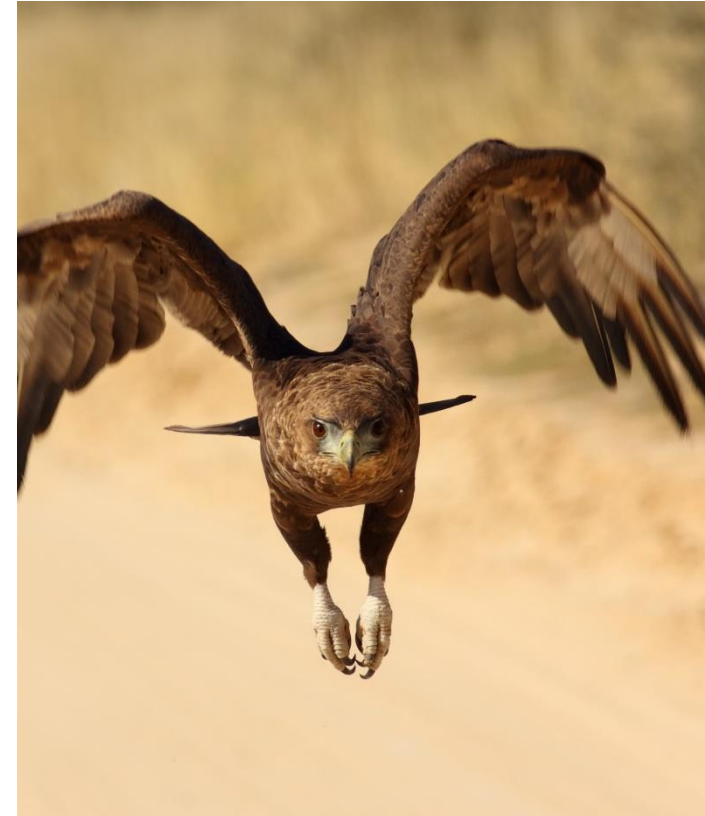




Progress towards an institutional framework

2-4 May 2023, New Delhi, India





Summary

Importance of the Central Asian Flyway

CAF over 20 years

Meeting goals

Potential outcomes

Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)



- The Convention on Migratory Species is a multilateral environmental agreement (MEA) of the United Nations
- 133 Parties – 132 countries plus the European Union
- The only global treaty to focus on the conservation of migratory species and their habitats

