

- 11. Implement, and promote widely, the Ramsar Convention's guidance on wetlands and river basin management (Resolution X.19), especially, but not restricted to, the need to maintain natural river flows that maintain the ecological character of associated wetlands [S / 1].
- 12. Regulate anthropogenic threats liable to cause degradation and/or loss of wetlands important for migratory landbird species and initiate rehabilitation or restoration programmes, where feasible and appropriate. This will involve the introduction or the enforcement of appropriate regulations or standards and control measures at important wetland sites, as well as at sites that have already suffered degradation as a result of the impacts of factors such as unsustainable use, agriculture, uncontrolled fires, spread of aquatic invasive non-native species, hydrological change, climate change, natural succession, eutrophication and pollution [L / 1].

³ The IUCN World Initiative for Sustainable Pastoralism (WISP) is a global initiative that supports the empowerment of pastoralists to sustainably manage drylands resources.

1.1.4 Energy

- 13. Ensure that new energy developments likely to have a significant impact on migratory landbird species adopt early-stage and high-level strategic planning processes involving Strategic Environmental Impact Assessments (SEA) and stakeholder consultation and where possible and appropriate, advocate for alternative renewable energy sources [S / 1]
- 14. Ensure that a strategic approach is adopted with respect to the location of alternative renewable energy developments. This should include mapping renewable energy potential and overlaying this information with maps of key sites and habitats for migratory landbird species and other relevant biodiversity, as well as migration corridors [M / 1].
- 15. Institute sustainable land-use and energy management policies that consider biodiversity, including migratory landbird species, their habitats and other biodiversity [L / 1].
- 16. Seek to reduce the dependence on wood fuel, as appropriate, through policies and by supporting initiatives that promote, and make available, alternative renewable sources of energy for heating, lighting and cooking [S / 1].
- 17. Ensure that planned new hydro-electric reservoirs and other schemes modifying natural hydrology are subject to rigorous Environmental Impact Assessments to ensure that their design mitigates any harm to, and maximises the potential for environmental benefits for, migratory landbird species and their habitats [S / 1].
- 18. Mitigate effects of existing hydrodams by allowing well-managed, artificial discharge/flooding downstream, which can be an effective way of restoring floodplain habitats (including flood forests, where necessary aided by replanting/regeneration) and local livelihoods such as rice and arable cultures [L / 2].

1.1.5 Re-vegetation (including reforestation), and reducing desertification and carbon emissions from deforestation and degradation

- 19. Encourage the use of indigenous trees or other plants that are of high value to migratory landbird species in appropriate afforestation or re-afforestation initiatives. This action will require detailed monitoring and research into resource use by migratory landbird species to inform the most appropriate implementation [L / 1].
- 20. Incorporate into measures being taken to implement the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) considerations of migratory landbird species conservation, and particularly the recommendations and actions contained within this Action Plan – [S / 1].

1.1.6 Integrated land-use management

21. Encourage local implementation of land-use management policies, potentially through appropriate incentive programmes. Provide national support for cross-cutting themes such as the CBD Ecosystem Approach, which is a strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources that promotes conservation and sustainable use in a fair and equitable way – [M / 1].

1.2 Sites of national or international importance to migratory landbird species

22. Undertake and publish national inventories of the sites of importance to migratory landbird species, in liaison, where appropriate, with competent international conservation organisations – [S / 1].

- 23. Facilitate and promote designation of sites important to migratory landbird species under appropriate national and international conservation categories (e.g. as nature reserves, national parks, wildlife reserves, sanctuaries, non-hunting areas, and other relevant systems of protection), or other approaches that can lead to adequate management practices [S / 1].
- 24. Establish a Critical Site Network taking into account the relationship between sites which may be ecologically linked to each other, in physical terms, for example as connecting habitat corridors, or in other ecological terms, for example as breeding areas related to non-breeding areas, stopover sites, feeding and/or resting places. Research into and information about migratory landbird species tracked during migratory movement will enable the accurate identification of these site networks [S / 1].
- 25. Review and where necessary, establish and implement appropriate and effective conservation site management plans that incorporate appropriate prescriptions for migrant landbird species [M / 1].
- 26. Promote participatory approaches in the planning, management and conservation of sites, so as to enable the engagement of, and benefit-sharing with, local communities where these are present [M / 1].

1.3 Climate change

27. Implement measures outlined in AEWA Resolution 5.13 (Climate Change Adaptation Measures for Waterbirds), Ramsar Resolution X.24 (Climate Change and Wetlands) and CMS Resolutions 9.7 (Climate Change Impact on Migratory Species), 10.19 (Migratory Species Conservation in the Light of Climate Change) and COP11/Doc.23.4.2 (Programme of Work on Climate Change and Migratory Species), as well as actions outlined elsewhere in this Action Plan, in order to increase the resilience of migratory landbird species and their potential to adapt to climate change – [L / 3].

2.0 TAKING⁴ AND TRADE

28. Identify migratory landbird species that are the subject of taking and trade, as well as determining the extent to which this exploitation is legal and regulated and, in consultation with other Range States, whether it is sustainable at a population level across the Action Plan area – [M / 2].

2.1 Regulation of legal taking

- Ensure legal protection of migratory landbird species of greatest conservation concern, i.e. especially those listed in Category A of Annex 3 of this Action Plan [S / 1].
- 30. Establish limits on the number and means of taking of migratory landbird species and provide adequate controls to ensure that these limits are observed. This can take the form of a national management plan for the harvest and exploitation of migratory landbird species and will need to involve the prohibition of all indiscriminate means of taking [S / 1].

⁴ 'Taking' means taking, hunting, fishing, capturing, harassing, deliberate killing, or attempting to engage in any such conduct – CMS Convention Text, 1979.

- 31. Give conservation priority to migratory landbird species with declining global population trends, i.e. species listed in Category B of Annex 3 of this Action Plan. The adoption of appropriate monitoring systems and the production of adaptive management plans are suggested for species, especially legal quarry species, for which taking may be a significant contributory factor to population declines [S / 1].
- 32. Regulate all taking and trade of migratory landbird species with increasing, stable or unknown global population trends, i.e. species listed in Category C of Annex 3 of this Action Plan, as well as institute their monitoring [S / 1].
- 33. Compile national lists of quarry migratory landbird species, hunting seasons and trade across Range States, to ensure sustainability of taking at the flyway scale and an accurate determination of hunting pressure [S / 1].
- 34. Implement alternative livelihood programmes or captive breeding programmes for migratory landbird species utilised as food sources where evidence suggests that subsistence hunting of migrant landbird species is unsustainable [M / 1].

2.2 Illegal taking

- 35. Promote international cooperation between enforcement authorities and other stakeholders in the regulation, implementation and enforcement of the taking and trade of migratory landbird species, and implement measures outlined in CMS Resolution 11.16 on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds [S / 1].
- 36. Take action through existing legal instruments regulating domestic and/or international trade (e.g. CITES) where there is evidence that trade (legal or illegal) is driving unsustainable taking of birds. Active participation with CITES by all Range States is encouraged. Where domestic instruments do not presently exist, explore processes for their introduction, implementation and enforcement [M / 2].

2.3 Disturbance from human activities

- 37. Promote studies to evaluate the effect of human disturbance at key sites and use the results in management planning contexts to minimise negative effects [L / 3].
- 38. Encourage the development and implementation of effective management plans at sensitive sites, including appropriate regulation of hunting and recreational activities to eliminate potentially damaging disturbance at critical periods during the annual cycle of migratory landbird species [S / 2].
- 39. Promote public experience of the wonder of migration and migratory landbird species by raising awareness and providing information, and where appropriate regulate access to congregatory sites or bottlenecks [S / 1].

2.4 Human-wildlife conflict

- 40. Conduct a national review to identify those species of migratory landbird species for which human-wildlife conflict is a potential problem. This information should form the basis for all deliberations about the implementation of control or culling programmes nationally. Exceptions to, or derogations from, protective legislation to allow control and/or culling of migratory landbird species should only be given under strict conditions and be subject to careful monitoring and reporting of outcomes– [S / 1].
- 41. Ensure adequate statutory controls are in place, relating to the use of control procedures, and where practicable provide guidance for liaison with agriculture departments regarding appropriate control of pest bird species [M / 2].

42. *Promote alternative, non-lethal means of avoiding conflict* in liaison with agriculture departments and other relevant regulatory bodies – [S / 1].

2.5 Poisoning

- 43. Substitute, restrict or ban substances of high risk to migratory landbird species, including insecticides, second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) and veterinary pharmaceuticals for domestic ungulates causing lethal and sub-lethal effects to migratory landbird species, and implement measures outlined in CMS Resolution 11.15 on Guidelines to Prevent Poisoning of Migratory Birds [M / 1].
- 44. *Include migratory landbird criteria in Rotterdam Convention* to reduce risk of imports of products highly toxic to migratory landbird species within Range States [S / 2].
- 45. Encourage national legislative mechanisms to monitor agricultural use of pesticide substances, and adoption of an integrated pest management (IPM) that incorporates a certification scheme for farmers. IPM is a sustainable approach to crop production and protection that combines different management strategies and practices to grow healthy crops and minimise the use of pesticides, thereby limiting the risk of poisoning of non-target species, including birds. Incentives are needed to encourage current users of substances of risk to birds, particularly in agricultural crops (food and nonfood crops), to move to an IPM approach [M / 2].
- 46. Discourage long-term or permanent baiting, applying pesticides only when infestations are present, and followed by bait removal, reducing risk to non-target species [S / 1].
- 47. Promote the use of, and awareness of, lead ammunition-free hunting, fishing and wildlife management. Given the rapid development of non-toxic alternatives to lead ammunition and fishing weights, legislation should be adopted to immediately substitute lead ammunition and fishing weights for non-toxic alternatives. To reduce problems with monitoring, compliance and enforcement, such processes should not be partially restrictive, and should involve restriction on both sale and possession of lead ammunition.

3.0 OTHER THREATS

3.1 Diseases

- 48. In the event of a disease outbreak or mass mortality episode that may impact populations of migratory landbird species, conduct epidemiological and other research to inform mitigation, and response actions. Based on this information, integrate prevention of disease transmission into the management planning of protected areas following a One Health approach. Guidance can be drawn from the Ramsar Wetland Disease Manual [M / 2].
- 49. Develop and implement emergency measures when exceptionally unfavourable or endangering conditions (e.g. pesticides, wildlife disease, harsh weather) occur anywhere in the Action Plan area, ensuring close co-operation across the Action Plan area and with other stakeholders whenever possible and relevant [M / 2].

3.2 Collisions

50. Ensure appropriate legislation is in place and enforced to restrict construction of structures posing potential collision risks at known migration staging sites and along migration routes – [S / 1].

51. Introduce appropriate mitigation measures for the various collision risks, e.g. adapting types of light source to reduce light pollution where these result in incidences of window strikes by migratory landbird species, as well as introducing measures to reduce the collision risk posed by wind farms. Implement measures outlined in CMS Resolution 10.11 on *Power Lines and Migratory Birds* that provides a framework for implementing one element of collision risk across CMS-signatory Range States – [S / 1].

4.0 RESEARCH AND MONITORING

4.1 Understanding migration patterns and connectivity along flyways

52. Further develop existing and establish new international and local collaborative projects that potentially refine existing international standardised field protocols and data sets and contribute to an improved flyway-scale understanding of migratory patterns, habitat use and carry-over effects – [S / 1].

4.2 Monitoring of population trends

- 53. Develop and implement standardised national monitoring schemes for migratory landbird species and their habitats. Consider following the successful model that exists in Europe and some countries in Africa, based on participatory schemes using volunteer observers, local conservation groups and Site Support Groups, co-ordinated as far as possible with international efforts, with harmonisation of monitoring protocols [M / 1].
- 54. Encourage, support and promote standardised bird monitoring programmes at sites, ecological research to understand the ecological importance of these areas, and the publication of data and information so obtained. Produce regular national and/or regional reports detailing research at sites of importance for migratory landbird species [S / 3].
- 55. Encourage the active use of existing regional and sub-regional online databases by Range State, as well as establish modalities for information sharing and linkage between existing databases [L / 2].

4.3 Understanding causes of population change in migratory landbird species

- 56. Diagnose the causes of population change and undertake targeted ecological studies of selected 'indicator species' and relevant associated habitats, including comparative approaches with populations that are not declining [M / 2].
- 57. Understand the connections between ecological factors limiting migratory landbird populations and socio-economic issues and policies, and changes therein, especially those relating to land use and energy [M/1].

4.4 Build capacity and improve the exchange of information, collaboration and coordination between researchers studying migratory landbird species

- 58. Facilitate comprehensive gap analyses to identify and prioritise research needs, including an inventory of past and ongoing research within sub-regions of the Action Plan area through encouraging engagement of national experts on migratory landbird species with the Action Plan coordinating bodies, such as the AEML-SG [S / 1].
- 59. Encourage the development of the Migrant Landbird species Study Group (MLSG), an international network of specialists and organisations involved in research, monitoring and conservation of migratory landbird species, and encourage

participation by national experts in the MLSG. The MLSG will be run on a voluntary basis by researchers and should consider having or contributing to a clearing house function (collect, consolidate and distribute migratory landbird conservation-related research and monitoring information in the Action Plan area) – [M / 1].

- 60. Encourage researchers and funders to focus on the most important and urgent issues for migratory landbird species conservation including through disseminating priority research needs, analysing existing data sets, establishing research consortia to address key conservation issues and identifying and supporting the development and geographical expansion of sub-regional research institutes [M / 2].
- 61. Support the provision of targeted research and monitoring training to develop national skills, expertise and capacity to undertake research and monitoring to benefit the conservation of migratory landbird species [S / 1].

5.0 EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

5.1 Improve public awareness and understanding about migratory landbird species

- 62. Support and encourage public participation in 'Friends of the Landbirds Action Plan' (FLAP), an initiative that will use online social media to provide a forum for all interested in and who care about migratory landbird species to follow, support and contribute to the work of the AEML-WG [S / 1].
- 63. Encourage local, national and international engagement with private organisations and public agencies, especially in the development sector, particularly agriculture, energy and manufacturing. This is aimed at information sharing and the formulation of development strategies that are economic and ecologically sustainable [M / 1].
- Annex 1: Background information.
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ANNEX 1: BACKGROUND DOCUMENT TO THE ACTION PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

The issue

Urgent action is needed to reverse significant population declines of many species of migratory landbirds within the African-Eurasian flyway region. It is also crucial to improve knowledge regarding their conservation status. Appropriate actions are of vital importance because these species are an ecologically, economically, culturally and intrinsically important component of biodiversity, which are shared across a huge geographical area comprising many Range States.

