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Legislative Guidance and Model Law Provisions



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Guidance on National IKB Action Plans



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[Guidance for Development and Implementation of National Action Plans Against the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Birds](#)

Considerations for the way forward on preparing a [Format and Guidance for the Development and Implementation of National IKB Action Plans](#) developed in 2021.



Socio-economic research on motivations



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SUGGESTED METHODOLOGY AND GUIDANCE FOR CONDUCTING SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESEARCH INTO THE MOTIVATIONS BEHIND ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF BIRDS

(Draft based on a document prepared by BirdLife International and reviewed by the CMS Secretariat)

September 2022



Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean



The Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) has been convened by the CMS Secretariat in conjunction with the Secretariat of AEWMA, the Raptors MOU Coordinating Unit and the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP) Working Group. It brings together governmental representatives of CMS Parties from the Mediterranean region, including European Union Member States, and other interested Parties. Representatives from non-CMS Parties as well as relevant international organizations and networks are also part of MIKT as observers..

As of September 2022, the Membership of the Task Force consists of 22 CMS Parties. Additionally, three Interested Parties (CMS Parties which do not have a Mediterranean coast), and one Non-Party are Observers to the MIKT. Twelve multilateral environmental agreements (represented by their Secretariats), organizations and networks, and nine non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are Observers to MIKT. A list of all Members and Observers can be found below.

Finally, MIKT collaborates with other international organisations involved in wildlife crime, on an ad hoc basis, such as IMPEL.

The establishment of the Task Force was mandated through [CMS COP Resolution 11.16](#) (Rev. COP13) on the illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds (IKB) to facilitate international cooperation as well as the implementation of the existing guidelines and action plans. Resolution 11.16 was adopted in 2014 in COP11, and has since been amended and updated in COP12 and COP13. There have also been a number of Decisions related to particular aspects of the work, e.g. [Decisions 13.27 to 13.31 - Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean](#) (MIKT). Its Modus operandi was adopted in 2016.

MIKT is working as a catalyst to gather information scattered amongst diverse international organizations, and to help experts coordinate their work. The Mediterranean region is a hotspot for illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds (IKB), and MIKT is the first pan-Mediterranean task force aiming to serve, when appropriate, as a model approach for other parts of the world that also face IKB-related issues.

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Statements

- Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP
- Bradnee Chambers, Executive Secretary of UNEP/CMS [WMBD2016] [WED2016]
- Bráulio Ferreira De Souza Dias, Executive Secretary of UNEP/CBD
- Jacques Trouvilliez, Executive Secretary of UNEP/AEWMA



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The Rome Strategic Plan





The [Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030: Eradicating Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds in Europe and the Mediterranean region](#) is the strategic framework for the work of MIKT from 2020-2030.

It was developed during a Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points (SFPs) on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade (IKB) in Wild Birds and the CMS MIKT in May 2019 in Rome.

The overarching long-term goal of the Rome Strategic Plan is the eradication of IKB within the geographic scope of the Bern Convention and MIKT. The goal of the Rome Strategic Plan for 2030 is a 50% reduction of the scale and scope of IKB compared to a 2020 baseline.

MIKT members adopted the Rome Strategic Plan as it was adopted by the Bern Convention Standing Committee in December 2019, with the clear understanding that a detailed and ambitious workplan would be developed for specific actions to be implemented by MIKT Members and Observers in the Mediterranean.

The Rome Strategic Plan, was developed as a continuation of the MIKT Programme of Work 2016-2020 which ended in 2020. The MIKT Workplan for the period 2021-2025 is fully aligned with the Rome Strategic Plan and was approved through online consultation following the MIKT meeting in June 2021.

The Rome Strategic Plan is structured around one process-oriented objective and five result-oriented objectives, which are:

Process Oriented objective: [National IKB Action Plans](#)

Result Oriented objectives:

- No. 1: To understand the **scope, scale and motivations** behind illegal killing, taking and trade of birds;
- No. 2: To establish an active **prevention** of the illegal killing, taking and trade of birds;
- No. 3: To ensure that the illegal killing of birds is addressed effectively and efficiently in **national legislation**;
- No. 4: To ensure that effective and efficient **enforcement** of relevant legislation is undertaken;
- No. 5: To ensure effective and efficient **justice** for IKB-related offences.