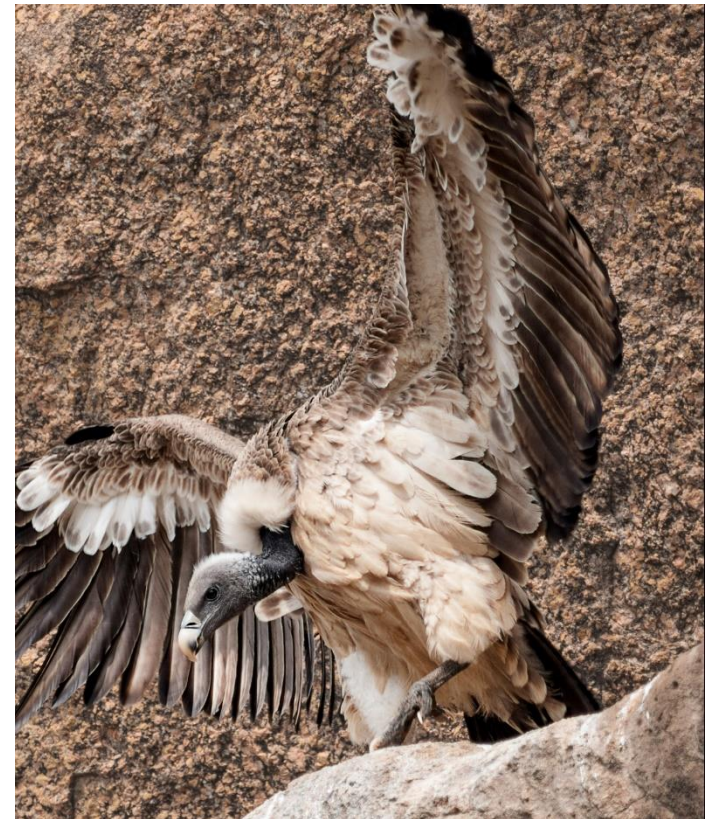


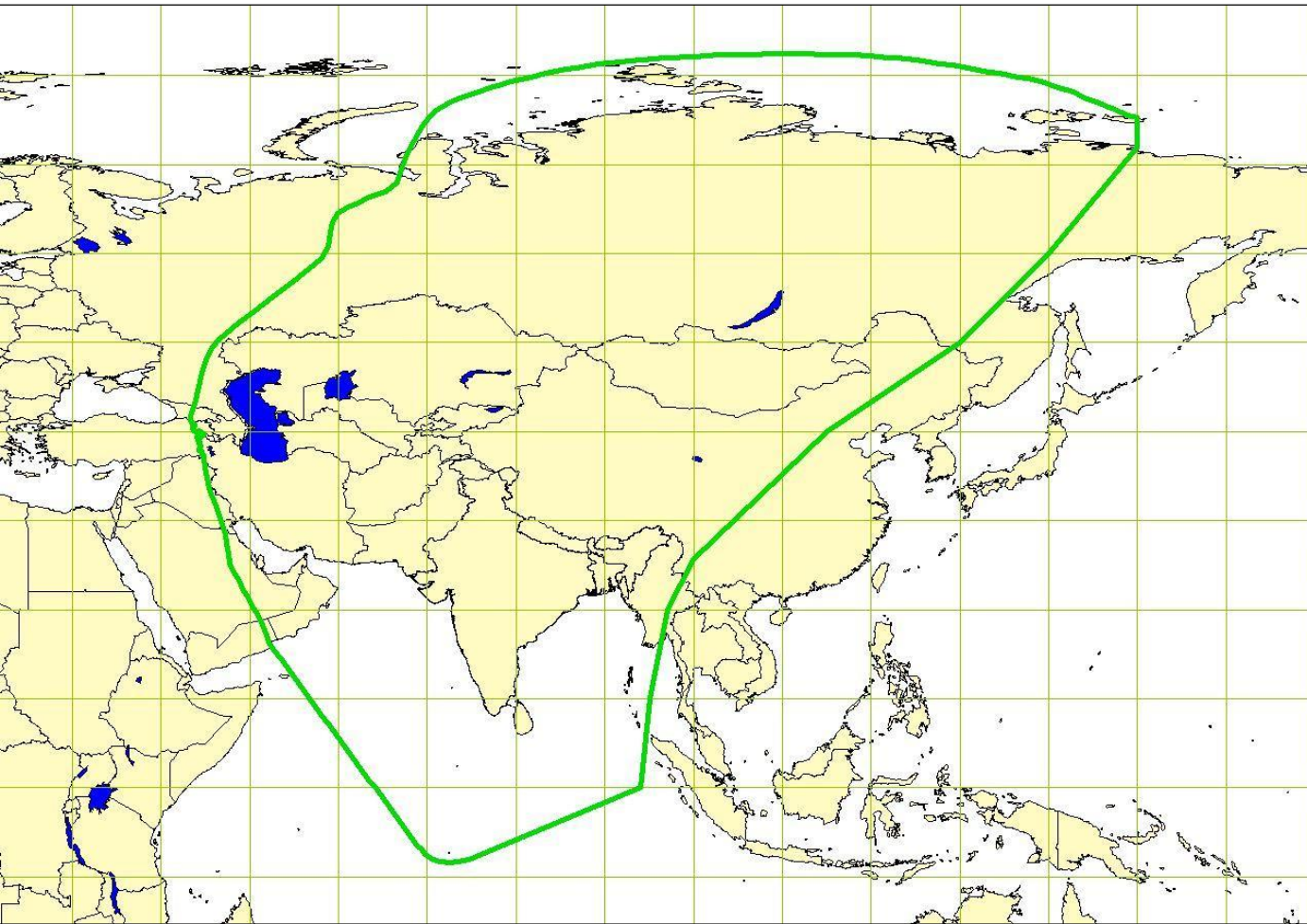
Relevant CMS daughter agreements





Species, Sites, Countries





THE CENTRAL ASIAN FLYWAY

- 30 countries
- 606 migratory species
- 84 bird families
- At least 48 globally threatened species
- 40% species declining
- A minimum of 1,703 sites of international importance in need of adequate management

