



2017 - NATIONAL REPORT OF PARTIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

The deadline for submission of the reports is 24 April 2017. The reporting period is from May 2014 to April 2017.

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions. Parties are also requested to provide comprehensive answers, including, where appropriate, a summary of activities, information on factors limiting action and details of any assistance required.

The reporting format was agreed by the Standing Committee at its 40th Meeting (Bonn, November 2012) for mandatory use by Parties, for reports submitted to the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11). The 45th meeting of the Standing Committee recommended the use of the same format for reports submitted to COP12, with necessary adjustments to take into account relevant COP11 decisions, in particular amendments to the Appendices and resolutions.

COP Resolution 9.4 adopted at Rome called upon the Secretariats and Parties of CMS Agreements to collaborate in the implementation and harmonization of online reporting implementation. The CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS) has been successfully implemented and used by AEWA in their last Meeting of the Parties (MOP 5, 2012) reporting cycle. CMS now offers the Convention's Parties to use the ORS for submitting their national reports for the COP11 (2014) reporting cycle.

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Which agency has been primarily responsible for the preparation of this report?
> Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities

Please list any other agencies that have provided input
> Uganda Wildlife Authority
Nature Uganda

I(a). General Information

Please enter the required information in the table below:

Party

Date of entry into force of the Convention in your country
> 1.08.2000

Period covered
> May 2014 - April 2017

Territories to which the Convention applies
> REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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Implementation

Competent Authority:

> MINISTRY OF TOURISM, WILDLIFE AND ANTIQUITIES

Relevant implemented legislation:

> Uganda Wildlife Act Cap 200

Other relevant Conventions/ Agreements (apart from CMS) to which your country is a Party:

> African-Eurasian Migratory Water Birds Agreement, Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of fauna and flora, Lusaka Agreement

National policy instruments (e.g. national biodiversity conservation strategy, etc.):

> Constitution of the Republic of Uganda (1995)
Uganda Wildlife Policy (2014)

CMS Agreements/MoU

Please indicate whether your country is part of the following Agreements/MoU. If so, please indicate the competent national institution

Wadden Sea Seals (1991)**Wadden Sea Seals (1991)**

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Non Range State

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ACAP (2001)

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Non Range State

Gorilla Agreement (2008)

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ACCOBAMS (2001)

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Non Range State

Involvement of other government departments/NGOs/private sector

1. Which other government departments are involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country? (Please list.)

> Uganda Wildlife Authority,
National Environment Management Authority,
Ministry of Water and Environment ,
National Forestry Authority,
Uganda Wildlife Education Centre

2. If more than one government department is involved, describe the interaction/relationship between these government departments:

> Information sharing exists between these departments

3. Has a national liaison system or committee been established in your country?

No

4. List the main non-governmental organizations actively involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country, and describe their involvement:

- > • Nature Uganda- General information on species of Conservation Concern through Research, Conservation of important Bird Sites, Sensitisation Programs on Conservation and Wise Use directed at General Public and Policy Makers, Specific advocacy for CMS and AEWA.
- Bwindi Mgahinga Conservation Trust-
- Wildlife Conservation Society-Research and awareness raising
- Uganda Wildlife Society :General information on species of Conservation Concern through Research, with special interest in and advocacy for CITES , Sensitisation Programs on Conservation and Wise Use Directed at General Public and Policy Makers.
- World Wild Fund for Nature-Uganda: Policy advocacy for conservation and proper management of the environment especially habitats for migratory and threatened species
- International Gorilla Conservation Project-Gorilla Conservation
- Conservation Through Public Health- involved in the prevention and control of disease transmission among Gorillas and the surrounding local communities.
- African Wildlife Foundation

5. Describe any involvement of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

- > • Nature Uganda has a number of corporate members that are indirectly involved in the conservation of birds migratory bird species inclusive e.g. Barclays Bank, Rwenzori Bottling Company limited, Pride Microfinance Uganda Limited, primate watch safaris limited, credit Uganda tours limited
- Tour Operators ; Promotion and Marketing of Conservation of Mt. Gorilla, Elephants, and Birds, with special emphasis on all species of Conservation Concern
- Association of Professional Tour Guides; Promotion and Marketing of Conservation of Wildlife, with special emphasis on Birds,
- Uganda Bird Guides Association; Promotion and Marketing of Conservation of Birds

6. Note any interactions between these sectors in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

> There is a well-focused collaboration between Government and specific NGOs and the private Sector for specific areas of conservation of Migratory Species.

