

Sessions 5, 6 and 7

We have our draft 'Action Framework'...

How will we ensure the MsAP is adopted and the Action Framework is implemented?

5. Implementation frameworks for the MsAP
 - Group 1 – Coordination Framework
 - Group 2 – Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation
5. Communications
6. Budget, Fundraising and Resource Mobilisation

Will contribute to final section of the MsAP, and also to our actions over the next year or so including pre-COP

Organisational Framework

- Structure, bodies and personnel directly involved in leading, coordinating and driving the implementation phase of the Vulture MsAP
- Most likely, Raptors MoU to oversee or supervise
- Links to:
 - existing CMS structures such as the Preventing Poisoning Working Group, Energy Task Force, Illegal Killing of Birds Task Force and Saker Falcon Task Force
 - other externally-led initiatives such as SAVE, Egyptian Vulture Working Group, other Single Species Action Plans, IUCN Vulture Specialist Group etc.
 - non-vulture interest groups e.g. elephant, carnivores, health



Principles and components

What does our organizational framework set out to achieve?

- supporting and coordinating conservation action
- across many countries and regions, many (15) species
- facing many threats
- bringing together many partners and stakeholders
- encouraging strong action from Governments



Models that might deliver this

No 'obvious' answer!

- Model 1. Extension of the MsAP development process. Revise/update the various ToR from Project Charter, which was based on earlier logic and discussions, anticipating this as structure for MsAP



- Model 2, 3... Alternatives: SAVE model, VCF, BirdLife Africa regional vulture strategy, IUCN VSG, SakerGAP and other CMS Action Plans across many countries and/or species, East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (to be discussed)

Discussion at regional workshops did not provide clear guidance.

Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation



The ideal: National Vulture Action Plans? Blocs/regional plans?

Why and what?

- Check effectiveness, improve actions, use resources efficiently
- fill critical knowledge gaps (research)
- Process – report on Actions and Results (cf. VMsAP Action Framework)
- Impact – report on Indicators and Means of Verification for Objectives
- Continuous (monitoring) and at specific times (evaluation)
- Use the EuroSAP track tool? <http://www.trackingactionplans.org/>

CMS initiatives reporting

- CMS parties report online
- Raptors MoU signatories also report regularly
- Many vulture range states are not CMS parties or Raptors MoU signatories
- Best chance of compliance if monitoring and reporting are streamlined

Like any action plan, to be effective the MsAP should be iterative or adaptive: learn from experience, and be modified accordingly.

Review of EU Species Action Plans found:

- most implementation achieved for species well covered by protected areas or with small range; also with good supporting legislation or active voluntary working groups.
- least implementation for dispersed species, and those whose conservation requires tackling large-scale land-use pressures

Considering also the many information gaps...

Vulture MsAP monitoring and evaluation will be challenging

Programme of Work

Would set out in detail the tasks that need to be completed including:

- Description of Action
- Region(s) or Species involved
- Lead Sector and/or Organisations
- Timeline
- Target stakeholders
- Milestones
- Estimated Costs
- Monitoring and evaluation plan

Elaborating on the Action planning table of the MsAP, which was reviewed on day 2.

For information; but beyond the scope of today's discussion to achieve all this

5.1 Questions for discussion group on coordination frameworks



1. How do existing coordinated initiatives that existed before the CMS MsAP operate
2. Would they wish to expand, and if so how? and how would they integrate with the Vulture WG and any potential CMS Vulture Regional Group?
3. Is the structure set up to establish the MsAP suitable for the job of coordinating its implementation? (overarching coordinator, regional coordinators, working group, steering group, linked to Coordinating Unit)?
4. How could vulture work integrate with CMS working groups, task forces etc?
5. How will we take account of regional differences (regional governance)?

5.2 Questions for discussion group on monitoring and evaluation



1. How will we report on actions, monitor our progress (continuously), and evaluate impact (periodically)?
2. Are the indicators good and detailed (SMART) enough?
3. How will we keep the MsAP relevant and up to date as threats and needs change? 'Adaptive management' - but how will it work
4. From CMS range states, can we get national reporting annually?
5. How will we engage non-CMS/non Raptors MoU range states?
6. How do existing coordination initiatives that existed before the CMS MsAP report, monitor and evaluate, e.g. those supported by SAVE, VCF, BirdLife Africa regional vulture strategy, IUCN VSG?