During the life cycle of migratory landbird species, many habitats are utilised across a geographic range that extends far beyond their breeding territory, often across many national boundaries. The network of sites of various habitats used by migratory birds is like a chain in which every link is hugely important; if one link is affected, adverse effects can carry over to other links and influence the population as a whole.

For some species, declines can be explained by changes in productivity in European breeding areas due to habitat deterioration, for others the bottleneck may be at spring refuelling sites in the Northern Mediterranean, and for others still, the declines may be driven by reduced survival due to changes in habitat in their Sub-Saharan African non-breeding areas. Also, reduced food availability in the non-breeding areas can have carry over effects leading to reduced productivity in the breeding areas. Thus for the conservation of these species flyway approach is necessary, taking into consideration the species requirements along the whole flyway. Additionally, climate change causes changes in breeding success due to loss of synchronisation of birds and their prey. Lastly, the current favourable conditions of certain species in breeding and stop-over areas need to be monitored in view of possible future changes.

Since many migratory landbird species are dispersed across the wider landscape rather than being confined to discrete sites, the conservation of most of them cannot be achieved through a site-based approach only, but is inextricably linked to human land use of the wider environment.

Population declines of migratory landbird species are primarily caused by changes to habitats and land use patterns, ultimately related to rapidly growing human populations seeking improvements in quality of life and livelihoods. This is leading to increasing demands for water, food, land, energy and other resources. Together with climate-related environmental change, these pressures on the environment result in complex, inter-related modifications to landscapes, habitats, sites, and populations of the species they support.

Sustainable human development depends on the provision of ecosystem services by a healthy environment: the population status of birds provides an important indicator of this and a favourable conservation status of birds is also recognised as an important conservation goal in its own right⁵. Recognising continued human development needs, actions in this Plan seek to combine development priorities with conservation actions targeted at migratory landbird species to ensure sustainable development.

⁵ Bennun *et al.* (2005) Monitoring Important Bird Areas in Africa: towards a sustainable and scalable system. Biodiversity and Conservation 14 (11) 2575-2590.

Central to ultimate success is the need for integrated land-use policies across government structures and involving all relevant sectors. This will contribute to the CBD Strategic Plan for biodiversity, in particular Aichi target 12⁶.

Action Plan mechanism

The 10th Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNEP/CMS (Convention on Migratory Species) adopted Resolution 10.27 on *Improving the Conservation Status of Migratory Landbirds in the African Eurasian Region*. The Resolution urges Parties to develop an Action Plan for the conservation of African-Eurasian migratory landbird species and their habitats throughout the flyway and calls for the establishment of a working group to steer the production and implementation of the Action Plan. The development of this action plan by the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group (AEML-WG), with support from the UNEP/CMS Secretariat and BirdLife International, is a consequence of the mandate of the CMS Resolution, which also requests the cooperation of Range States and other stakeholders.

This plan complements the work on migratory species of the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) and the African-Eurasian Raptor Memorandum of Understanding (Raptor MoU). It provides a framework for enhanced engagement in the region for the conservation and protection of migratory landbird species. The main focus of the plan is on strengthening international cooperation, with capacity development at the national level.

SCOPE OF ACTION PLAN

Range States

The geographic scope of this Action Plan is the area of the migration systems of African-Eurasian migratory landbird species, hereafter referred to as the 'Action Plan area'. This includes Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, Afghanistan and the Indian sub-continent. Consult Annex 2 for the map of the Action Plan area and list of Range States.

Species covered by this Action Plan

The species covered by this Action Plan include all migratory populations of Galliformes, Gruiformes, Charadriformes, Columbiformes, Caprimulgiformes, Apodiformes, Cuculiformes, Coraciiformes, Piciformes and Passeriformes that are principally ecologically dependent on terrestrial habitats, have a range which lies entirely or partly within the Action Plan area, and make regular seasonal interand intra-continental movements within the geographical area covered by the Action Plan. Consult Annex 3 for the detailed species list.

This Action Plan sets out to particularly include species that are not covered by either the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) and the Action Plan for the Central Asian Flyway (water birds) or the CMS Raptor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). However, migratory landbird species that are covered by these instruments, and other policy instruments, have been indicated as such in Annex 3 of this Action Plan. CMS defines waterbirds (covered by AEWA) as 'those species of birds that are ecologically dependent on wetlands for at least part of their annual cycle' and birds of prey (covered by the Raptor MOU) as 'migratory populations of Falconiformes and Strigiformes species'.

The migratory landbird species listed in Annex 3 are classified into three categories:

- Category A: comprising globally threatened (critically endangered, endangered and vulnerable) and near-threatened migratory landbird species which should be the subject of strict protection measures and subject to a flyway recovery plan;
- Category B: comprising migratory landbird species listed by IUCN as of Least Concern but with declining global population trends; and

⁶ 'By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained' (CBD, 2010).

- Category C: including all other migratory landbird species within the Action Plan area, with increasing, stable or unknown global population trends.

ACTION PLAN THEMES

1.0 HABITAT CONSERVATION

Landbird species migrate on a broad front and have a widely dispersed distribution across habitats, using breeding and non-breeding sites within diverse landscapes or biomes. Therefore, conservation of suitable sites, habitats, and landscapes will depend on the adoption of appropriate land-use policies and practices at the international, national and local levels.

Priority habitats

In the context of this Action Plan, the priority habitats for African-Eurasian migratory landbird species are:

- aridlands and deserts,
- grassland and shrubland,
- forest and woodland,
- reed-beds and other natural wetland margins,
- riverine flood plains (which typically may include reed-bed and damp grassland),
- coastal habitats used as staging areas,
- oases, and
- islands.

1.1 Land-use changes

Despite the relatively wide and dispersed distribution of most migratory landbird species, which will usually require a wider countryside approach, several types of discrete sites⁷ may be important for them and require targeted conservation. These include, but are not limited to, migratory staging areas (for example in coastal zones or at desert oases, as well as on islands), congregatory roosting areas, breeding sites where nesting birds are concentrated, sites on migratory routes where large numbers congregate in certain seasons and protected areas within a landscape of otherwise unsuitable habitat. Conservation of such sites will usually provide benefits not just for migratory landbird species but also for a range of other biodiversity and for people, through the continued reliable provision of ecological services.

CMS Resolution 10.3 on *The Role of Ecological Networks in the Conservation of Migratory Species* calls on Parties to consider the network approach in the implementation of CMS instruments and initiatives, and invites Parties, Range States and other relevant organizations to identify, designate and maintain comprehensive and coherent ecological networks of protected sites and other adequately managed sites of international and national importance for migratory animals.

1.1.1 Agriculture

1.1.1.1 Intensive agriculture

Throughout most of the African-Eurasian region, the trends are towards monocultural or nearmonocultural agriculture over extensive areas, as this provides efficiencies of scale. Typically, such highly altered landscapes represent resource-poor environments for birds because of their limited structural and biological diversity.

Relatively small changes to the spatial and ecological patterning [heterogeneity] of intensively farmed areas, such as those advocated as options available in many European agri-

⁷ Defined as areas distinct in habitat and/or ornithological importance from the surroundings and which have definable and recognizable character.

environment schemes, can markedly enhance their importance for birds. Such changes can additionally provide enhancements to ecological services of particular importance to farmers, such as pest control, pollination, soil stabilization and runoff control.

Conservation and/or design of such agricultural landscapes needs to be promoted through agricultural policy and advocacy, integrating considerations of biodiversity and the requirements of migratory landbird species with the provision of ecosystem services, and measures for combating poverty, desertification and the longer-term effects of climate change whilst taking account of food, water and energy security imperatives. Consideration of where to site new intensive agricultural development zones should therefore ideally be addressed by national or regional Strategic Environmental Assessments that bring together all of these sectors.

1.1.1.2 Traditional agriculture including pastoralism and small-scale cropping systems

Small-scale and/or traditional agricultural land management practises often contain a mosaic of habitats that are more-or-less transformed from a natural state and which may represent important landscapes for migratory landbird species.

The pressure of providing food security for an increasing human population can lead to the loss of small-scale and traditional forms of agricultural land management practices in favour of the development of more intensive arable agricultural systems, and ultimately to habitat degradation and a reduction in biodiversity. Similarly, in pastoral landscapes, overgrazing and excessive tree removal can ultimately lead to soil erosion and desertification. This renders landscapes relatively inhospitable to many species of migratory landbird species and has the effect of expanding the ecological barriers that they must pass in order to reach the resource-rich habitats that they rely on.

Policies that sustain small-scale and traditional systems of agriculture are not only of value for migratory landbird species, but will promote the provision of a wide range of associated ecosystem services important for human populations. Policies supportive of such farming systems, and implemented with the full participation of local communities, help to maintain culturally important landscapes. There are often opportunities to work with development and other aid agencies in the application of policies that promote and support sustainable small-scale farming enterprises.

1.1.2 Timber and non-timber forest products

Global demand for timber for the manufacturing and construction industries is considerable and where indiscriminate, or if resources are not managed sustainably, may have significant impacts on forest and woodland habitats and ecosystems and the structural heterogeneity of the landscape. In particular, clear-felling or the selective removal of timber or non-timber forest products (e.g. nuts and seeds, berries, foliage, medicinal plants and fuel wood) from native forest and woodland may lead to the loss of indigenous trees and plants that provide important resources for migratory landbird species.

1.1.3 Water management

Wetland habitats, such as riparian fringes, reed-beds, seasonally flooded forest and floodplain grasslands, are important to migratory landbirds as well as waterbirds. Actions that promote the conservation and sustainable use of such habitats will benefit those species that use them.

Wetlands are the largest land-based store of carbon, serving a key ecological function. The draining and degradation of wetlands turn them into a source of greenhouse gas emissions. The restoration of damaged wetlands can reduce these emissions and potentially reverse the trend.

Medium- and large-scale damming projects along waterways can radically influence hydrological regimes at catchment scales, and also have the potential for wider-scale impact on both biodiversity and livelihoods by altered dynamics downstream.

1.1.4 Energy

Development of infrastructure to support energy production including those of renewable energy sources (for example, solar, wind, hydro or bio-energy) can have significant impacts on land-use and habitats important to migratory landbird species. It is imperative to incorporate early-stage and high-level strategic planning, Strategic Environmental Impact Assessments (SEA) and stakeholder consultation in order to ensure that the impact on ecosystems and biodiversity, including to migratory landbird species, is minimised.

In particular, energy policies should ensure that biomass production does not lead to the clearing of natural habitats, overexploitation of forests or unsustainable agriculture intensification. In many developing countries, a major cause of environmental degradation comes from the increasing demand for firewood – leading to a loss of trees from the environment and ultimately, deforestation. Policies that reduce this demand, for example through the provision of fuel-efficient cooking stoves or stoves powered by renewable sources of energy (such as small-scale wind or photovoltaic electricity production), will not only enhance human quality of life but also provide environmental benefits. Collaborative work on this issue with development agencies will be highly advantageous.

Investing in solar energy is preferably to hydrodams, particularly in arid environments, since water is much better used for agriculture and nature than for energy. Similarly, using land and water to grow biofuels (currently mainly for the European market) is a perverse use of precious resources under such circumstances.

1.1.5 Re-vegetation (including reforestation), and reducing desertification and carbon emissions from deforestation and degradation

Carbon sequestration policies that encourage tree-planting or woodland conservation may give opportunities to provide benefits for migratory landbird species, through ensuring that indigenous tree species of relatively high value to migratory landbird species are planted or maintained. The ecological importance of different tree species for birds varies widely, and simple modifications of tree-mixes planted may have significant benefits to birds.

1.1.6 Integrated land-use management

The activities of nearly all sectors of the economy affect the quality and extent of habitat for migratory landbird species, either directly or indirectly. There is need for conservation awareness across all relevant sectors, and to include the needs of migratory landbird species and other biodiversity into decision-making processes. Ecologically and socio-economically viable policies and integrated land-management initiatives need to be developed that benefit the conservation of migratory landbird species and reverse population declines.

There is a need to establish the extent to which current public policy goals, particularly in relation to combating poverty, desertification and climate change, conflict with or are complementary to migratory landbird species conservation goals. It is also crucial to determine whether habitat changes that negatively impact on birds are the result of processes that policy is trying to promote (e.g. intensification) or stop (degradation). These will help to ensure that valuable ecosystem services are not lost, and that development is genuinely sustainable.

1.2 Sites of national or international importance to migratory landbird species

The identification of sites of importance to migratory landbird species within the African-Eurasian flyway, and the management of these sites facilitates successful conservation of migratory landbird species. A good network of sites enables the movement of a variety of migratory landbird species; long- and short-distance migrants that utilize different movements strategies.

Actions at any one site in this network will have an impact on populations of migratory landbird species that rely on this site, whether as a breeding or non-breeding site, as well as a stopover site. It is essential, therefore, to coordinate the identification of sites, especially sites critical to migratory landbird species in category A of Annex 3. It is also necessary to ensure the protection and management of the complete network of sites that are important to migratory landbird species. Site management and the development of site management plans is expected to be specific and appropriate to the conditions prevalent at each site, however relevant and responsive to a flyway-scale approach to site management.

Information sharing is a key element in networking sites and the Critical Site Network (CSN) tool⁸ developed by Wetlands International is a good example, making it easy to obtain information on the sites critical for waterbird species by accessing several independent databases and analysing information at the biogeographical population level, so providing a comprehensive basis for management and decision making. Such an information sharing tool is needed for networking sites important for migratory landbirds

1.3 Climate change

Climate change will affect migratory species in as yet uncertain ways. Climate change models predict considerable regional variation in the nature and extent of change, affecting different migratory species in different ways. Migratory landbird species may be affected by habitat changes affecting nesting, passage and non-breeding areas; by changes in the phenology of vegetation and food sources; by potential expansion of barriers such as deserts; and by changes in weather systems affecting migratory flights.

As the exact effects of climate change remain hard to predict, but are likely to put even more pressure on the intricate balance of migratory bird ecology, it is important (a) to build resilience in migratory landbird populations by minimising other stressors as far as possible, and (b) to increase the scope for future climate change adaptation, by protecting networks of key sites and expanding the landscape areas under sustainable management that creates favourable conditions for migratory landbird species.

2.0 TAKING AND TRADE

Migratory landbird populations are impacted by various forms of taking, either legal or illegal. The motivation for taking may include:

- recreational, as sport for food, trophies or target practice;
- consumptive, for food or local utilisation, including for private subsistence and customs;
- use of live birds for bird trade or as decoys; or
- to control species in conflict with specific human interests.

Trade of birds as food, caged birds, and trophies or for traditional practices may be a driver for taking and may in itself be undertaken legally or illegally, while leading to either legal or illegal taking. It can be undertaken domestically or internationally.

Means of taking migratory landbird species include shooting, trapping, poisoning, explosives, falconry or egg collecting. Trapping and poisoning, together with a variety of means of luring birds, tend to be illegal as they are indiscriminate.