The Ministry in collaboration with Nature Uganda, Uganda Wildlife Authority and Uganda Wildlife Society jointly organized and participated in the celebrations of WMBD on 10th May on Lake Munyanyange in Katwe-Kabatoro Town Council, Kasese district, western Uganda: The celebrations highlighted the importance of conserving Lake Munyanyange and surrounding environs as important habitat for migratory birds, tourism and national development

I(b). Information about involved Authorities

Identify the ministry, agency/department or organization that is responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I species

1- Birds

> Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Uganda Wildlife Authority, Ministry of Water and Environment, National Environment Management Authority

2- Aquatic Mammals

> Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Uganda Wildlife Authority

3- Reptiles

> Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Uganda Wildlife Authority

4- Terrestrial Mammals

> Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Uganda Wildlife Authority

5- Fish

> Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

II. Appendix I species

1. BIRDS

1.1 General questions on Appendix I bird species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I bird species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I bird species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I bird species:

Electrocutation

Habitat destruction

Pollution

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> • Electrocutation: Reflectors are fixed on conductors on transmission lines to minimize electrocution by the Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Limited.

• Habitat destruction. Stringent measures have been put in place to minimise habitat destruction. Institutions such as Uganda Wildlife Authority, National Environment Management Authority, Wetland Management Department, National Forest Authority. Some wetlands have been declared Ramsar sites, Wildlife Conservation Areas have been gazetted off, Forest Reserves have also been gazetted and all these minimise habitat destruction.

• Pollution: National Environment Management Authority ensures environmental standards as regards pollution are in place and are met by all individuals, and organizations. Regulations in place include The National Environment Ozone depletion and substances products regulation, the National environment waste management regulation , 1998, The National Environment Act 1998, National Environment Impact Assessment Regulations ,1998, The National Environment (wetlands, rivers, banks and lakeshores management) regulations.

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> There is a considerable reduction in the number of birds electrocuted

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> Financial and technical support for Research & monitoring, Education & Awareness and implementation of species specific action plans especially crested crane and elephants.

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I bird species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Illegal trade

Poaching

Other

> Habitat loss due to encroachment and pollution

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger bird species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> • Some of the Important Bird Areas under Wetlands Management Department have been designated into Ramsar Sites and this gives them recognition under the Ramsar Convention to which Uganda is a signatory

• Settlement in Gazetted wetlands and Protected Areas is prohibited and National Environment Management Authority or Uganda Wildlife Authority responds promptly in case of any violations

• Uganda Wildlife Authority has intensified patrols and community sensitisation in and around the protected areas to reduce poaching and encroachment

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> A reduction in cases of Wetland and protected Area encroachment has been recorded.

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> Limited/inadequate funding

Limited research and monitoring

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> Funding to facilitate Research, monitoring and conservation of the Important Bird Areas, migratory routes and other conservation Areas.

1.2 Questions on specific Appendix I bird species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I bird species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Ardeola idae*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

decreasing

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Lack of funding

Species name: *Aythya nyroca*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Lack of funding

Species name: *Falco naumanni*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Lack of funding

Species name: *Hirundo atrocaerulea*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Lack of funding

Species name: Neophron percnopterus

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Lack of funding

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I birds in general:

> Some of the threats include; encroachment, poisoning, climate change, pollution, habitat loss, etc.

4. TERRESTRIAL MAMMALS

4.1 General questions on Appendix I terrestrial mammals

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I terrestrial mammals species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I terrestrial mammals species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I terrestrial mammals species:

Lack of information

Habitat fragmentation

Poaching

Lack of trans-boundary management

Man-made barriers

Climate change and drought

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> Awareness and sensitisation, research and monitoring, training, law enforcement, community engagement, trans boundary collaboration etc

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> We continue to share revenue (20%) from tourism with local communities, strong partnership with other agencies.