Top threats present at CAF

- Agriculture & Aquaculture intensification
- Illegal Killing & trade
- Land use change
- Pollution
- Collision and electrocution with energy infrastructures
- Desertification & Climate change



CAF Range States & Frameworks present



- Most CAF Range States are signatories to MEAs such as CMS, Ramsar, CBD, CITES, UNFCCC, UNCCD.
- Many CAF Range States are signatories of CMS Instruments (AEWA, Raptors MOU, AEMLAP, Siberian Crane MOU, Slender-billed Curlew MOU..)
- CAF Range States active in other flyway partnerships such as EAAFP





CAF over 20 years

From 2001 to CMS Resolution & related Decisions





1st CAF Meeting, Tashkent, 2001



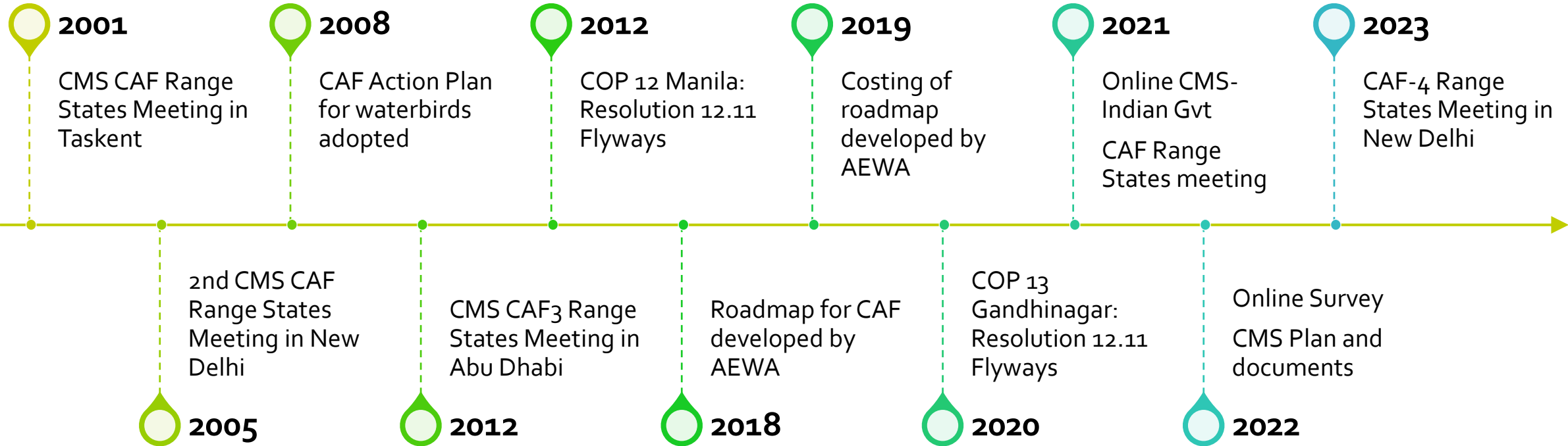


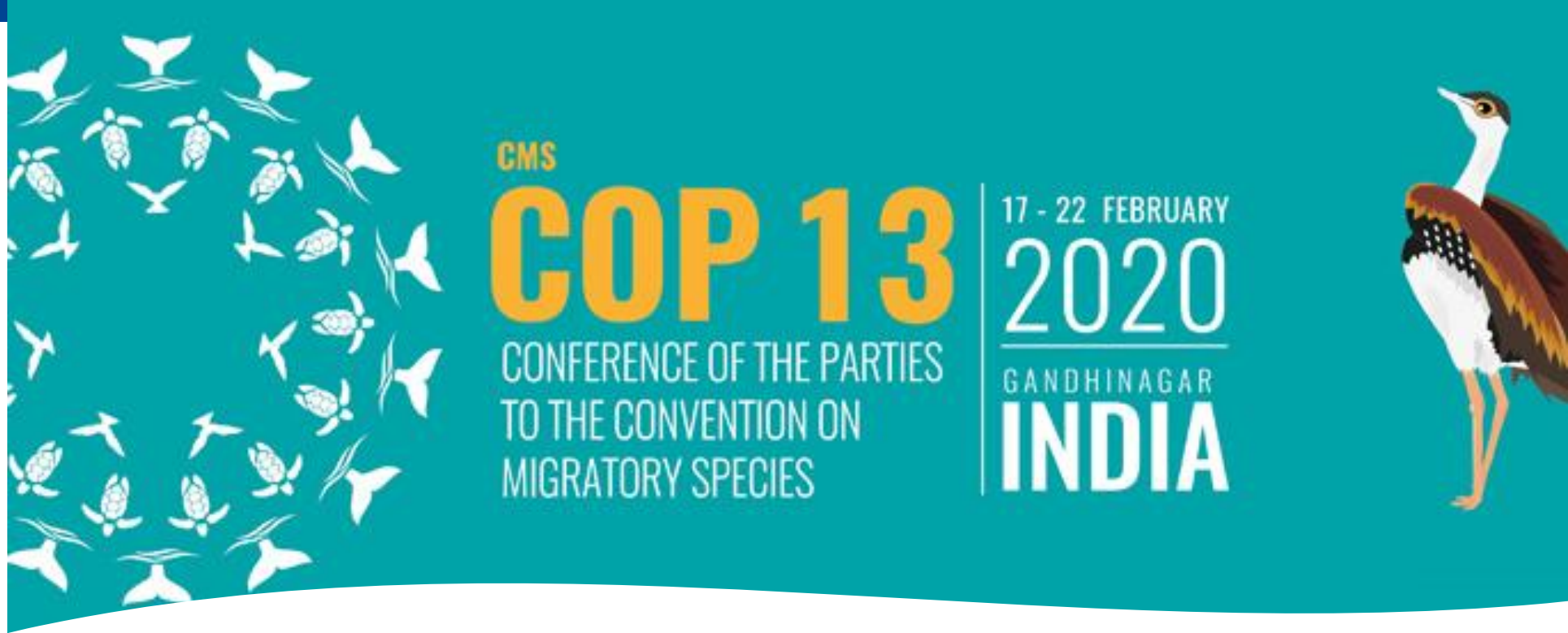
2nd CAF Meeting, New Delhi, 2005





2001-2023





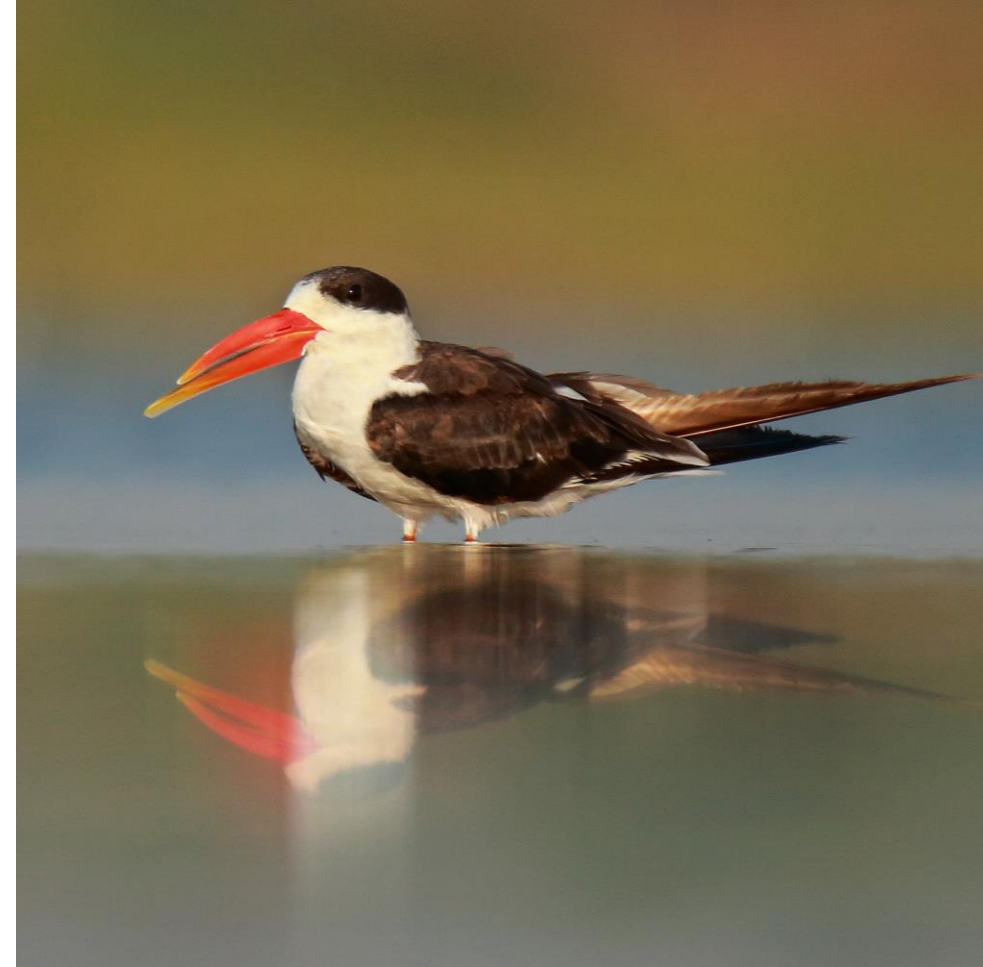
COP 13 Gandhinagar Resolution 12.11. Flyways

The COP:

Welcomes the further efforts by the Government of India to continue the collaborative process, in close consultation with the CAF Range States and with the CMS and AEWA Secretariats, to develop under the CMS an institutional framework, with the Secretariat