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Monitoring IKB

Rome Strategic Plan: Objective 1: To understand the scope, scale and motivations behind illegal killing, taking and trade of birds (IKB)

The first result-oriented objective of the Rome Strategic Plan is to have a good common understanding of the scale, scope and motivations behind IKB in a country. That means knowing how many birds are affected by IKB each year, which species, what methods are being used to kill or take those birds, during which seasons and in which parts of the country the IKB takes place. Additionally, it's important to know why IKB is taking place, i.e. what are the drivers and motivations behind it.

Although illegal activities are notoriously difficult to monitor, systematic monitoring nevertheless can provide an objective and comparable picture of IKB in a country. This monitoring can be used overtime to measure progress and assess the effectiveness of actions to address IKB, so that they can be reviewed and updated accordingly.

Additionally, systematic monitoring of IKB can help monitor progress in implementing actions to reach the Rome Strategic Plan goal of reducing IKB by 50% against a 2020 baseline. It is therefore recommended for all countries to have in place a system for monitoring IKB.

Setting a baseline and measuring progress in tackling IKB implies the adoption of a methodology for assessing the scale and scope of IKB in a repeatable and systematic way. Activities that lead to illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds vary extensively, and depending on the activities and illegal methods used, the methodologies required for determining the scale and scope may differ. An agreed methodology that is followed in a systematic way on a regular basis is also crucial to reliably assess trends of IKB.

Monitoring motivations is also crucial for understanding the drivers from a socio-economic point of view. It is very important to understand those drivers in order to prepare effective work on prevention of IKB.

Click [here](#) to see the targets, indicators, and actions on Monitoring IKB and Monitoring motivations in the Rome Strategic Plan.

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[Paper on the Baseline and Methodology for Assessing Progress toward Achieving the Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030: Eradicating Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds in Europe and the Mediterranean Region](#), adopted by MIKT members in 2021.

Guidelines on Methods and Techniques for Monitoring IKB

[BirdLife International \(2022\) A best practice guide for monitoring illegal killing and taking of birds](#), 3rd Edition. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International.

Studies on Scope and Scale of IKB

[The Killing \(2015\)](#) The summary report of a preliminary assessment of the scope and scale of illegal killing and taking of birds in the Mediterranean. The peer reviewed paper (below) was published in 2016. The BirdLife Partnership presents this review based on the first ever comprehensive scientific study to quantify the scale and scope of illegal killing across the Mediterranean region.

[Preliminary assessment of the scope and scale of illegal killing and taking of birds in the Mediterranean \(2016\)](#) The BirdLife Partnership's view on the scope and scale of illegal killing, taking and trade of birds in the Mediterranean.

[Illegal killing and taking of birds in Europe outside the Mediterranean: assessing the scope and scale of a complex issue \(2017\)](#) The BirdLife Partnership's view on the scope and scale of illegal killing, taking and trade of birds in Northern and Central Europe and the Caucasus.

Other Initiatives or Documents on Addressing Wildlife Crime

[Bird Trapping in Egypt and Libya \(2012\)](#)

[Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit \(2012\)](#) A toolkit developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in partnership with other members of International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna. Includes advice on monitoring IKB also. Available in English, French and Spanish.

[Compilation d'outils pour l'analyse de la criminalité liée aux espèces sauvages et aux forêts](#) (Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit in French)

[Herramientas para el análisis de los delitos contra la vida silvestre y los bosques](#) (Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit in Spanish)

[Police Investigation Manual of Offences against Biodiversity \(2022\)](#)

A manual to aid police investigations of crimes against biodiversity produced by SEO/BirdLife.



National IKB Action Plans



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Examples of National IKB Action Plans

The [Plan of Action to Address Bird Trapping along the Mediterranean Coasts of Egypt and Libya](#) Adopted in 2014

The [Italian National Action Plan to Combat Wild Bird Crime](#) adopted in Italy in 2017, and translated by CMS Secretariat into English and French in 2022. Available in [Italian](#), [English](#) and [French](#).



Ensuring National Legislation is Effective and Efficient against IKB

Rome Strategic Plan: Objective 3: To ensure that the illegal killing of birds is addressed effectively and efficiently in national legislation

The third result-oriented objective of the Rome Strategic Plan is the need to have efficient and effective national legislation for tackling illegal killing, taking and trade (IKB) in wild birds.

