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THIRD MEETING OF SIGNATORIES TO
THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR
THE AQUATIC WARBLER (*Acrocephalus paludicola*)
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Agenda Item 7.0

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE AQUATIC WARBLER ACTION PLAN

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At the request of the European Commission, BirdLife International produced an updated version of the Aquatic Warbler Action Plan in 2008. It was prepared in the perspective of having the same instrument adopted at the European Union and CMS MoU levels. This updated version was adopted at the Second Meeting of Signatories to the Aquatic Warbler MOU that took place in Poland in 2010.

The Third Meeting of Signatories to the Aquatic Warbler MOU will take place in Lithuania the 20-21 May 2015 and on this occasion the Action Plan will be updated again on the basis of new information available. The Plan should be amended with new population figures, results of studies on wintering and stopover sites and new recommended actions. The proposed amendments are listed below. Signatories are requested to examine, discuss and consider any possible additional amendment.

Proposed amendments

1. As a result of the extinction of the Hungarian population – in the whole document whenever it is mentioned this fact should be considered and stated;
2. The information in the descriptive part should be changed to reflect population developments and new data gathered. The following information should be updated:
 - a. information on main passage countries of Aquatic Warbler – text and Table 2 on page 12;
 - b. information on autumn and spring migration routes to include new data from geolocator studies;
 - c. information on known and potential wintering areas and strategies (winter movements) based on geolocator studies;
 - d. population size and trends by country – Table 4 on page 14;
3. Chapter 3 “Recent conservation measures” should be updated especially for Belarus, Germany, France, Lithuania and Poland;

4. Framework for Actions should be modified. As the short-term (2012) target has not been met, discussion on measures to meet long-term objectives is necessary;
5. Within the Framework of Actions chapter in Table “Actions”, page 30 it is suggested to add Action 1.7. “Create or maintain a legal mechanism that allows ex-situ and translocation measures in countries where it will be necessary (Germany, Lithuania, Poland)”.