⁸ Further information about the CSN tool is available at: http://wow.wetlands.org/Default.aspx?TabID=1349.

The unregulated taking of migratory landbird species as well as the associated trade are issues throughout the African-Eurasian region, irrespective of different continental drivers. Information is lacking about the levels and impact of taking of migratory landbird species throughout the region, but especially in Africa and in Central Asia.

As well as for subsistence or survival needs, the drivers for taking also include direct or indirect financial benefit for individuals or organized groups. Such activities continue due to the absence of, or inadequate enforcement of protection and hunting provisions within relevant conservation legislation.

2.1 Regulation of legal taking

The taking of game species of migratory landbird species may be sustainable where it is well regulated and monitored. However, where evidence suggests that a species population is declining, it may be a contributory cause of declines or prevent population recovery. It is particularly important to avoid hunting during periods of migration towards the breeding grounds and the breeding season as this may have a significantly greater population level impact.

2.2 Illegal taking

The drivers for illegal taking include direct or indirect financial profit for individuals or organized crime, generating illegal (untaxed) benefits not related to basic survival needs. Such illegal activities continue due to inadequate enforcement of the protection and hunting provisions of conservation legislation.

2.3 Disturbance from human activities

There is the potential for functional loss of habitat at stop-over sites and staging areas used by migratory landbird species due to disturbance from hunting and other human activities, constraining the ecological use of those areas. Though not permanent, functional loss of habitat can represent a significant issue for migratory landbird species - where such species rely on this habitat for short periods, often while intensively refuelling, during their migratory journey.

2.4 Human-wildlife conflict

Control or culling of species that are perceived to be in conflict with certain human interests, e.g. by causing damage to crops, can take place either illegally or legally. Such activities may be regarded as unsustainable at a population level if evidence suggests that the species is declining or if permissions are given for an inappropriately large take.

2.5 Poisoning

Migratory landbird species suffer mortality from poisons, where they are deliberately targeted as the intended victim of poisoning, or the accidental (indirect) victims of either legal or illegal use of poisons. There are five poisoning areas with the most significant risk to migratory landbirds: *crop protection using insecticides and rodenticides, predator control for livestock and game estates using poison-baits, veterinary pharmaceuticals for domestic ungulates, and hunting/fishing using lead.* These five priority areas are classified under two key sectors; agriculture and hunting/fishing.

Sub-lethal effects of poisoning may also include impacts on survival and productivity, for example where organochlorines cause egg-shell thinning, even when such chemicals are ingested in the non-breeding areas. These physiological sub-lethal impacts are potentially significant, but poorly understood. CMS Resolution 10.26 on *Minimizing the Risk of Poisoning to Migratory Birds* called for the establishment of a working group to undertake an

assessment of the scope and severity of poisoning to migratory birds, and significant knowledge gaps and to recommend guidelines on combating poisoning. This working group operates under the Scientific Council with the title of *Minimizing Poisoning Working Group*.

3.0 OTHER THREATS

3.1 Diseases

Migratory landbird species may be confronted by disease-related mortality and reduced productivity. Identification and understanding of migratory connectivity will add to a better assessment of the potential future role of disease as a population limiting factor for migratory landbird species.

3.2 Collisions

Migratory landbird species are susceptible to mortality from collisions with structures e.g. windows, lighthouses, tower blocks, gas flares, masts, especially when illuminated and when visibility is poor. In addition, species of migratory landbirds may be affected by collisions with power lines and wind-farms.

At a local scale, mortality due to collisions with power lines can be an important factor causing a decline in populations of certain migratory landbird species. Species vulnerable to this threat tend to be long-lived species with a low reproductive rate, limited geographic distribution (even though migratory) and low numbers, e.g. bustards.

4.0 RESEARCH AND MONITORING

4.1 Understanding migration patterns and connectivity along flyways

For populations to be effectively conserved, it is important to know their distribution throughout their annual cycle and to understand the key sites or areas necessary for successful migration.

4.2 Monitoring of population trends

There is an urgent need to develop and implement new national monitoring schemes to provide data and population indices for migratory landbird species occurring in the Middle East, Central Asia, the Indian sub-continent and Africa. To understand the priorities for conservation action and the responses of the populations to pressures and conservation action, it is vital to monitor population trends, and where possible also changes in habitat. For each species it may be appropriate to agree at which stage of the life-cycle monitoring is best undertaken; often it will be during the breeding season.

4.3 Understand causes of population change in migratory landbird species

To focus conservation action effectively and efficiently, it is necessary to accurately diagnose the factors that may be driving population declines, their relative impacts at different stages of the annual cycle and the interactions and carry-over effects that may operate. There is a need to understand the demographic mechanisms underlying population changes, i.e. whether declines are being driven by conditions in the breeding areas, staging grounds or non-breeding areas. This information is essential in developing habitat prescriptions that will guide conservation intervention at sites within the flyways.

Also, the linkages between the limiting ecological factors (e.g. insufficient food for refuelling due to habitat degradation) with socio-economic factors (e.g. intensification of agriculture) and drivers of change (e.g. agricultural policies, markets, subsidies) need to be better understood, in order to develop effective interventions that restore bird populations.

4.4 Build capacity and improve the exchange of information, collaboration and coordination between researchers studying migratory landbird species

In parts of Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East, there is need to build capacity of national agencies to collate data, and to develop or revive their own national database(s), particularly using online resources so that such data is accessible to a wider community.

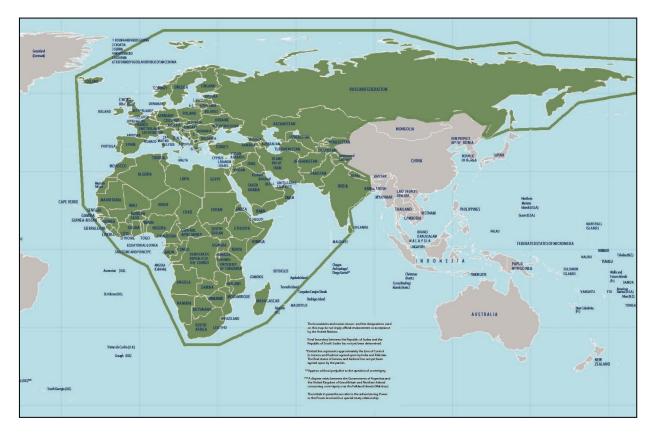
Compared to other groups of birds, for which there exist various sorts of specialized international and national working groups, there has been less collaboration between experts on migratory landbird species. Furthermore, research and monitoring of these birds by non-European researchers is still limited. There is an urgent need for capacity building and exchange to fill these gaps, and for better dissemination of research outputs.

5.0 EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

5.1 Improve public awareness and understanding about migratory landbird species

For effective conservation of migratory landbird species, the general public, local communities in key areas and decision makers and donors need to be aware of the value of taking care of these birds for intrinsic as well as for cultural and economic reasons, and their conservation needs.

AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS ACTION PLAN ANNEX 2: MAP OF THE AREA INCLUDED WITHIN THE ACTION PLAN⁹



Version 28 April 2014

⁹ The map shows country names at the time when the AEMLAP was originally adopted (version from 2014). The table has been updated, showing country names at April 2019.

Only those Range States and territories listed below, and shown in green on this map, are included within the scope of this Action Plan.

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ANNEX 3: SPECIES LISTS

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Attached is the dynamic¹⁰ list of migratory landbird species that occur within the African Eurasian region according to the following definition:

- 1. Migratory is defined as those species recorded within the IUCN Species Information Service (SIS) and BirdLife World Bird Database (WBDB) as 'Full Migrant', i.e. species which have a substantial proportion of the global or regional population which makes regular or seasonal cyclical movements beyond the breeding range, with predictable timing and destinations:
 - with the omission of all single-country endemic migrants, in order to conform with the CMS definition of migratory which requires a species to 'cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries'; in reality, this has meant the removal of only one species, the Madagascar Blue-pigeon *Alectroenas madagascariensis*. However, it should be noted that removing single-country endemics is not strictly analogous with omitting species that do not cross political borders. It is quite possible for a migratory species whose range extends across multiple countries to contain no populations that actually cross national boundaries as part of their regular migration.
- 2. African-Eurasian is defined as Africa, Europe (including all of the Russian Federation and excluding Greenland), the Middle East, Central Asia, Afghanistan, and the Indian sub-continent.
- 3. Landbird is defined as those species not recorded in SIS and the WBDB as being seabirds, raptors or waterbirds, except for the following waterbird species that are recorded as not utilizing freshwater habitats: *Geronticus eremita*, *Geronticus calvus*, *Burhinus oedicnemus*, *Cursorius cursor* and *Tryngites subruficollis*.

At the time of adoption of the AEMLAP at the 11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS, the CMS Appendices for bird species followed the taxonomy and nomenclature of Morony *et al.* (1975) for orders and families and Sibley and Monroe (1990, 1993) for genera and species. However, it was not possible to produce the necessary species list using these taxonomic treatments because BirdLife did not hold information on the geographical occurrence or migratory status of taxonomic entities not recognised by the BirdLife Taxonomic Working Group. Instead, the species list included a column indicating whether a species occurs on Sibley and Monroe and a column of synonyms used in Sibley and Monroe.

As adopted by the 11th and the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS, the CMS Appendices for bird species follow now the taxonomy and nomenclature of Del Hoyo & Collar (2014, 2016). In accordance with CMS Decision 12.22 c), the Annex 3 species list was updated, reflecting this standard taxonomic reference (HBW-BirdLife Version 3.0, November 2018). In carrying out this update all entities originally listed on Annex 3 were retained and where species originally listed have since been split, all new species resulting from the split were also retained in Annex 3. Updates to the conservation status and global population trend of Annex 3 species were made using the IUCN Red List of birds (BirdLife International 2018) and the IUCN Species Information Service (SIS) database (2018).

¹⁰ This species list is open to regular updates, based on review of the IUCN Species Information Service (SIS) and the latest version of the HBW and BirdLife taxonomic checklist.

Current Scientific Name	Old Scientific Name	Current English Name	2019 IUCN Red List Category	Global Population Trend	CMS Appx I	CMS Appx II	Member of a Family (Morony et al. 1975) Listed on CMS Ap II	Coverage by other CMS Instruments
Coturnix japonica	Coturnix japonica	Japanese Quail	NT	Decreasing				
Columba eversmanni	Columba eversmanni	Yellow-eyed Pigeon	VU	Decreasing				
Streptopelia turtur	Streptopelia turtur	European Turtle-dove	VU	Decreasing		Yes		
Apus acuticauda	Apus acuticauda	Dark-rumped Swift	VU	Stable				
Tetrax tetrax	Tetrax tetrax	Little Bustard	NT	Decreasing				
Otis tarda	Otis tarda	Great Bustard	VU	Decreasing	Yes	Yes		Great Bustard MOU
Chlamydotis undulata	Chlamydotis undulata	African Houbara	VU	Decreasing	Yes	Yes		
Chlamydotis macqueenii		Asian Houbara	VU	Decreasing				
Neotis ludwigii	Neotis Iudwigii	Ludwig's Bustard	EN	Decreasing				
Neotis denhami	Neotis denhami	Denham's Bustard	NT	Decreasing				
Houbaropsis bengalensis	Houbaropsis bengalensis	Bengal Florican	CR	Decreasing				
Sypheotides indicus	Sypheotides indicus	Lesser Florican	EN	Decreasing				
Geronticus eremita	Geronticus eremita	Northern Bald Ibis	EN	Stable				AEWA
Geronticus calvus	Geronticus calvus	Southern Bald Ibis	VU	Decreasing				
Calidris subruficollis	Tryngites subruficollis	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	NT	Decreasing	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Turnix hottentottus	Turnix hottentottus	Hottentot Buttonquail	EN	Decreasing				
Psittacula derbiana	Psittacula derbiana	Lord Derby's Parakeet	NT	Decreasing				
Acrocephalus paludicola	Acrocephalus paludicola	Aquatic Warbler	VU	Decreasing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Aquatic Warbler MOU
Acrocephalus tangorum	Acrocephalus tangorum	White-browed Reed- warbler	VU	Decreasing			Yes	
Acrocephalus griseldis	Acrocephalus griseldis	Basra Reed-warbler	EN	Stable	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Locustella pryeri	Locustella pryeri	Marsh Grassbird	NT	Decreasing			Yes	
Locustella pleskei	Locustella pleskei	Pleske's Grasshopper- warbler	VU	Decreasing			Yes	
Locustella major		Long-billed Grasshopper- warbler	NT	Decreasing				
Chaetornis striata	Chaetornis striata	Bristled Grassbird	VU	Decreasing			Yes	

Category A: Globally threatened and near-threatened African-Eurasian migratory landbird species

Current Scientific Name	Old Scientific Name	Current English Name	2019 IUCN Red List Category	Global Population Trend	CMS Appx I	CMS Appx II	Member of a Family (Morony et al. 1975) Listed on CMS Ap II	Coverage by other CMS Instruments
Hirundo atrocaerulea	Hirundo atrocaerulea	Blue Swallow	VU	Decreasing	Yes	Yes		
Phylloscopus tytleri	Phylloscopus tytleri	Tytler's Leaf-warbler	NT	Decreasing			Yes	
Zoothera major	Zoothera dauma	Amami Thrush	NT	Increasing				
Geokichla guttata	Zoothera guttata	Spotted Ground-thrush	EN	Decreasing	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Turdus iliacus	Turdus iliacus	Redwing	NT	Decreasing			Yes	
Turdus feae	Turdus feae	Grey-sided Thrush	VU	Decreasing			Yes	
Cyanoptila cumatilis		Zappey's Flycatcher	NT	Decreasing				
Calliope pectardens	Luscinia pectardens	Firethroat	NT	Decreasing			Yes	
Ficedula subrubra	Ficedula subrubra	Kashmir Flycatcher	VU	Decreasing			Yes	
Saxicola insignis	Saxicola insignis	White-throated Bushchat	VU	Decreasing			Yes	
Bombycilla japonica	Bombycilla japonica	Japanese Waxwing	NT	Decreasing				
Anthus pratensis	Anthus pratensis	Meadow Pipit	NT	Decreasing				
Anthus hoeschi	Anthus hoeschi	Mountain Pipit	NT	Decreasing				
Serinus syriacus	Serinus syriacus	Syrian Serin	VU	Decreasing	Yes			
Emberiza cineracea	Emberiza cineracea	Cinereous Bunting	NT	Decreasing				
Emberiza yessoensis	Emberiza yessoensis	Ochre-rumped Bunting	NT	Decreasing				
Emberiza aureola	Emberiza aureola	Yellow-breasted Bunting	CR	Decreasing	Yes			
Emberiza rustica	Emberiza rustica	Rustic Bunting	VU	Decreasing				