The Rome Strategic Plan foresees that the CMS Secretariat develops guidelines on effective legislation including examples of model legislation on combating IKB in collaboration with legal experts. The work is ongoing and is expected to be available during the course of 2022.

At the same time, the Rome Strategic Plan foresees that all countries undertake an expert assessment of national legislation addressing IKB to identify possible gaps, and then develop and/or amend national legislation to address such gaps, aiming for 100% of all countries to be covered by appropriate legislation.

Click [here](#) to see the targets, indicators, and actions on National legislation in the Rome Strategic Plan.

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[Model Law Provisions on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Wild Birds \(IKB\)](#)

National Legislation Examples

[National Profile Israel \(Feb 2023\)](#)

[National Profile Italy \(Feb 2023\)](#)

[National Profile Spain \(May 2022\)](#)

[Examples from Albania, Cyprus and Hungary \(Feb 2023\)](#)

Other Documents on Legislation to Address Wildlife Crime

[Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit \(2012\)](#) A toolkit developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in partnership with other members of International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCCWC), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna. Available in English, French and Spanish.

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Ensuring Enforcement is Effective and Efficient against IKB

Rome Strategic Plan: Objective 4: To ensure that effective and efficient enforcement of relevant legislation is undertaken

The fourth result-oriented objective of the Rome Strategic Plan is to undertake efficient and effective enforcement of relevant legislation for tackling illegal killing, taking and trade (IKB) of wild birds.

The Rome Strategic Plan foresees that IKB is afforded appropriate and proportionate enforcement priority at the national, sub-regional and local level. The actions foreseen emphasize the need for specialised training for enforcement personnel, and the development of enforcement units dealing with wildlife crime.

Additionally, the Rome Strategic Plan foresees that support is provided to facilitate effective implementation of inspection, surveillance, detection, investigation, prosecution and application of sanctions for IKB incidents by the designated law enforcement agencies. The actions foresee specialist support and production and provision of awareness raising material for relevant police forces, the development of a programme to facilitate exchanges between countries for training, capacity building, intelligence and other similar activities and the provision of adequate resources for enforcement personnel.

In May 2018, the CMS Secretariat and the [European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment \(ENPE\)](#) jointly organized a ground-breaking [Workshop for Government Prosecutors on the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean Region](#) in Segovia, Spain, where all aspects of legislation, enforcement and justice were discussed and analysed. A training kit has been produced as outcome from this workshop and it is available in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Italian](#), [Greek](#) and [Arabic](#).

Click [here](#) to see the targets, indicators, and actions on Enforcement in the Rome Strategic Plan.

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[Training kit from Workshop on Prosecutors for the Environment in May 2018 organised jointly with ENPE](#)

[Training Pack I and Training Pack II in English, French, Spanish, Italian, Greek and Arabic](#)

[Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit \(2012\)](#) A toolkit developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in partnership with other members of International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna. Available in English, French and Spanish.

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National Documents

[Crimes against wild birds. A thematic focus for an effective law enforcement \(2022\)](#) (in Italian only) A document to contribute towards the implementation of Italy's National Action Plan on IKB, particularly Action 2.1.2 which aims to "promote greater awareness among prosecutors and judges of wildlife crime, with particular reference to the various illegal practices and the repercussions they may have on the state of conservation of the ornithological species involved". The document edited by ISPRA with the contribution of Carabinieri forestali and several experts is addressed to all those called upon to enforce the rules for the protection of wildlife.

Reports, Guidance and Analyses

[Combating environmental crimes and related infringements](#)

[Environmental compliance assurance: guidance document, European Commission \(2021\)](#)

[Available to download in many languages.](#)

The Guidance supports the work of environmental inspectors, police officers, customs officers, prosecutors, judges and others in combating environmental crime and related infringements. Environmental infringements are contraventions of obligations aimed at protecting the environment.



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Spain, Italy, Israel, Cyprus, Albania and Hungary who have already shared national documents and/or examples which are published

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Overarching objective: National IKB Action Plan

1. Monitoring IKB
2. Prevention of IKB
3. National Legislation
4. Enforcement
5. Justice

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