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Together for birds and people

**Conservation of migratory birds and their  
habitats and Improvement of means of subsistence  
Of the populations  
(The West African Case)**

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## Importance of migration

- About 50 billion birds representing 19% of the 10,000 bird species in the world migrate each year
- Unfortunately every year various habitats in their environment are dangerously degraded

# Why is it Important to conserve migratory birds

- Migratory birds are an indicator of the state of the environment and are helpful in the promotion of knowledge and actions for the environment, such as the loss of habitats, agricultural expansion, climate change, etc.

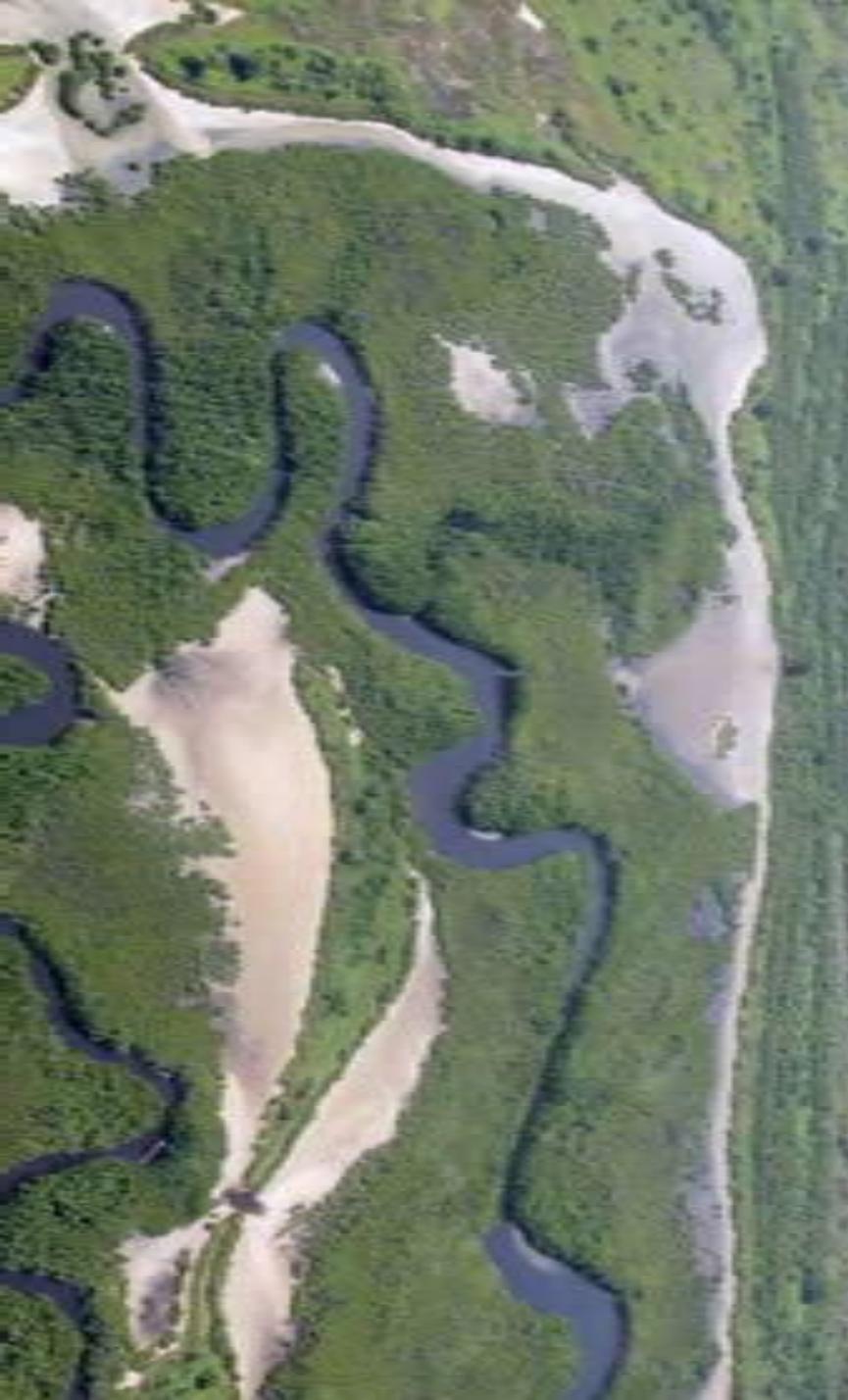
# Threats to migratory birds on the West African coast

➤ Several threats with various consequences on the survival and well-being of species



- ❖ Bad agricultural practices that lead to degradation of habitats
- ❖ Illegal hunting
- ❖ Disturbances (big infrastructure projects)
- ❖ Climate change





# Declining species

- **Of the 127 species that cross the Sahara:**
- **75 species (59%) have declined between 1970 and 2005**
- **Average decline rate: 1.3% per year**