Category B: African-Eurasian Migratory Landbird Species Listed as IUCN Least Concern but with Globally Decreasing Population Trends

Current Scientific Name	Old Scientific Name	Current English Name	2019 IUCN Red List Category	Global Population Trend	CMS Appx I	CMS Appx II	Member of a Family (Morony et al. 1975) Listed on CMS Ap II	Coverage by other CMS Instruments
Coturnix coturnix	Coturnix coturnix	Common Quail	LC	Decreasing		Yes		
Streptopelia tranquebarica	Streptopelia tranquebarica	Red Turtle Dove	LC	Decreasing				
Treron curvirostra	Treron curvirostra	Thick-billed Green-pigeon	LC	Decreasing				
Treron calvus	Treron calvus	African Green-pigeon	LC	Decreasing				
Treron apicauda	Treron apicauda	Pin-tailed Green-pigeon	LC	Decreasing				
Treron sieboldii	Treron sieboldii	White-bellied Green- pigeon	LC	Decreasing				
Ducula bicolor	Ducula bicolor	Pied Imperial-pigeon	LC	Decreasing				
Pterocles orientalis	Pterocles orientalis	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	LC	Decreasing				
Pterocles gutturalis	Pterocles gutturalis	Yellow-throated Sandgrouse	LC	Decreasing				
Caprimulgus ruficollis	Caprimulgus ruficollis	Red-necked Nightjar	LC	Decreasing				
Caprimulgus europaeus	Caprimulgus europaeus	European Nightjar	LC	Decreasing				
Caprimulgus aegyptius	Caprimulgus aegyptius	Egyptian Nightjar	LC	Decreasing				
Apus barbatus	Apus barbatus	African Swift	LC	Decreasing				
Chrysococcyx maculatus	Chrysococcyx maculatus	Asian Emerald Cuckoo	LC	Decreasing				
Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus	Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus	Violet Cuckoo	LC	Decreasing				
Surniculus lugubris	Surniculus lugubris	Square-tailed Drongo- cuckoo	LC	Decreasing				
Hierococcyx nisicolor	Cuculus fugax	Whistling Hawk-cuckoo	LC	Decreasing				
Cuculus micropterus	Cuculus micropterus	Indian Cuckoo	LC	Decreasing				
Cuculus canorus	Cuculus canorus	Common Cuckoo	LC	Decreasing				
Burhinus oedicnemus	Burhinus oedicnemus	Eurasian Thick-knee	LC	Decreasing		Yes		
Turnix nanus		Black-rumped Buttonquail	LC	Decreasing				
Cursorius cursor	Cursorius cursor	Cream-coloured Courser	LC	Decreasing				
Upupa epops	Upupa epops	Common Hoopoe	LC	Decreasing				
Merops nubicus	Merops nubicus	Northern Carmine Bee- eater	LC	Decreasing				
Merops nubicoides	Merops nubicoides	Southern Carmine Bee- eater	LC	Decreasing				

Current Scientific Name	Old Scientific Name	Current English Name	2019 IUCN Red List Category	Global Population Trend	CMS Appx I	CMS Appx II	Member of a Family (Morony et al. 1975) Listed on CMS Ap II	Coverage by other CMS Instruments
Coracias naevius	Coracias naevia	Purple Roller	LC	Decreasing				
Coracias garrulus	Coracias garrulus	European Roller	LC	Decreasing	Yes	Yes		
Eurystomus orientalis	Eurystomus orientalis	Oriental Dollarbird	LC	Decreasing				
Ceyx erithaca	Ceyx erithaca	Oriental Dwarf-kingfisher	LC	Decreasing				
Halcyon coromanda	Halcyon coromanda	Ruddy Kingfisher	LC	Decreasing				
Halcyon pileata	Halcyon pileata	Black-capped Kingfisher	LC	Decreasing				
Halcyon senegaloides	Halcyon senegaloides	Mangrove Kingfisher	LC	Decreasing				
Jynx torquilla	Jynx torquilla	Eurasian Wryneck	LC	Decreasing				
Dryobates minor	Dendrocopos minor	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	LC	Decreasing				
Dendrocopos hyperythrus	Dendrocopos hyperythrus	Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	LC	Decreasing				
Agapornis pullarius	Agapornis pullarius	Red-headed Lovebird	LC	Decreasing				
Pitta angolensis	Pitta angolensis	African Pitta	LC	Decreasing				
Pitta brachyura	Pitta brachyura	Indian Pitta	LC	Decreasing				
Pitta moluccensis	Pitta moluccensis	Blue-winged Pitta	LC	Decreasing				
Pitta sordida	Pitta sordida	Western Hooded Pitta	LC	Decreasing				
Oriolus auratus	Oriolus auratus	African Golden Oriole	LC	Decreasing				
Oriolus chinensis	Oriolus chinensis	Black-naped Oriole	LC	Decreasing				
Oriolus tenuirostris	Oriolus tenuirostris	Slender-billed Oriole	LC	Decreasing				
Pericrocotus brevirostris		Short-billed Minivet	LC	Decreasing				
Pericrocotus ethologus	Pericrocotus ethologus	Long-tailed Minivet	LC	Decreasing				
Pericrocotus divaricatus	Pericrocotus divaricatus	Ashy Minivet	LC	Decreasing				
Pericrocotus roseus	Pericrocotus roseus	Rosy Minivet	LC	Decreasing				
Lalage melaschistos	Coracina melaschistos	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	LC	Decreasing				
Megabyas flammulatus	Megabyas flammulatus	African Shrike-flycatcher	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Platysteira peltata	Platysteira peltata	Black-throated Wattle-eye	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Lanius tigrinus	Lanius tigrinus	Tiger Shrike	LC	Decreasing				

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Lanius bucephalus	Lanius bucephalus	Bull-headed Shrike	LC	Decreasing				
Lanius cristatus	Lanius cristatus	Brown Shrike	LC	Decreasing				
Lanius collurio	Lanius collurio	Red-backed Shrike	LC	Decreasing				
Lanius minor	Lanius minor	Lesser Grey Shrike	LC	Decreasing				
Lanius excubitor	Lanius excubitor	Great Grey Shrike	LC	Decreasing				
Lanius senator	Lanius senator	Woodchat Shrike	LC	Decreasing				
Lanius nubicus	Lanius nubicus	Masked Shrike	LC	Decreasing				
Corvus frugilegus	Corvus frugilegus	Rook	LC	Decreasing				
Periparus ater	Parus ater	Coal Tit	LC	Decreasing				
Remiz coronatus	Remiz coronatus	White-crowned Penduline-tit	LC	Decreasing				
Alaudala rufescens	Calandrella rufescens	Lesser Short-toed Lark	LC	Decreasing				
Melanocorypha calandra	Melanocorypha calandra	Calandra Lark	LC	Decreasing				
Melanocorypha yeltoniensis	Melanocorypha yeltoniensis	Black Lark	LC	Decreasing				
Eremophila alpestris	Eremophila alpestris	Horned Lark	LC	Decreasing				
Alauda leucoptera	Melanocorypha leucoptera	White-winged Lark	LC	Decreasing				
Alauda arvensis	Alauda arvensis (Alauda japonica, synonym)	Eurasian Skylark	LC	Decreasing				
Alauda gulgula	Alauda gulgula	Oriental Skylark	LC	Decreasing				
Galerida cristata	Galerida cristata	Crested Lark	LC	Decreasing				
Arundinax aedon	Acrocephalus aedon	Thick-billed Warbler	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
lduna opaca	Hippolais opaca	Isabelline Warbler	LC	Decreasing				Yes
Hippolais icterina	Hippolais icterina	Icterine Warbler	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Acrocephalus agricola	Acrocephalus agricola	Paddyfield Warbler	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Acrocephalus arundinaceus	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	Great Reed-warbler	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Acrocephalus orientalis		Oriental Reed-warbler	LC	Decreasing				
Locustella certhiola	Locustella certhiola	Pallas's Grasshopper- warbler	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Locustella ochotensis	Locustella ochotensis	Middendorff's Grasshopper-warbler	LC	Decreasing			Yes	

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Locustella fluviatilis	Locustella fluviatilis	River Warbler	LC	Decreasing				Yes
Pseudochelidon eurystomina	Pseudochelidon eurystomina	African River Martin	DD	Decreasing				
Psalidoprocne pristoptera	Psalidoprocne pristoptera	Black Saw-wing	LC	Decreasing				
Delichon urbicum	Delichon urbicum	Northern House Martin	LC	Decreasing				
Delichon lagopodum		Eastern House Martin	LC	Decreasing				
Hirundo rustica	Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	LC	Decreasing				
Riparia paludicola	Riparia paludicola	African Plain Martin	LC	Decreasing				
Riparia chinensis		Asian Plain Martin	LC	Decreasing				
Riparia riparia	Riparia riparia	Collared Sand Martin	LC	Decreasing				
Phylloscopus sibilatrix	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	Wood Warbler	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Phylloscopus trochilus	Phylloscopus trochilus	Willow Warbler	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Sylvia borin	Sylvia borin	Garden Warbler	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Sylvia melanothorax	Sylvia melanothorax	Cyprus Warbler	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Sylvia ruppeli	Sylvia rueppelli	Rüppell's Warbler	LC	Decreasing				Yes
Zosterops erythropleurus	Zosterops erythropleurus	Chestnut-flanked White- eye	LC	Decreasing				
Zosterops palpebrosus	Zosterops palpebrosus	Oriental White-eye	LC	Decreasing				
Cinclus cinclus	Cinclus cinclus	White-throated Dipper	LC	Decreasing				
Sturnus vulgaris	Sturnus vulgaris	Common Starling	LC	Decreasing				
Saroglossa spilopterus	Saroglossa spiloptera	Spot-winged Starling	LC	Decreasing				
Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	Violet-backed Starling	LC	Decreasing				
Zoothera aurea	Zoothera dauma	White's Thrush	LC	Decreasing				
Zoothera dauma	Zoothera dauma	Scaly Thrush	LC	Decreasing				
Geokichla sibirica	Zoothera sibirica	Siberian Thrush	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Geokichla wardii	Zoothera wardii	Pied Thrush	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Geokichla citrina	Zoothera citrina	Orange-headed Thrush	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Turdus viscivorus	Turdus viscivorus	Mistle Thrush	LC	Decreasing			Yes	

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Muscicapa ferruginea	Muscicapa ferruginea	Ferruginous Flycatcher	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Muscicapa muttui	Muscicapa muttui	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Muscicapa striata	Muscicapa striata	Spotted Flycatcher	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Larvivora brunnea	Luscinia brunnea	Indian Blue Robin	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Larvivora cyane	Luscinia cyane	Siberian Blue Robin	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Ficedula semitorquata	Ficedula semitorquata	Semi-collared Flycatcher	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Ficedula hypoleuca	Ficedula hypoleuca	European Pied Flycatcher	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Monticola saxatilis	Monticola saxatilis	Rufous-tailed Rock-thrush	LC	Decreasing				Yes
Saxicola rubetra	Saxicola rubetra	Whinchat	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Oenanthe oenanthe	Oenanthe oenanthe	Northern Wheatear	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Oenanthe seebohmi		Black-throated Wheatear	LC	Decreasing				
Oenanthe hispanica	Oenanthe hispanica	Black-eared Wheatear	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Regulus regulus	Regulus regulus	Goldcrest	LC	Decreasing			Yes	
Prunella modularis	Prunella modularis	Dunnock	LC	Decreasing				
Passer hispaniolensis	Passer hispaniolensis	Spanish Sparrow	LC	Decreasing				
Passer moabiticus	Passer moabiticus	Dead Sea Sparrow	LC	Decreasing				
Anthus trivialis	Anthus trivialis	Tree Pipit	LC	Decreasing				
Anthus rubescens	Anthus rubescens	Buff-bellied Pipit	LC	Decreasing				
Motacilla flava	Motacilla flava	Western Yellow Wagtail	LC	Decreasing				
Motacilla tschutschensis		Eastern Yellow Wagtail	LC	Decreasing				
Fringilla montifringilla	Fringilla montifringilla	Brambling	LC	Decreasing				
Carpodacus erythrinus	Carpodacus erythrinus	Common Rosefinch	LC	Decreasing				
Pinicola enucleator	Pinicola enucleator	Pine Grosbeak	LC	Decreasing				
Pyrrhula pyrrhula	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	Eurasian Bullfinch	LC	Decreasing				
Leucosticte arctoa	Leucosticte arctoa	Asian Rosy-finch	LC	Decreasing				
Linaria flavirostris	Carduelis flavirostris	Twite	LC	Decreasing				
Linaria cannabina	Carduelis cannabina	Common Linnet	LC	Decreasing				

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Acanthis flammea	Carduelis flammea	Redpoll	LC	Decreasing				
Serinus serinus	Serinus serinus	European Serin	LC	Decreasing				
Spinus spinus	Carduelis spinus	Eurasian Siskin	LC	Decreasing				
Plectrophenax nivalis	Plectrophenax nivalis	Snow Bunting	LC	Decreasing				
Emberiza calandra	Miliaria calandra	Corn Bunting	LC	Decreasing				
Emberiza hortulana	Emberiza hortulana	Ortolan Bunting	LC	Decreasing				
Emberiza citrinella	Emberiza citrinella	Yellowhammer	LC	Decreasing				
Emberiza schoeniclus	Emberiza schoeniclus	Reed Bunting	LC	Decreasing				

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Columba leuconota	Columba leuconota	Snow Pigeon	LC	Stable				
Columba oenas	Columba oenas	Stock Dove	LC	Increasing				
Columba palumbus	Columba palumbus	Common Woodpigeon	LC	Increasing				
Columba hodgsonii	Columba hodgsonii	Speckled Woodpigeon	LC	Stable				
Streptopelia orientalis	Streptopelia orientalis	Oriental Turtle-dove	LC	Stable				
Streptopelia decaocto	Streptopelia decaocto	Eurasian Collared-dove	LC	Increasing				
Streptopelia roseogrisea	Streptopelia roseogrisea	African Collared-dove	LC	Stable				
Streptopelia semitorquata	Streptopelia semitorquata	Red-eyed Dove	LC	Increasing				
Streptopelia capicola	Streptopelia capicola	Ring-necked Dove	LC	Increasing				
Streptopelia vinacea	Streptopelia vinacea	Vinaceous Dove	LC	Stable				
Spilopelia chinensis	Stigmatopelia chinensis	Eastern Spotted Dove	LC	Increasing				
Spilopelia senegalensis	Stigmatopelia senegalensis	Laughing Dove	LC	Stable				
Macropygia unchall	Macropygia unchall	Barred Cuckoo-dove	LC	Stable				
Turtur abyssinicus	Turtur abyssinicus	Black-billed Wood-dove	LC	Stable				
Turtur afer	Turtur afer	Blue-spotted Wood-dove	LC	Stable				
Turtur tympanistria	Turtur tympanistria	Tambourine Dove	LC	Stable				
Oena capensis	Oena capensis	Namaqua Dove	LC	Increasing				
Syrrhaptes paradoxus	Syrrhaptes paradoxus	Pallas's Sandgrouse	LC	Stable				
Pterocles namaqua	Pterocles namaqua	Namaqua Sandgrouse	LC	Stable				
Pterocles senegallus	Pterocles senegallus	Spotted Sandgrouse	LC	Stable				
Pterocles alchata	Pterocles alchata	Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	LC	Stable				
Caprimulgus indicus	Caprimulgus indicus	Jungle Nightjar	LC	Stable				
Caprimulgus jotaka		Grey Nightjar	LC	Stable				
Caprimulgus fraenatus		Sombre Nightjar	LC	Stable				
Caprimulgus rufigena	Caprimulgus rufigena	Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	LC	Stable				