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> Awareness and education, research, intelligence gathering and law enforcement

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I terrestrial mammals species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Illegal trade

Poaching

Lack of information

- Habitat fragmentation
- Insufficient legislation

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger terrestrial mammals species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> Law enforcement, awareness and sensitisation, transboundary collaboration

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Improved surveillance, protection and management of migratory species

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> Limited funding and technical capacity

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> Financial and technical

4.2 Questions on specific Appendix I terrestrial mammals

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I terrestrial mammal species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Gorilla beringei*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

increasing

> Recent gorilla census indicates and increase from 380 to over 400 individuals in Bwindi. Elephant population also increasing to over 5,000 from around 4,000 five years ago.

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Research

> Conservation education, law enforcement, research and community conservation, veterinary services, revenue sharing and tourism development

Identification and establishment of protected areas

Monitoring

> Routine monitoring by Uganda Wildlife Authority rangers on patrol

Education/awareness rising

> Continuous awareness through meetings and radio programmes

Species protection

> Law enforcement, patrols and fire protection by Uganda Wildlife Authority

Control hunting / poaching

> Law enforcement, patrols and snare removal programmes by Uganda Wildlife Authority

Species restoration

> re-introduction programmes for selected species

Habitat protection

> Patrols, law enforcement and evictions and arrests by Uganda Wildlife Authority

Habitat restoration

> Regular surveillance, patrols, law enforcement and fire protection by Uganda Wildlife Authority

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Some activities have been undertaken as reported above. But more needs to be done.

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Continuous awareness and sensitisation, law enforcement, community engagement and involvement, research

and monitoring and habitat protection.

Species name: Gorilla gorilla

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Species name: Acinonyx jubatus (except populations in Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe)

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

decreasing

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Education/awareness rising

Control hunting / poaching

Habitat protection

III. Appendix II Species

1. INFORMATION ON APPENDIX II SPECIES

Information pertaining to the conservation of Appendix II species that are the object of CMS Agreements will have been provided in periodic Party reports to those instruments. It will suffice therefore to reference (below), and preferably append, a copy of the latest report that has been submitted to the Secretariat of each of the Agreement/MoUs to which your country is a Party.

Wadden Sea Seals (1991)

Date of last report:
> 2015-2016

Period covered:
> One year

2. QUESTIONS ON CMS AGREEMENTS

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bird Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> Uganda signed the Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration Treaty which is a Mechanism for strategic, transboundary, collaborative management of the Greater Virunga Landscape between with Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo to facilitate collaborative and coordinated conservation, protection of species and development of the region.

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> Financial and technical

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bird Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Mammal Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Mammal Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Turtle Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements,

including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> Financial and technical

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> Financial and technical

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bat Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bat Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

3. LISTING OF MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX II

1. Is your country a Range State for any migratory species that has an unfavourable conservation status, but is not currently listed in Appendix II and could benefit from the conclusion of an Agreement for its conservation?

N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose the listing of this/these species in Appendix II?

No

IV. National and Regional Priorities

1. What priority does your country assign to the conservation and, where applicable, sustainable use of migratory species in comparison to other biodiversity-related issues

High

2. Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan?

Yes

2.1. If Yes, please indicate and briefly describe the extent to which it addresses the following issues:

Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of migratory species

> Sustainable utilisation through various forms including and promotion of legal use of species whose populations are enabling

Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of the habitats of migratory species, including protected areas

> Control of alien species in Protected Areas

Actions to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger migratory species (e.g. alien invasive species or by-catch)

> Eradication of invasive species

Minimizing or eliminating barriers or obstacles to migration

> Restoration of degraded habitats, Control of electrocution and dam construction

Research and monitoring of migratory species

> Research and monitoring undertaken as a basis for sound management and conservation practices.

Transboundary co-operation

> Collaborative ecosystem management to enhance coordinated trans-boundary conservation of migratory wildlife species.

3. Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any other national or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)

Yes

3.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> Provided for in the National Development Plan 2016-2021, Uganda Wildlife Policy (2014), Uganda Wildlife Act Cap. 200, East African Community Treaty, Lusaka Agreement, Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration Treaty, draft Mount Elgon Regional Transboundary Collaboration Agreement

3a. Do these policies/plans cover the following areas?

Exploitation of natural resources (e.g. fisheries, hunting, etc.)