## Need for creation of Networks for the protection of flyways

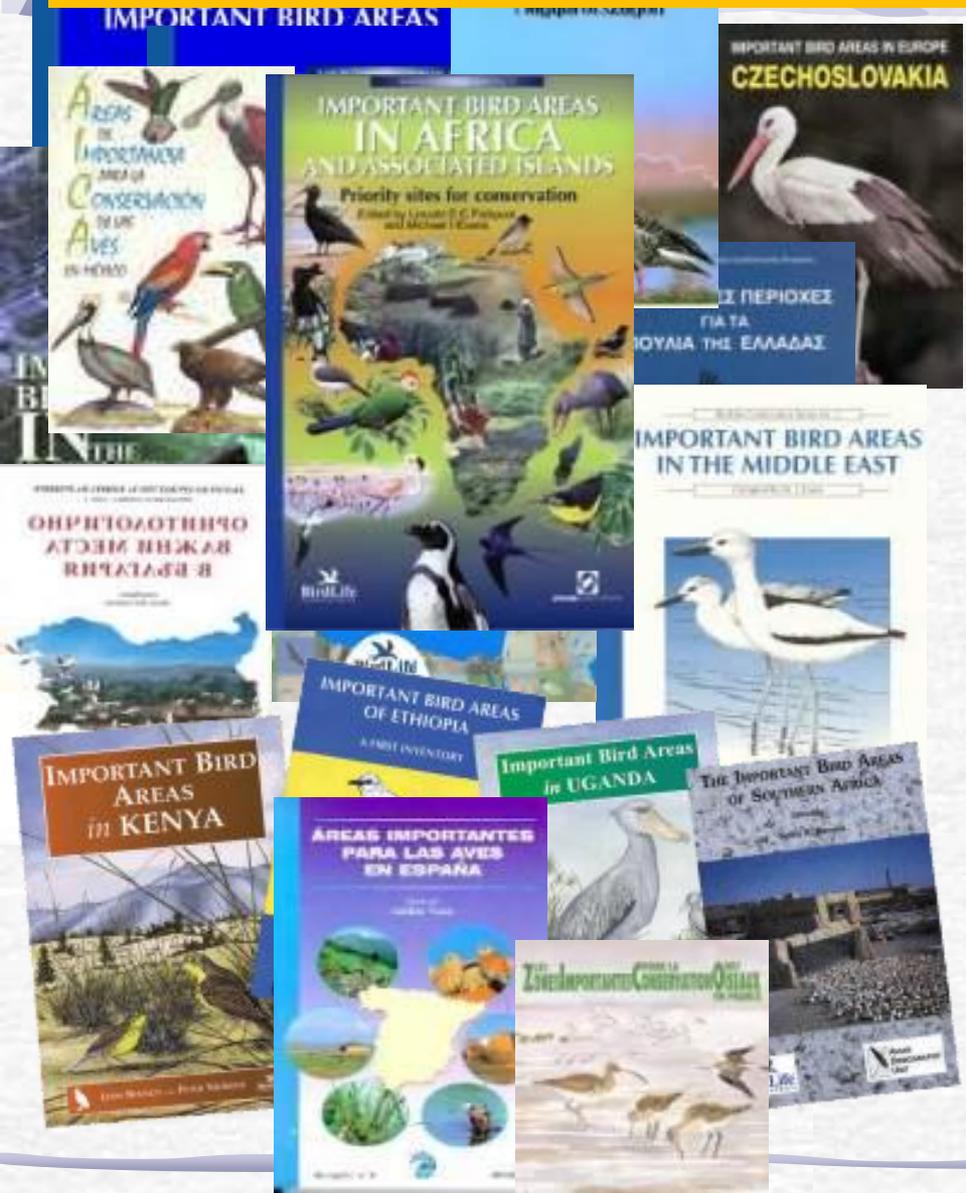
- The international nature of the threats and the need for cross-border conservation measures requires the creation of appropriate networks among the actors: this is exactly what BirdLife international is doing among its partners located along the flyway zones
- Conservation efforts in a habitat or country could be compromised if nothing is being done in other countries in the flyway zone.

## Some projects undertaken in response

1. Conservation migratory of birds in Mauritania, Sierra Leone, Guinea Conakry, Guinea Bissau, in collaboration with Wetlands International, financed by the MAVA Foundation (2010-2014)
2. Assessment of man's impact on the bird habitat in the Mondah Bay, Akanda national park, financed by AP Leventis, Adventures Without Borders, and FFEM (2011-2012)
3. BirdFair Programme of the Ghana Wildlife Society financed by RSPB/UK (2011-2015)
4. Living on the Edge Programme in Mauritania, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Ghana, financed by Dutch Lottery, VBN, and RSPB (2011-2015)



# Action 1: Science and Research



➤ Improve knowledge on the conservation status of sites, critical sites, habitats, threats and their mitigating measures for migratory birds and their habitats.



# Action 2: Monitoring and Research

- Institutionalisation of biodiversity monitoring systems to particularly address status changes and the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.
- Ringing and monitoring of specific species





Constant effort ringing



Point counts



habitat surveys



## Action 3: Capacity Building

- Well equipped Site Support Groups (SSGs) that participate in inventories
- Wildlife clubs in schools (environmental education )
- Study Tours/Information sharing
- Thematic Training sessions
- Sensitisation of the local communities



# Action 4: Policy and Advocacy

- NGO-Government partnerships for national and regional policy making and strategies (Action Plans)
- Advocacy actions based on the results of ecological monitoring exercises



# Action 5: Subsistence means for the communities

- On the basis of results of socio-economic studies and surveys



# Subsistence means for the communities – some examples

- ✓ Access to clean water (boreholes, wells)
- ✓ Income generating activities (market gardening, nurseries, ecotourism) especially for women
- ✓ Access to domestic energy (solar energy, multifunctional platforms, improved homesteads, etc.)
- ✓ Agricultural expansion (technological packages) and livestock expansion (pastureland, hay barns, water points)
- ✓ Food security

**Thank You**