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Caprimulgus mahrattensis	Caprimulgus mahrattensis	Sykes's Nightjar	LC	Stable				
Caprimulgus inornatus	Caprimulgus inornatus	Plain Nightjar	LC	Stable				
Caprimulgus climacurus	Caprimulgus climacurus	Long-tailed Nightjar	LC	Stable				
Caprimulgus clarus		Slender-tailed Nightjar	LC	Stable				
Caprimulgus fossii	Caprimulgus fossii	Mozambique Nightjar	LC	Stable				
Caprimulgus longipennis	Macrodipteryx Iongipennis	Standard-winged Nightjar	LC	Stable				
Caprimulgus vexillarius	Macrodipteryx vexillarius	Pennant-winged Nightjar	LC	Stable				
Hirundapus caudacutus	Hirundapus caudacutus	White-throated Needletail	LC	Stable				
Hirundapus cochinchinensis	Hirundapus cochinchinensis	Silver-backed Needletail	LC	Stable				
Aerodramus brevirostris	Collocalia brevirostris	Himalayan Swiftlet	LC	Stable				
Tachymarptis melba	Tachymarptis melba	Alpine Swift	LC	Stable				
Tachymarptis aequatorialis	Tachymarptis aequatorialis	Mottled Swift	LC	Stable				
Apus pacificus	Apus pacificus	Pacific Swift	LC	Stable				
Apus caffer	Apus caffer	White-rumped Swift	LC	Increasing				
Apus affinis	Apus affinis	Little Swift	LC	Increasing				
Apus niansae	Apus niansae	Nyanza Swift	LC	Stable				
Apus berliozi	Apus berliozi	Forbes-Watson's Swift	LC	Stable				
Apus unicolor	Apus unicolor	Plain Swift	LC	Unknown				
Apus pallidus	Apus pallidus	Pallid Swift	LC	Stable				
Apus apus	Apus apus	Common Swift	LC	Stable (in Europe still decreasing)				
Clamator jacobinus	Clamator jacobinus	Jacobin Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Clamator levaillantii	Clamator levaillantii	Levaillant's Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Clamator coromandus	Clamator coromandus	Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Clamator glandarius	Clamator glandarius	Great Spotted Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Eudynamys scolopaceus	Eudynamys scolopaceus	Western Koel	LC	Stable				

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Chrysococcyx klaas	Chrysococcyx klaas	Klaas's Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Chrysococcyx cupreus	Chrysococcyx cupreus	African Emerald Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Chrysococcyx caprius	Chrysococcyx caprius	Diederik Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Cacomantis sonneratii	Cacomantis sonneratii	Banded Bay Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Cacomantis merulinus	Cacomantis merulinus	Plaintive Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Cacomantis passerinus	Cacomantis passerinus	Grey-bellied Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Hierococcyx sparverioides	Cuculus sparverioides	Large Hawk-cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Hierococcyx varius	Cuculus varius	Common Hawk-cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Hierococcyx hyperythrus		Northern Hawk-cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Cuculus solitarius	Cuculus solitarius	Red-chested Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Cuculus clamosus	Cuculus clamosus	Black Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Cuculus gularis	Cuculus gularis	African Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Cuculus saturatus	Cuculus saturatus (Cuculus optatus, synonym)	Oriental Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Cuculus poliocephalus	Cuculus poliocephalus	Lesser Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Cuculus rochii	Cuculus rochii	Madagascar Cuckoo	LC	Stable				
Turnix tanki	Turnix tanki	Yellow-legged Buttonquail	LC	Stable				
Ortyxelos meiffrenii	Ortyxelos meiffrenii	Quail-plover	LC	Unknown				
Cursorius somalensis		Somali Courser	LC	Stable				
Merops albicollis	Merops albicollis	White-throated Bee-eater	LC	Stable				
Merops malimbicus	Merops malimbicus	Rosy Bee-eater	LC	Unknown				
Merops orientalis	Merops orientalis	Asian Green Bee-eater	LC	Increasing				
Merops leschenaulti	Merops leschenaulti	Chestnut-headed Bee- eater	LC	Increasing				
Merops philippinus	Merops philippinus	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	LC	Stable				
Merops superciliosus	Merops superciliosus	Olive Bee-eater	LC	Stable				
Merops persicus	Merops persicus	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	LC	Stable				

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Merops apiaster	Merops apiaster	European Bee-eater	LC	Stable		Yes		
Coracias abyssinicus	Coracias abyssinicus	Abyssinian Roller	LC	Increasing				
Eurystomus glaucurus	Eurystomus glaucurus	Broad-billed Roller	LC	Stable				
Ispidina picta	Ceyx pictus	African Pygmy-kingfisher	LC	Stable				
Alcedo atthis	Alcedo atthis	Common Kingfisher	LC	Unknown				
Halcyon leucocephala	Halcyon leucocephala	Grey-headed Kingfisher	LC	Stable				
Halcyon senegalensis	Halcyon senegalensis	Woodland Kingfisher	LC	Stable				
Dryocopus martius	Dryocopus martius	Black Woodpecker	LC	Increasing				
Picoides tridactylus	Picoides tridactylus	Three-toed Woodpecker	LC	Stable				
Loriculus vernalis	Loriculus vernalis	Vernal Hanging-parrot	LC	Stable				
Oriolus traillii	Oriolus traillii	Maroon Oriole	LC	Stable				
Oriolus oriolus	Oriolus oriolus	Eurasian Golden Oriole	LC	Stable				
Campephaga phoenicea	Campephaga phoenicea	Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike	LC	Stable				
Lalage melanoptera	Coracina melanoptera	Black-headed Cuckooshrike	LC	Stable				
Artamus leucoryn	Artamus leucorynchus	White-breasted Woodswallow	LC	Stable				
Artamus fuscus	Artamus fuscus	Ashy Woodswallow	LC	Stable				
Batis dimorpha		Malawi Batis	LC	Stable				
Batis capensis	Batis capensis	Cape Batis	LC	Stable				Yes
Batis pririt	Batis pririt	Pririt Batis	LC	Stable				Yes
Dicrurus macrocercus	Dicrurus macrocercus	Black Drongo	LC	Unknown				
Dicrurus leucophaeus	Dicrurus leucophaeus	Ashy Drongo	LC	Unknown				
Dicrurus annectens	Dicrurus annectans	Crow-billed Drongo	LC	Unknown				
Dicrurus hottentottus	Dicrurus hottentottus	Hair-crested Drongo	LC	Unknown				
Dicrurus striatus		Short-tailed Drongo	LC	Unknown				
Hypothymis azurea	Hypothymis azurea	Black-naped Monarch	LC	Stable				Yes
Terpsiphone paradisi	Terpsiphone paradisi	Indian Paradise-flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes

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Terpsiphone viridis	Terpsiphone viridis	African Paradise- flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Lanius phoenicuroides		Red-tailed Shrike	LC	Stable				
Lanius isabellinus	Lanius isabellinus	Isabelline Shrike	LC	Stable				
Lanius collurioides	Lanius collurioides	Burmese Shrike	LC	Stable				
Lanius vittatus	Lanius vittatus	Bay-backed Shrike	LC	Stable				
Lanius schach	Lanius schach	Long-tailed Shrike	LC	Unknown				
Lanius tephronotus	Lanius tephronotus	Grey-backed Shrike	LC	Stable				
Lanius sphenocercus	Lanius sphenocercus	Chinese Grey Shrike	LC	Stable				
Lanius borealis		Northern Grey Shrike	LC	Stable				
Pica pica	Pica pica	Eurasian Magpie	LC	Stable				
Corvus dauuricus	Corvus dauuricus	Daurian Jackdaw	LC	Stable				
Corvus monedula	Corvus monedula	Eurasian Jackdaw	LC	Stable				
Corvus corax	Corvus corax	Common Raven	LC	Increasing				
Corvus corone	Corvus corone	Carrion Crow	LC	Increasing				
Stenostira scita	Stenostira scita	Fairy Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Cephalopyrus flammiceps	Cephalopyrus flammiceps	Fire-capped Tit	LC	Unknown				
Cyanistes caeruleus	Parus caeruleus	Eurasian Blue Tit	LC	Increasing				
Cyanistes teneriffae		African Blue Tit	LC	Stable				
Remiz pendulinus	Remiz pendulinus	Eurasian Penduline-tit	LC	Increasing				
Remiz macronyx	Remiz macronyx	Black-headed Penduline- tit	LC	Stable				
Remiz consobrinus	Remiz consobrinus	Chinese Penduline-tit	LC	Increasing				
Pinarocorys nigricans	Pinarocorys nigricans	Dusky Lark	LC	Stable				
Pinarocorys erythropygia	Pinarocorys erythropygia	Rufous-rumped Lark	LC	Stable				
Mirafra javanica	Mirafra cantillans	Horsfield's Bushlark	LC	Stable				
Melanocorypha bimaculata	Melanocorypha bimaculata	Bimaculated Lark	LC	Stable				
Melanocorypha mongolica	Melanocorypha mongolica	Mongolian Lark	LC	Stable				

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Calandrella acutirostris	Calandrella acutirostris	Hume's Lark	LC	Stable				
Calandrella cinerea	Calandrella cinerea	Red-capped Lark	LC	Increasing				
Calandrella brachydactyla	Calandrella brachydactyla	Greater Short-toed Lark	LC	Unknown				
Lullula arborea	Lullula arborea	Woodlark	LC	Increasing				
Panurus biarmicus	Panurus biarmicus	Bearded Reedling	LC	Unknown				Yes
Cisticola juncidis	Cisticola juncidis	Zitting Cisticola	LC	Increasing				Yes
lduna caligata	Hippolais caligata	Booted Warbler	LC	Increasing				Yes
lduna rama	Hippolais rama	Sykes's Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
lduna pallida	Hippolais pallida	Olivaceous Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Hippolais languida	Hippolais languida	Upcher's Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Hippolais olivetorum	Hippolais olivetorum	Olive-tree Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Hippolais polyglotta	Hippolais polyglotta	Melodious Warbler	LC	Increasing				Yes
Acrocephalus bistrigiceps	Acrocephalus bistrigiceps	Black-browed Reed- warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Acrocephalus melanopogon	Acrocephalus melanopogon	Moustached Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Acrocephalus schoenobaenus	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus	Sedge Warbler	LC	Stable			Yes	
Acrocephalus orinus	Acrocephalus orinus	Large-billed Reed-warbler	DD	Unknown				Yes
Acrocephalus dumetorum	Acrocephalus dumetorum	Blyth's Reed-warbler	LC	Increasing				Yes
Acrocephalus palustris	Acrocephalus palustris	Marsh Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Acrocephalus scirpaceus	Acrocephalus scirpaceus	Common Reed-warbler	LC	Stable			Yes	
Acrocephalus concinens	Acrocephalus concinens	Blunt-winged Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Acrocephalus stentoreus	Acrocephalus stentoreus	Clamorous Reed-warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Locustella fasciolata	Locustella fasciolata	Gray's Grasshopper- warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Locustella amnicola		Sakhalin Grasshopper- warbler	LC	Stable				
Locustella lanceolata	Locustella lanceolata	Lanceolated Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Locustella luscinioides	Locustella luscinioides	Savi's Warbler	LC	Stable			Yes	
Locustella luteoventris		Brown Grasshopper- warbler	LC	Stable				

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Locustella tacsanowskia	Bradypterus tacsanowskius	Chinese Grasshopper- warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Locustella naevia	Locustella naevia	Common Grasshopper- warbler	LC	Stable			Yes	
Locustella davidi	Bradypterus davidi	Baikal Grasshopper- warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Locustella kashmirensis		Himalayan Grasshopper- warbler	LC	Stable				
Locustella thoracica	Bradypterus thoracicus	Spotted Grasshopper- warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Locustella mandelli		Russet Grasshopper- warbler	LC	Stable				
Psalidoprocne albiceps	Psalidoprocne albiceps	White-headed Saw-wing	LC	Stable				
Psalidoprocne obscura	Psalidoprocne obscura	Fanti Saw-wing	LC	Stable				
Delichon dasypus	Delichon dasypus	Asian House Martin	LC	Increasing				
Petrochelidon rufigula	Hirundo rufigula	Red-throated Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Petrochelidon spilodera	Hirundo spilodera	South African Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Petrochelidon fluvicola	Hirundo fluvicola	Streak-throated Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Cecropis abyssinica	Hirundo abyssinica	Lesser Striped Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Cecropis semirufa	Hirundo semirufa	Rufous-chested Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Cecropis senegalensis	Hirundo senegalensis	Mosque Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Cecropis cucullata	Hirundo cucullata	Greater Striped Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Cecropis daurica	Hirundo daurica	Red-rumped Swallow	LC	Stable				
Cecropis hyperythra		Sri Lanka Swallow	LC	Stable				
Hirundo albigularis	Hirundo albigularis	White-throated Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Hirundo smithii	Hirundo smithii	Wire-tailed Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Hirundo angolensis	Hirundo angolensis	Angola Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Hirundo aethiopica	Hirundo aethiopica	Ethiopian Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Hirundo leucosoma	Hirundo leucosoma	Pied-winged Swallow	LC	Increasing				
Hirundo dimidiata	Hirundo dimidiata	Pearl-breasted Swallow	LC	Stable				
Ptyonoprogne rupestris	Hirundo rupestris	Eurasian Crag Martin	LC	Stable				
Ptyonoprogne obsoleta	Hirundo obsoleta	Pale Rock Martin	LC	Increasing				

