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REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE SAKER FALCON (*FALCO CHERRUG*) TO THE 16TH MEETING OF THE CMS SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

(Submitted by the Saudi Wildlife Commission, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia)

Introduction

In compliance with the second operative paragraph of the CMS Resolution number 9.20 the Saudi Wildlife Commission is pleased to report to the CMS Scientific Council that it has fulfilled its obligation by initiating and supporting research designed to re-evaluate the status of the Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*).

The Saudi Wildlife Commission funded a research project conducted by BirdLife International aimed at re-evaluating the status of the Saker Falcon.

Results

The findings so far give encouraging results and positive indications of the status of the species. The results also justify and support changing the status of the Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*) from endangered to vulnerable.

Conclusion

It is apparent that the current status of the Saker Falcon is no longer frightening. It is not endangered. In the meantime it is clear that further work is required to continue with more comprehensive evaluation throughout the species full range. Collaboration from all range States is needed to bridge any information gap. The Saudi Wildlife Commission will be happy to collaborate, as much as possible, with CMS, Parties and partners on the conservation of this species.

Recommendation

Further studies and follow up are required to continue more systematic evaluation.

It is therefore important that the CMS Scientific Council and Secretariat should urge Parties, especially range States, to further assist in the study already initiated and supported by Saudi Arabia. A continuous assessment will always support any further discussion or evaluation.

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