provided by the CMS Secretariat along with a coordinating office hosted by the Government of India, (...) in coordination with the existing CMS avian-related instruments;

Some lessons learnt on process to date

- CAF Range States are eager to cooperate & there is clear mandate
- CAF Action Plan, CMS Flyways Strategic Review, BLI Situation analysis...already highlight key directions
- Agreeing on the framework is vital, but so is to clarify what it will imply from different perspectives
 - Integration with existing CMS Instruments
 - Relationship with other MEAs
 - Relationship with other Flyways (EAAFP)
 - Government & Stakeholder relationships
 - Priority setting for action on the ground
 - Reporting and Monitoring
 - Fundraising and Communication





Time to move towards an Institutional framework to:

- Safeguard bird migration through a coordinated multilateral approach
- Provide a stable, recognized, neutral and inclusive platform which also provides synergies
- Facilitate and maximize cooperation, but avoid duplication of procedures and avoid reporting burden on Range States.
- Share, enhance and support best-action across entire flyway.
- Secure the support of potential international donors to provide resources for institutional needs and implementation of conservation measures.



Recap on Meeting Goals





Develop and, if possible, agree on an institutional framework for the CAF



Draw conclusions from CAF conservation situation analysis by BirdLife International, and discuss priority areas for implementation



Discuss and agree on a draft roadmap for updating the CMS CAF Action Plan



Agree on the next steps to inform draft decisions to be proposed to the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS.





Agreement by consensus on the Framework model



Agree on how to deliver the Framework as soon as possible through concrete steps



Agree on the key areas the CAF should focus its work on



Confirm buy-in from all Range States.

Discuss COP related outputs



Ready for the challenge?

- 3 days to learn and discuss
- Break out sessions to discuss cross-cutting issues
- Possibility to arrange additional meeting times
- Participation and commitment is key

CAF 4 2023 Meeting A GREAT SUCCESS?





Thank you!
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