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Ptyonoprogne rufigula		Red-throated Rock Martin	LC	Stable				
Ptyonoprogne fuligula	Hirundo fuligula	Large Rock Martin	LC	Stable				
Neophedina cincta	Riparia cincta	Banded Martin	LC	Increasing				
Phedina borbonica	Phedina borbonica	Mascarene Martin	LC	Stable				
Riparia diluta		Pale Sand Martin	LC	Unknown				
Hypsipetes amaurotis	Ixos amaurotis	Brown-eared Bulbul	LC	Increasing				
Hypsipetes ganeesa		Square-tailed Bulbul	LC	Stable				
Hypsipetes leucocephalus	Hypsipetes leucocephalus	Black Bulbul	LC	Stable				
Pycnonotus leucogenys	Pycnonotus leucogenys	Himalayan Bulbul	LC	Increasing				
Phylloscopus orientalis		Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	LC	Increasing				
Phylloscopus bonelli	Phylloscopus bonelli	Western Bonelli's Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus inornatus	Phylloscopus inornatus	Yellow-browed Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus humei	Phylloscopus humei	Hume's Leaf-warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus proregulus	Phylloscopus proregulus	Pallas's Leaf-warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus fuscatus	Phylloscopus fuscatus	Dusky Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus ibericus	Phylloscopus ibericus	Iberian Chiffchaff	LC	Increasing				Yes
Phylloscopus collybita	Phylloscopus collybita	Common Chiffchaff	LC	Increasing				Yes
Phylloscopus tristis		Siberian Chiffchaff	LC	Unknown				
Phylloscopus sindianus	Phylloscopus sindianus	Mountain Chiffchaff	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus neglectus	Phylloscopus neglectus	Plain Leaf-warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus griseolus	Phylloscopus griseolus	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus affinis	Phylloscopus affinis	Tickell's Leaf-warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus armandii		Yellow-streaked Warbler	LC	Stable				
Phylloscopus schwarzi	Phylloscopus schwarzi	Radde's Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus burkii	Seicercus burkii	Green-crowned Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus tephrocephalus	Seicercus tephrocephalus	Grey-crowned Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus valentini		Bianchi's Warbler	LC	Stable				

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Phylloscopus whistleri		Whistler's Warbler	LC	Stable				
Phylloscopus coronatus	Phylloscopus coronatus	Eastern Crowned Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus nitidus		Green Warbler	LC	Stable				
Phylloscopus trochiloides	Phylloscopus trochiloides	Greenish Warbler	LC	Increasing				Yes
Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus		Two-barred Warbler	LC	Stable				
Phylloscopus borealis	Phylloscopus borealis	Arctic Warbler	LC	Increasing				Yes
Phylloscopus examinandus		Kamchatka Leaf-warbler	LC	Stable				
Phylloscopus borealoides	Phylloscopus borealoides	Sakhalin Leaf-warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus tenellipes	Phylloscopus tenellipes	Pale-legged Leaf-warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus magnirostris	Phylloscopus magnirostris	Large-billed Leaf-warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus claudiae	Phylloscopus claudiae	Claudia's Leaf-warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Phylloscopus occipitalis	Phylloscopus occipitalis	Western Crowned Leaf- warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Cettia cetti	Cettia cetti	Cetti's Warbler	LC	Increasing				Yes
Urosphena squameiceps	Urosphena squameiceps	Asian Stubtail	LC	Stable				Yes
Horornis canturians		Korean Bush-warbler	LC	Stable				
Horornis diphone	Cettia diphone	Japanese Bush-warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Aegithalos caudatus	Aegithalos caudatus	Long-tailed Tit	LC	Stable				
Sylvia atricapilla	Sylvia atricapilla	Eurasian Blackcap	LC	Increasing				Yes
Sylvia deserti		African Desert Warbler	LC	Stable				
Sylvia nana	Sylvia nana	Asian Desert Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Sylvia nisoria	Sylvia nisoria	Barred Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Sylvia hortensis	Sylvia hortensis	Western Orphean Warbler	LC	Increasing			Yes	
Sylvia crassirostris		Eastern Orphean Warbler	LC	Increasing				
Sylvia curruca	Sylvia curruca, Sylvia minula and Sylvia althaea	Lesser Whitethroat	LC	Stable				Yes
Sylvia mystacea	Sylvia mystacea	Menetries's Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes

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Sylvia melanocephala	Sylvia melanocephala	Sardinian Warbler	LC	Increasing				Yes
Sylvia cantillans	Sylvia cantillans	Subalpine Warbler	LC	Increasing				Yes
Sylvia subalpina		Moltoni's Warbler	LC	Increasing				
Sylvia communis	Sylvia communis	Common Whitethroat	LC	Increasing			Yes	
Sylvia conspicillata	Sylvia conspicillata	Spectacled Warbler	LC	Unknown			Yes	
Sylvia sarda	Sylvia sarda	Marmora's Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Sylvia balearica		Balearic Warbler	LC	Stable				
Sylvia deserticola	Sylvia deserticola	Tristram's Warbler	LC	Stable				Yes
Tichodroma muraria	Tichodroma muraria	Wallcreeper	LC	Stable				
Troglodytes troglodytes	Troglodytes troglodytes	Northern Wren	LC	Increasing				
Pastor roseus	Sturnus roseus	Rosy Starling	LC	Unknown				
Agropsar sturninus	Sturnus sturninus	Purple-backed Starling	LC	Unknown				
Agropsar philippensis	Sturnus philippensis	Chestnut-cheeked Starling	LC	Unknown				
Sturnia sinensis	Sturnus sinensis	White-shouldered Starling	LC	Stable				
Sturnia pagodarum	Sturnus pagodarum	Brahminy Starling	LC	Unknown				
Spodiopsar cineraceus	Sturnus cineraceus	White-cheeked Starling	LC	Unknown				
Lamprotornis shelleyi	Lamprotornis shelleyi	Shelley's Starling	LC	Stable				
Lamprotornis splendidus	Lamprotornis splendidus	Splendid Starling	LC	Unknown				
Catharus minimus	Catharus minimus	Grey-cheeked Thrush	LC	Unknown				Yes
Turdus philomelos	Turdus philomelos	Song Thrush	LC	Increasing			Yes	
Turdus merula	Turdus merula	Eurasian Blackbird	LC	Increasing				Yes
Turdus simillimus		Indian Blackbird	LC	Stable				
Turdus cardis	Turdus cardis	Japanese Thrush	LC	Unknown				Yes
Turdus hortulorum	Turdus hortulorum	Grey-backed Thrush	LC	Unknown				Yes
Turdus unicolor	Turdus unicolor	Tickell's Thrush	LC	Unknown				Yes
Turdus obscurus	Turdus obscurus	Eyebrowed Thrush	LC	Unknown				Yes
Turdus chrysolaus	Turdus chrysolaus	Brown-headed Thrush	LC	Unknown				Yes

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Turdus pallidus	Turdus pallidus	Pale Thrush	LC	Unknown				Yes
Turdus pilaris	Turdus pilaris	Fieldfare	LC	Stable				Yes
Turdus torquatus	Turdus torquatus	Ring Ouzel	LC	Stable			Yes	
Turdus naumanni	Turdus naumanni	Naumann's Thrush	LC	Unknown				Yes
Turdus eunomus	Turdus naumanni	Dusky Thrush	LC	Unknown				
Turdus atrogularis		Black-throated Thrush	LC	Unknown				
Turdus ruficollis	Turdus ruficollis	Rufous-throated Thrush	LC	Unknown				Yes
Cercotrichas galactotes	Erythropygia galactotes	Rufous-tailed Scrub-robin	LC	Stable				Yes
Muscicapa griseisticta	Muscicapa griseisticta	Grey-streaked Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Muscicapa sibirica	Muscicapa sibirica	Dark-sided Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Muscicapa dauurica	Muscicapa dauurica	Asian Brown Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Cyanoptila cyanomelana	Cyanoptila cyanomelana	Blue-and-white Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Eumyias thalassinus	Eumyias thalassinus	Verditer Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Cyornis magnirostris	Cyornis magnirostris	Large Blue-flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Cyornis rubeculoides	Cyornis rubeculoides	Blue-throated Blue- flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Erithacus rubecula	Erithacus rubecula	European Robin	LC	Increasing				Yes
Larvivora sibilans	Luscinia sibilans	Rufous-tailed Robin	LC	Stable				Yes
Larvivora akahige	Erithacus akahige	Japanese Robin	LC	Stable				Yes
Irania gutturalis	Irania gutturalis	White-throated Robin	LC	Stable				Yes
Cyanecula svecica	Luscinia svecica	Bluethroat	LC	Stable				Yes
Luscinia luscinia	Luscinia luscinia	Thrush Nightingale	LC	Stable				Yes
Luscinia megarhynchos	Luscinia megarhynchos	Common Nightingale	LC	Stable				Yes
Calliope calliope	Luscinia calliope	Siberian Rubythroat	LC	Stable				Yes
Calliope pectoralis	Luscinia pectoralis	Himalayan Rubythroat	LC	Stable				Yes
Calliope tschebaiewi		Chinese Rubythroat	LC	Stable				
Tarsiger cyanurus	Tarsiger cyanurus	Orange-flanked Bush- robin	LC	Stable				Yes

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Tarsiger rufilatus		Himalayan Bush-robin	LC	Stable				
Tarsiger chrysaeus	Tarsiger chrysaeus	Golden Bush-robin	LC	Stable				Yes
Ficedula zanthopygia	Ficedula zanthopygia	Yellow-rumped Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Ficedula narcissina	Ficedula narcissina	Narcissus Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Ficedula mugimaki	Ficedula mugimaki	Mugimaki Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Ficedula erithacus	Ficedula hodgsonii	Slaty-backed Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Ficedula strophiata	Ficedula strophiata	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Ficedula superciliaris	Ficedula superciliaris	Ultramarine Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Ficedula ruficauda	Muscicapa ruficauda	Rusty-tailed Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Ficedula parva	Ficedula parva	Red-breasted Flycatcher	LC	Increasing				Yes
Ficedula albicilla	Ficedula albicilla	Red-throated Flycatcher	LC	Stable				Yes
Ficedula albicollis	Ficedula albicollis	Collared Flycatcher	LC	Increasing				Yes
Phoenicurus erythronotus	Phoenicurus erythronotus	Eversmann's Redstart	LC	Stable				Yes
Phoenicurus ochruros	Phoenicurus ochruros	Black Redstart	LC	Increasing				Yes
Phoenicurus phoenicurus	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	Common Redstart	LC	Increasing				Yes
Phoenicurus auroreus	Phoenicurus auroreus	Daurian Redstart	LC	Stable				Yes
Phoenicurus erythrogastrus	Phoenicurus erythrogastrus	White-winged Redstart	LC	Stable				Yes
Phoenicurus hodgsoni	Phoenicurus hodgsoni	Hodgson's Redstart	LC	Stable				Yes
Monticola cinclorhyncha	Monticola cinclorhynchus	Blue-capped Rock-thrush	LC	Stable				Yes
Monticola rufiventris	Monticola rufiventris	Chestnut-bellied Rock- thrush	LC	Stable				Yes
Monticola gularis	Monticola gularis	White-throated Rock- thrush	LC	Stable				Yes
Monticola solitarius	Monticola solitarius	Blue Rock-thrush	LC	Stable				Yes
Saxicola caprata	Saxicola caprata	Pied Bushchat	LC	Stable				Yes
Saxicola torquatus	Saxicola torquatus	Common Stonechat	LC	Stable				Yes
Oenanthe isabellina	Oenanthe isabellina	Isabelline Wheatear	LC	Stable				Yes
Oenanthe deserti	Oenanthe deserti	Desert Wheatear	LC	Stable				Yes

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Oenanthe cypriaca	Oenanthe cypriaca	Cyprus Wheatear	LC	Stable				Yes
Oenanthe pleschanka	Oenanthe pleschanka	Pied Wheatear	LC	Stable				Yes
Oenanthe picata	Oenanthe picata	Variable Wheatear	LC	Stable				Yes
Oenanthe finschii	Oenanthe finschii	Finsch's Wheatear	LC	Stable				Yes
Oenanthe chrysopygia	Oenanthe chrysopygia	Red-tailed Wheatear	LC	Stable				Yes
Oenanthe xanthoprymna	Oenanthe xanthoprymna	Kurdish Wheatear	LC	Stable				Yes
Regulus ignicapilla	Regulus ignicapilla	Common Firecrest	LC	Stable				Yes
Hypocolius ampelinus	Hypocolius ampelinus	Hypocolius	LC	Unknown				
Bombycilla garrulus	Bombycilla garrulus	Bohemian Waxwing	LC	Increasing				
Prunella collaris	Prunella collaris	Alpine Accentor	LC	Stable				
Prunella rubida	Prunella rubida	Japanese Accentor	LC	Stable				
Prunella montanella	Prunella montanella	Siberian Accentor	LC	Stable				
Prunella atrogularis	Prunella atrogularis	Black-throated Accentor	LC	Stable				
Carpospiza brachydactyla	Petronia brachydactyla	Pale Sparrow	LC	Stable				
Dendronanthus indicus	Dendronanthus indicus	Forest Wagtail	LC	Stable				
Anthus gustavi	Anthus gustavi	Pechora Pipit	LC	Stable				
Anthus hodgsoni	Anthus hodgsoni	Olive-backed Pipit	LC	Stable				
Anthus cervinus	Anthus cervinus	Red-throated Pipit	LC	Stable				
Anthus roseatus	Anthus roseatus	Rosy Pipit	LC	Stable				
Anthus spinoletta	Anthus spinoletta	Water Pipit	LC	Stable				
Anthus petrosus	Anthus petrosus	Rock Pipit	LC	Stable				
Anthus richardi	Anthus richardi	Richard's Pipit	LC	Stable				
Anthus godlewskii	Anthus godlewskii	Blyth's Pipit	LC	Stable				
Anthus campestris	Anthus campestris	Tawny Pipit	LC	Stable				
Anthus cinnamomeus		African Pipit	LC	Stable				
Tmetothylacus tenellus	Tmetothylacus tenellus	Golden Pipit	LC	Stable				
Motacilla cinerea	Motacilla cinerea	Grey Wagtail	LC	Stable				

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Motacilla citreola	Motacilla citreola	Citrine Wagtail	LC	Increasing				
Motacilla alba	Motacilla alba	White Wagtail	LC	Stable				
Fringilla coelebs	Fringilla coelebs	Common Chaffinch	LC	Increasing				
Coccothraustes coccothraustes	Coccothraustes coccothraustes	Hawfinch	LC	Increasing				
Eophona migratoria	Eophona migratoria	Chinese Grosbeak	LC	Stable				
Eophona personata	Eophona personata	Japanese Grosbeak	LC	Stable				
Carpodacus sibiricus	Uragus sibiricus	Long-tailed Rosefinch	LC	Stable				
Carpodacus roseus	Carpodacus roseus	Pallas's Rosefinch	LC	Stable				
Rhodopechys alienus	Rhodopechys alienus	African Crimson-winged Finch	LC	Stable				
Rhodopechys sanguineus	Rhodopechys sanguineus	Eurasian Crimson-winged Finch	LC	Stable				
Leucosticte nemoricola	Leucosticte nemoricola	Plain Mountain-finch	LC	Stable				
Leucosticte brandti	Leucosticte brandti	Brandt's Mountain-finch	LC	Stable				
Leucosticte tephrocotis		Grey-crowned Rosy- Finch	LC	Stable				
Chloris chloris	Carduelis chloris	European Greenfinch	LC	Stable				
Chloris sinica	Carduelis sinica	Oriental Greenfinch	LC	Stable				
Chloris spinoides	Carduelis spinoides	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	LC	Stable				
Chloris ambigua		Black-headed Greenfinch	LC	Stable				
Carduelis carduelis	Carduelis carduelis	European Goldfinch	LC	Increasing				
Carduelis caniceps		Eastern Goldfinch	LC	Stable				
Calcarius lapponicus	Calcarius lapponicus	Lapland Longspur	LC	Increasing				
Emberiza melanocephala	Emberiza melanocephala	Black-headed Bunting	LC	Unknown				
Emberiza bruniceps	Emberiza bruniceps	Red-headed Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza fucata	Emberiza fucata	Chestnut-eared Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza cia	Emberiza cia	Rock Bunting	LC	Increasing				
Emberiza buchanani	Emberiza buchanani	Grey-necked Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza caesia	Emberiza caesia	Cretzschmar's Bunting	LC	Stable				

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Emberiza stewarti	Emberiza stewarti	White-capped Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza leucocephalos	Emberiza leucocephalos	Pine Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza pallasi	Emberiza pallasi	Pallas's Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza pusilla	Emberiza pusilla	Little Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza spodocephala	Emberiza spodocephala	Black-faced Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza personata		Masked Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza rutila	Emberiza rutila	Chestnut Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza chrysophrys	Emberiza chrysophrys	Yellow-browed Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza tristrami	Emberiza tristrami	Tristram's Bunting	LC	Stable				
Emberiza variabilis	Emberiza variabilis	Grey Bunting	LC	Stable				

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ANNEX 4: CONSERVATION POLICY ACHIEVEMENT MATRIX

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AEMLAP Actions	International Policies								
	Addis Ababa	CBD Strategic	Ramsar Convention	EU Directive on	AEWA Action Plan	Convention on			
	Principles and	Plan 2011-2020 ¹²	Strategic Plan13 &	the conservation of	(AP) ¹⁵ 2013-2015,	Migratory Species			
	Guidelines for the	& associated	associated decisions	wild birds & related	Strategic Plan	Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁷			
	Sustainable use of	decisions		EU Directives and	(SP) ¹⁶ 2009-2017,	2006-2011 &			
	Biodiversity ¹¹ (CBD)			Regulations ¹⁴	& associated decisions	associated decisions			
HABITAT CONSERVATION					decisions				
Land-use changes									
Intensive agriculture									
1. Develop and implement new									
policies or review existing policies that									
maintain and manage natural and			1			\checkmark			
semi-natural habitats of value for	\checkmark	\checkmark	Goal 1	✓	\checkmark	SP Objective 2			
migratory landbird species within	Practical Principle 1	Aichi Targets 5 & 7	Strategies 1.3 & 1.4		AP para 3.2.4	Target 2.7			
otherwise wide-scale and/or									
intensively managed, or cropped,									
agricultural landscapes									
Promote types of biodiversity-		\checkmark				1			
friendly farming systems	\checkmark	Programme of		✓	\checkmark	SP Objective 2			
	Practical Principle 3	Work Agricultural			AP para 3.2.4	Target 2.3			
	I.	Biodiversity			•	5			
		Aichi Targets 3 & 7		1					
3. Develop landscape design				1					
principles and guidance to mitigate	\checkmark	\checkmark		 ✓ 	1				
the negative consequences of large-	Practical Principle 3	Aichi Targets 5 & 7			AP para 3.2.4				
scale and/or intensive forms of									
						1			

¹¹ http://www.cbd.int/sustainable/addis-principles.shtml

http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-10/cop-10-dec-02-en.pdf
 http://www.ramsar.org/pdf/strat-plan-2009-e-adj.pdf

¹⁴ inter alia, Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC); Directive on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (2001/42/EC); Habitats and Species Directive (92/43/EEC); Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (85/337/EEC)

¹⁶ http://www.unep-aewa.org/documents/agreement_text/eng/2012-2015/aewa_agreement_text_2013_2015_annex3_only.pdf ¹⁶ http://www.unep-aewa.org/documents/strategic_plan/strategic_plan_2009-2017.pdf

¹⁷ http://www.cms.int/bodies/COP/cop8/documents/proceedings/pdf/eng/CP8Res 8 02 CMS StrategicPlan 2006 2011 E.pdf

AEMLAP Actions			Internationa	al Policies		
	Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable use of Biodiversity ¹¹ (CBD)	CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020 ¹² & associated decisions	Ramsar Convention Strategic Plan ¹³ & associated decisions	EU Directive on the conservation of wild birds & related EU Directives and Regulations ¹⁴	AEWA Action Plan (AP) ¹⁵ 2013-2015, Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁶ 2009-2017, & associated decisions	Convention on Migratory Species Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁷ 2006-2011 & associated decisions
agriculture on migratory landbird species and their habitats						
4. Undertake Strategic Environmental Assessments			✓ Goal 1 Strategy 1.3	~	✓ SP Target 1.3 AP para 4.3.1	✓ Resolution 7.2 SP Objective 2 Target 2.8
5. Develop land-use planning strategies, using an ecosystem approach	Practical Principle 11	✓ Aichi Targets 5, 7 & 17	✓ Goal 1 Strategy 1.3	4	√ AP para 3.2.4	✓ SP Objective 2 Target 2.9
Traditional agriculture including pastoralism and small-scale cropping systems						
6. Promote agricultural policies that support participatory, sustainable natural resource management practices	✓ Practical Principles 2, 9 & 12	✓ Decision XI.22 Aichi Targets 3, 5, 7, 17 & 18	✓ Goal 1 Strategy 1.4			
7. Work with and empower local communities to advocate, develop and implement participatory approaches and incentives aimed at integrated, sustainable management of natural resources	✓ Practical Principles 2, 9, 10 & 12	✓ Decision XI.22 Aichi Targets 7 & 18	✓ Goal 1 Strategy 1.4			
8. Facilitate the sharing, internationally, of relevant pastoralist and small-scale agricultural experiences and good practices	✓ Practical Principle 6	✓ Aichi Targets 18 & 19	✓ Goal 3 Strategy 3.4			
9. Endeavour to include migratory bird habitat requirements into existing initiatives that work with farmers and local communities		✓ Aichi Target 7				

AEMLAP Actions	International Policies							
	Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable use of Biodiversity ¹¹ (CBD)	CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020 ¹² & associated decisions	Ramsar Convention Strategic Plan ¹³ & associated decisions	EU Directive on the conservation of wild birds & related EU Directives and Regulations ¹⁴	AEWA Action Plan (AP) ¹⁵ 2013-2015, Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁶ 2009-2017, & associated decisions	Convention on Migratory Species Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁷ 2006-2011 & associated decisions		
Timber and non-timber forest products								
10. Include the habitat requirements of migratory landbird species in the development and implementation of national integrated woodland management plans								
Water management 11. Implement, and promote widely, the Ramsar Convention's guidance on wetlands and river basin management (Resolution X.19)		✓ Decision XI.23	✓ Resolution X.19 Goal 1 Strategy 1.7	~				
12. Regulate anthropogenic threats liable to cause degradation and/or loss of wetlands important for migratory landbird species and initiate rehabilitation or restoration programmes, where feasible and appropriate		✓ Programme of Work on Inland Waters Biodiversity Aichi Targets 7 & 17 Decision XI.16	✓ Goal 1 Goal 2 Strategy 1.8 & 2.7		✓ AP para 3.3 & 3.2.3			
Energy								
13. Ensure that new energy developments likely to have a significant impact on migratory landbird species adopt early-stage and high-level strategic planning processes involving Strategic Environmental Impact Assessments (SEA) and stakeholder consultation			✓ Goal 1 Strategy 1.3	~	✓ Resolution 5.16 AP para 4.3.5			
14. Ensure that a strategic approach is adopted with respect to the location of alternative renewable energy developments			✓ Goal 1 Strategy 1.3	~	✓ Resolution 5.16 SP Target 1.3			

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	Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable use of Biodiversity ¹¹ (CBD)	CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020 ¹² & associated decisions	Ramsar Convention Strategic Plan ¹³ & associated decisions	EU Directive on the conservation of wild birds & related EU Directives and Regulations ¹⁴	AEWA Action Plan (AP) ¹⁵ 2013-2015, Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁶ 2009-2017, & associated decisions	Convention on Migratory Species Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁷ 2006-2011 & associated decisions
15. Institute sustainable land-use and energy management policies	✓ Practical Principle 3	✓ Aichi Targets 4 & 7	✓ Goal 1 Strategies 1.3 & 1.4			
16. Seek to reduce the dependence on wood fuel		✓ Aichi Target 7				
17. Ensure that planned new hydro- electric reservoirs and other schemes modifying natural hydrology are subject to rigorous Environmental Impact Assessments			✓ Goal 1 Strategies 1.3 & 1.7	4	✓ Resolution 5.16 SP Target 1.3 AP para 4.3.1	✓ Resolution 7.2 SP Objective 2 Target 2.8
18. Mitigate effects of existing hydrodams by allowing well-managed, artificial discharge/flooding downstream	✓ Practical Principle 9		✓ Resolution X.19 Goal 1 Strategy 1.7			
Re-vegetation (including reforestation), and reducing desertification and carbon emissions from deforestation and degradation						
19. Encourage the use of indigenous trees or other plants that are of high value to migratory landbird species in appropriate afforestation or reafforestation initiatives						
20. Incorporate into measures being taken to implement the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) considerations of migratory landbird species conservation	✓ Practical Principle 3					
Integrated land-use management						
21. Encourage local implementation of land-use management policies, potentially through appropriate incentive programmes	✓ Practical Principle 9, 10 & 11	✓ Aichi Targets 3 & 17	✓ Goal 1 Strategy 1.11			

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	Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable use of Biodiversity ¹¹ (CBD)	CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020 ¹² & associated decisions	Ramsar Convention Strategic Plan ¹³ & associated decisions	EU Directive on the conservation of wild birds & related EU Directives and Regulations ¹⁴	AEWA Action Plan (AP) ¹⁵ 2013-2015, Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁶ 2009-2017, & associated decisions	Convention on Migratory Species Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁷ 2006-2011 & associated decisions
Sites of national or international importance to migratory landbird species						
22. Undertake and publish national inventories of the sites of importance to migratory landbird species		✓ Aichi Target 19	✓ Goal 1 Strategy 1.1		✓ SP Target 1.2 AP para 3.1.1	
23. Facilitate and promote designation of sites important to migratory landbird species under appropriate national and international conservation categories		✓ Decision XI.24 Programme of Work on Protected Areas Aichi Target 11	✓ Goal 2 Strategy 2.1	\checkmark	✓ AP para 3.2.1	✓ Resolution 10.3 SP Objective 2 Target 2.7
24. Establish a Critical Site Network		✓ Aichi Target 11	√ Goal 2	~	✓ SP Targets 1.2 & 3.2.1	✓ Resolution 10.3 SP Objective 2 Target 2.7
25. Review and where necessary, establish and implement appropriate and effective conservation management regimes		✓ Aichi Target 3	✓ Goal 2 Strategies 2.5 & 2.7	✓	✓ AP para 3.2.3	
26. Promote participatory approaches in the planning, management and conservation of sites	✓ Practical Principles 9 & 12	✓ Aichi Target 18	✓ Goal 2 Strategies 2.3 & 2.7			
Climate change						
27. Implement measures outlined in AEWA Resolution 5.13 (Climate Change Adaptation Measures for Waterbirds), Ramsar Resolution X.24 (Climate Change and Wetlands) and CMS Resolutions 9.7 (Climate Change Impact on Migratory Species) and 10.19 (Migratory Species Conservation in the Light of Climate Change)		✓ Aichi Target 15	Resolution X.24		Resolution 5.13	Resolution 9.7 Resolution 10.19

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TAKING AND TRADE						
28. Identify migratory landbird species that are the subject of taking and trade		✓ Aichi Target 12				✓ SP Objective 1 Target 1.4
Regulation of legal taking						
29. Ensure legal protection of migratory landbird species of greatest conservation concern		✓ Aichi Target 12		~	✓ SP Target 2.3	
30. Establish limits on the number and means of taking of migratory landbird species and provide adequate controls to ensure that these limits are observed	✓ Practical Principle 4	✓ Aichi Target 12			✓ SP Target 2.2	
31. Give conservation priority to migratory landbird species with declining global population trends		✓ Aichi Target 12		~	✓ SP Target 2.3	
32. Regulate all taking and trade of migratory landbird species with increasing, stable or unknown global population trends		✓ Aichi Target 12		~	✓ SP Target 2.3	
 Compile national lists of quarry migratory landbird species, hunting seasons and trade 		✓ Aichi Target 19		~	✓ SP Targets 2.2, 2.5 & 3.1	
34. Implement alternative livelihood programmes or captive breeding programmes for migratory landbird species utilised as food sources						
Illegal taking						
35. Promote international cooperation between enforcement authorities and other stakeholders	✓ Practical Principle 8	✓ Aichi Target 12	✓ Goal 3 Strategy 3.4	~		

AEMLAP Actions	International Policies									
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36. Take action through existing legal instruments regulating domestic and/or international trade		✓ Aichi Target 12		✓	✓ AP section 2					
Disturbance from human activities										
37. Promote studies to evaluate the effect of human disturbance at key sites			✓ Goal 2 Strategies 2.3 & 2.7		✓ AP paras 4.3.6 & 5.6					
38. Encourage the development and implementation of effective management plans at sensitive sites	✓ Practical Principle 9		✓ Goal 2 Strategies 2.3, 2.5 & 2.7							
39. Promote public experience of the wonder of migration and migratory landbird species by raising awareness and providing information	✓ Practical Principle 14	✓ Aichi Target 1	✓ Goal 4 Strategy 4.1		✓ SP Target 2.3 & Resolution 3.10					
Human-wildlife conflict										
40. Conduct a national review to identify those species of migratory landbird species for which human- wildlife conflict is a potential problem					✓ AP paras 4.3.1 & 4.3.3					
41. Ensure adequate statutory controls are in place, relating to the use of control procedures				✓	✓ AP para 4.3.3					
42. Promote alternative, non-lethal means of avoiding conflict	✓ Practical Principle 9									
Poisoning										
43. Substitute, restrict or ban substances of high risk to migratory landbird species										
44. Include migratory landbird criteria in Rotterdam Convention										

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45. Encourage national legislative mechanism to monitor agricultural use of pesticide substances, and adoption of an integrated pest management (IPM) that incorporates a certification scheme for farmers									
46. Discourage long-term or permanent baiting47. Promote the use of, and									
awareness of, lead ammunition-free hunting, fishing and wildlife management									
OTHER THREATS									
Diseases									
48. In the event of a disease outbreak or mass mortality episode that may impact populations of migratory landbird species, conduct epidemiological and other research to inform mitigation, and response actions			✓ Resolutions IX.23 & X.21		✓ Resolutions 3.18 & 4.15	✓ Resolutions 8.27, 9.8 & 10.22 SP Objective 2 Target 2.6			
49. Develop and implement emergency measures when exceptionally unfavourable or endangering conditions occur anywhere in the Action Plan area			X.21		✓ AP para 2.3	✓ SP Objective 2 Target 2.6			
Collisions									
50. Ensure appropriate legislation is in place and enforce it to restrict construction of structures posing potential collision risks					✓ Resolution 5.11	✓ Resolutions 7.4, 7.5 & 10.11 SP Objective 2 Target 2.6			
51. Introduce appropriate mitigation measures for the various collision risks					✓ Resolution 5.11	✓ Resolutions 7.4, 7.5 & 10.11 SP Objective 2			

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	Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable use of Biodiversity ¹¹ (CBD)	CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020 ¹² & associated decisions	Ramsar Convention Strategic Plan ¹³ & associated decisions	EU Directive on the conservation of wild birds & related EU Directives and Regulations ¹⁴	AEWA Action Plan (AP) ¹⁵ 2013-2015, Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁶ 2009-2017, & associated decisions	Convention on Migratory Species Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁷ 2006-2011 & associated decisions
						Target 2.6
RESEARCH AND MONITORING Understanding migration patterns and connectivity along flyways						
52. Further develop existing and establish new international and local collaborative projects		✓ Aichi Target 19	✓ Goal 1 Strategy 1.6 Goal 3 Strategy 3.4		✓ SP Target 3.5 AP para 5.4	✓ SP Objective 1 Target 1.8
Monitoring of population trends						
53. Develop and implement standardised national monitoring schemes for migratory landbird species and their habitats		✓ Aichi Target 19		√	✓ AP paras 5.2 & 5.3	✓ SP Objective 1 Target 1.3
54. Encourage, support and promote standardised bird monitoring programmes at sites, ecological research to understand the ecological importance of these areas, and the publication of data and information so obtained						
55. Encourage the active use of existing regional and sub-regional online databases by Range State		✓ Aichi Target 19			✓ SP Target 3.5	✓ SP Objective 1 Target 1.8
Understand causes of population change in migratory landbird species						
56. Diagnose the causes of population change and undertake targeted ecological studies of selected 'indicator species' and relevant associated habitats		✓ Aichi Target 19				✓ SP Objective 1 Target 1.6
57. Understand the connections between ecological factors limiting migratory landbird populations and socio-economic issues and policies						

AEMLAP Actions			Internationa	al Policies		
	Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable use of Biodiversity ¹¹ (CBD)	CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020 ¹² & associated decisions	Ramsar Convention Strategic Plan ¹³ & associated decisions	EU Directive on the conservation of wild birds & related EU Directives and Regulations ¹⁴	AEWA Action Plan (AP) ¹⁵ 2013-2015, Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁶ 2009-2017, & associated decisions	Convention on Migratory Species Strategic Plan (SP) ¹⁷ 2006-2011 & associated decisions
Build capacity and improve the exchange of information, collaboration and coordination between researchers studying migratory landbird species						
58. Facilitate comprehensive gap analyses to identify and prioritise research needs, including an inventory of past and ongoing research within sub-regions of the Action Plan area	✓ Practical Principle 6	✓ Aichi Target 19	✓ Goal 3 Strategy 3.4		✓ AP section 5	✓ SP Objective 1 Target 1.6
59. Encourage the development of the Migrant Landbird species Study Group (MLSG)	✓ Practical Principles 6 & 7	✓ Aichi Target 19				✓ Resolution 10.7
60. Encourage researchers and funders to focus on the most important and urgent issues for migratory landbird species conservation	✓ Practical Principle 6	✓ Aichi Target 19	✓ Goal 1 Strategy 1.6 Goal 3 Strategy 3.4		✓ Resolutions 4.2 & 5.2	✓ SP Objective 1 Target 1.6
61. Support the provision of targeted research and monitoring training	✓ Practical Principle 6	✓ Aichi Target 19			✓ Resolution 5.9 SP Target 3.3 AP para 6.1	✓ Resolution 10.6 SP Objective 1 Target 1.6
EDUCATION AND INFORMATION Improve public awareness and understanding about migratory landbird species						
62. Support and encourage public participation in 'Friends of the Landbirds Action Plan' (FLAP)	✓ Practical Principle 14	✓ Aichi Target 1	✓ Goal 4 Strategy 4.1		✓ SP Objective 4 AP para 6.3	✓ Resolution 10.7 SP Objective 3 Targets 3.4 & 3.5
63. Encourage local, national and international engagement with private organisations and public agencies, especially in the development sector						

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ANNEX 5: ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

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AEMLAP Actions			Implementing (Organizations		
	Range State	Range State	International	Research	Development	AEML-WG
	governments	conservation NGOs	conservation NGOs	institutions	companies and agencies	and -SG
		11000			(e.g.	
					agricultural	
					and energy sectors)	
HABITAT CONSERVATION					30013)	
Land-use changes						
Intensive agriculture						
1. Develop and implement new policies or review existing	Variana tiana l					
policies that maintain and manage natural and semi-	Various national ministries of lands					
natural habitats of value for migratory landbird species	and natural					
within otherwise wide-scale and/or intensively managed, or cropped, agricultural landscapes	resources					
	management			,		
2. Promote types of biodiversity-friendly farming systems	✓ Particularly	√ Through		✓ Local research		
	through the	advocacy at	✓	into biodiversity-	✓	\checkmark
	ministries of	the national		friendly farming		
	agriculture	level		systems		
3. Develop landscape design principles and guidance to						
mitigate the negative consequences of large-scale and/or	✓			✓	✓	
intensive forms of agriculture on migratory landbird						
species and their habitats	✓				✓ √	
4. Undertake Strategic Environmental Assessments	•				•	
5. Develop land-use planning strategies, using an	\checkmark					
ecosystem approach Traditional agriculture including pastoralism and small-						
scale cropping systems						
6. Promote agricultural policies that support participatory,						
sustainable natural resource management practices						

AEMLAP Actions		Implementing Organizations						
	Range State governments	Range State conservation NGOs	International conservation NGOs	Research institutions	Development companies and agencies (e.g. agricultural and energy sectors)	AEML-WG and -SG		
7. Work with and empower local communities to advocate, develop and implement participatory approaches and incentives aimed at integrated, sustainable management of natural resources	~	~	~	4	4			
8. Facilitate the sharing, internationally, of relevant pastoralist and small-scale agricultural experiences and good practices	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	~	1		
 Endeavour to include migratory bird habitat requirements into existing initiatives that work with farmers and local communities 	✓							
Timber and non-timber forest products								
10. Include the habitat requirements of migratory landbird species in the development and implementation of national integrated woodland management plans								
Water management								
11. Implement, and promote widely, the Ramsar Convention's guidance on wetlands and river basin management (Resolution X.19)								
12. Regulate anthropogenic threats liable to cause degradation and/or loss of wetlands important for migratory landbird species and initiate rehabilitation or restoration programmes, where feasible and appropriate								
Energy								
13. Ensure that new energy developments likely to have a significant impact on migratory landbird species adopt early-stage and high-level strategic planning processes involving Strategic Environmental Impact Assessments (SEA) and stakeholder consultation								
14. Ensure that a strategic approach is adopted with respect to the location of alternative renewable energy developments								
15. Institute sustainable land-use and energy management policies								

AEMLAP Actions	Implementing Organizations							
	Range State governments	Range State conservation NGOs	International conservation NGOs	Research institutions	Development companies and agencies (e.g. agricultural and energy sectors)	AEML-WG and -SG		
16. Seek to reduce the dependence on wood fuel								
17. Ensure that planned new hydro-electric reservoirs and other schemes modifying natural hydrology are subject to rigorous Environmental Impact Assessments								
18. Mitigate effects of existing hydrodams by allowing well-managed, artificial discharge/flooding downstream								
Re-vegetation (including reforestation), and reducing desertification and carbon emissions from deforestation and degradation								
19. Encourage the use of indigenous trees or other plants that are of high value to migratory landbird species in appropriate afforestation or re-afforestation initiatives								
20. Incorporate into measures being taken to implement the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) considerations of migratory landbird species conservation								
Integrated land-use management								
21. Encourage local implementation of land-use management policies, potentially through appropriate incentive programmes	\checkmark	✓	✓		~			
Sites of national or international importance to migratory landbird species								
22. Undertake and publish national inventories of the sites of importance to migratory landbird species	✓	✓	✓	✓				
23. Facilitate and promote designation of sites important to migratory landbird species under appropriate national and international conservation categories	4							
24. Establish a Critical Site Network	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark				
25. Review and where necessary, establish and implement appropriate and effective conservation management regimes	\checkmark	~			~			
26. Promote participatory approaches in the planning, management and conservation of sites	\checkmark	~			~			

AEMLAP Actions			Implementing (Organizations		
	Range State governments	Range State conservation NGOs	International conservation NGOs	Research institutions	Development companies and agencies (e.g. agricultural and energy sectors)	AEML-WG and -SG
Climate change						
27. Implement measures outlined in AEWA Resolution 5.13 (Climate Change Adaptation Measures for Waterbirds), Ramsar Resolution X.24 (Climate Change and Wetlands) and CMS Resolutions 9.7 (Climate Change Impact on Migratory Species) and 10.19 (Migratory Species Conservation in the Light of Climate Change)	✓	V		~	4	
TAKING AND TRADE						
28. Identify migratory landbird species that are the subject of taking and trade	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark
Regulation of legal taking						
29. Ensure legal protection of migratory landbird species of greatest conservation concern						
30. Establish limits on the number and means of taking of migratory landbird species and provide adequate controls to ensure that these limits are observed	\checkmark					
31. Give conservation priority to migratory landbird species with declining global population trends	\checkmark	~	\checkmark			
32. Regulate all taking and trade of migratory landbird species with increasing, stable or unknown global population trends	\checkmark					
33. Compile national lists of quarry migratory landbird species, hunting seasons and trade	\checkmark	~		✓		
34. Implement alternative livelihood programmes or captive breeding programmes for migratory landbird species utilised as food sources	\checkmark	~	√		~	
Illegal taking						
35. Promote international cooperation between enforcement authorities and other stakeholders	\checkmark	~	\checkmark			✓
36. Take action through existing legal instruments regulating domestic and/or international trade	\checkmark					

AEMLAP Actions	Implementing Organizations						
	Range State governments	Range State conservation NGOs	International conservation NGOs	Research institutions	Development companies and agencies (e.g. agricultural and energy sectors)	AEML-WG and -SG	
Disturbance from human activities							
37. Promote studies to evaluate the effect of human disturbance at key sites	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	
38. Encourage the development and implementation of effective management plans at sensitive sites	\checkmark	~	✓	✓	✓	~	
39. Promote public experience of the wonder of migration and migratory landbird species by raising awareness and providing information	✓	~	~	~	~	~	
Human-wildlife conflict							
40. Conduct a national review to identify those species of migratory landbird species for which human-wildlife conflict is a potential problem	✓	~	✓	~	~		
41. Ensure adequate statutory controls are in place, relating to the use of control procedures	\checkmark						
42. Promote alternative, non-lethal means of avoiding conflict	\checkmark	~	✓	✓	~		
Poisoning							
43. Substitute, restrict or ban substances of high risk to migratory landbird species							
44. Include migratory landbird criteria in Rotterdam Convention							
45. Encourage national legislative mechanism to monitor agricultural use of pesticide substance, and adoption of an integrated pest management (IPM) that incorporates a certification scheme for farmers							
46. Discourage long-term or permanent baiting47. Promote the use of, and awareness of, lead ammunition-free hunting, fishing and wildlife management							

AEMLAP Actions	Implementing Organizations							
	Range State governments	Range State conservation NGOs	International conservation NGOs	Research institutions	Development companies and agencies (e.g. agricultural and energy sectors)	AEML-WG and -SG		
OTHER THREATS Diseases	_			_				
48. In the event of a disease outbreak or mass mortality episode that may impact populations of migratory landbird species, conduct epidemiological and other research to inform mitigation, and response actions	V	4	~	¥				
49. Develop and implement emergency measures when exceptionally unfavourable or endangering conditions occur anywhere in the Action Plan area	✓	~	~					
Collisions 50. Ensure appropriate legislation is in place and enforce it to restrict construction of structures posing potential collision risks	✓							
51. Introduce appropriate mitigation measures for the various collision risks RESEARCH AND MONITORING	✓	×	~	✓	✓			
Understanding migration patterns and connectivity along flyways								
52. Further develop existing and establish new international and local collaborative projects Monitoring of population trends	✓	✓	~	✓				
53. Develop and implement standardized national monitoring schemes for migratory landbird species and their habitats	✓	4		✓				
54. Encourage, support and promote standardised bird monitoring programmes at sites, ecological research to understand the ecological importance of these areas, and the publication of data and information so obtained								
55. Encourage the active use of existing regional and sub-regional online databases by Range State	\checkmark	~	~	\checkmark		~		

AEMLAP Actions	Implementing Organizations						
	Range State governments	Range State conservation NGOs	International conservation NGOs	Research institutions	Development companies and agencies (e.g. agricultural and energy sectors)	AEML-WG and -SG	
Understand causes of population change in migratory landbird species							
56. Diagnose the causes of population change and undertake targeted ecological studies of selected 'indicator species' and relevant associated habitats							
57. Understand the connections between ecological factors limiting migratory landbird populations and socio- economic issues and policies							
Build capacity and improve the exchange of information, collaboration and coordination between researchers studying migratory landbird species							
58. Facilitate comprehensive gap analyses to identify and prioritise research needs, including an inventory of past and ongoing research within sub-regions of the Action Plan area	\checkmark	1	1	~		¥	
59. Encourage the development of the Migrant Landbird species Study Group (MLSG)		✓	~	✓		✓	
60. Encourage researchers and funders to focus on the most important and urgent issues for migratory landbird species conservation	\checkmark	~	~	~	\checkmark	~	
61. Support the provision of targeted research and monitoring training	\checkmark	~	~	✓	~		
EDUCATION AND INFORMATION Improve public awareness and understanding about migratory landbird species							
 62. Support and encourage public participation in 'Friends of the Landbirds Action Plan' (FLAP) 63. Encourage local, national and international engagement with private organisations and public agencies, especially in the development sector 	✓	×	✓ 	✓	✓	✓	

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ANNEX 6: REFERENCE LIST OF THE ACTION PLAN

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