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Regulated access to selected wildlife resources, tourism etc

Economic development

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Tourism development, Community benefits from biodiversity conservation, tourism revenue sharing, resource access

Land-use planning

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Mapping and zoning of land use zones

Pollution control

No

Designation and development of protected areas

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

› Review of conservation laws and policies, harmonization of laws, intelligence gathering and sharing

Development of ecological networks

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

› Mapping and zoning of migratory routes and landscapes

Planning of power lines

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

› Requiring an EIA and an Environmental Management Plan

Planning of fences

No

Planning of dams

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

› EIA requirement

4. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

› There is now more appreciation of the value of migratory species by the people

V. Protected Areas

1. Are migratory species taken into account in the selection, establishment and management of protected areas in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> Designation of RAMSAR Sites, formulation of the Protected Area General Management Plans.

1a. Please identify the most important national sites for migratory species and their protection status:

> 1. Lake George RAMSAR site: designated as a Wildlife Sanctuary; 2. Lutembe Bay: designated a RAMSAR site; Lake Munyanyange located in a Wildlife Sanctuary; Bwindi/Mugahinga Conservation Area; Musambwa Island; Queen Elizabeth National Park, Lake Victoria shores

1b. Do these protected areas cover the following areas?

Terrestrial

Yes

If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas

> 22 Wildlife Protected Areas and a total coverage of 20,657 km² and 10.5% of Uganda's land area
506 gazetted central forest reserves which act as wildlife habitats too.

Aquatic

Yes

If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas

> Water bodies such as lakes and rivers found in Protected Areas

Marine

No

1c. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Uganda Wildlife Authority under the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, and National Forestry Authority under the Ministry of Water and Environment

2. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> Population of migratory species (Mountain Gorillas) on the rise

VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry

1. In the current reporting period, has your country undertaken conservation/research projects that use satellite telemetry?

No

2. Are any future conservation/research projects planned that will use satellite telemetry?

No

If No, please explain any impediments or requirements in this regard:

> Lack of funds and technical capacity

VII. Membership

1. Have actions been taken by your country to encourage non- Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements?

No

If Yes, please provide details. (In particular, describe actions taken to recruit the non-Parties that have been identified by the Standing Committee as high priorities for recruitment.)

> Some East African Community Partner States are being encouraged to harmonize legal instruments. Burundi is being encouraged to sign on AEWA. South Sudan is being encouraged to join CITES.

1a. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities

2. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> Accession to AEWA by Burundi is in process

VIII. Global and National Importance of CMS

1. Have actions been taken by your country to increase national, regional and/or global awareness of the relevance of CMS and its global importance in the context of biodiversity conservation?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> Participated in Regional and International meetings of National Focal Points for MEAs: At Regional level, developing Regional Biodiversity Strategic Action Plans

2. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities and Ministry of Water and Environment

3. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> Regional Strategies and Regional Biodiversity Strategic Action Plans

Regional Strategy to combat poaching and illegal wildlife trade by East African Countries

IX. Mobilization of Resources

1. Has your country made financial resources available for conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> Uganda has invested considerable resources in the conservation and protection of numerous species such as the Uganda Cranes, Elephants, Mountain Gorillas, Shoebill stork among others

2. Has your country made voluntary contributions to the CMS Trust Fund to support requests from developing countries and countries with economies in transition?

No

3. Has your country made other voluntary financial contributions to support conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in other countries (particularly developing countries)?

No

4. Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to developing countries to facilitate initiatives for the benefit of migratory species?

No

5. Has your country received financial assistance/support from the CMS Trust Fund, via the CMS Secretariat, for national conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

No

6. Has your country received financial assistance/support from sources other than the CMS Secretariat for conservation activities having direct benefit for migratory species in your country?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> From AEWA for conservation of lesser flamingo

X. Implementation of COP Resolutions and Recommendations

Please provide information about measures undertaken by your country relating to recent Resolutions and Recommendations since the last Report. For your convenience please refer to the list of COP Resolutions and Recommendations listed below:

Strategic and Institutional Matters

Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 (Res. 11.2)

- > 1. Developed transboundary management plans
- 2. Developed species-specific conservation action plans for crowned crane and elephants.

Concerted and Cooperative Actions (Res. 11.13)

- > Signed the Greater Virunga transboundary treaty between Uganda, Rwanda and DRC to facilitate coordinated conservation and developed in the region.

Annex: Updating Data on Appendix II Species

1. The drop-down lists below contain the list of all species listed in Appendix II. Parties which did not submit a National Report in 2014 are requested to complete the entire form. Parties that did submit a report in 2014 are requested to review and update the data (e.g. new published distribution references and details concerning species added to Appendix II at COP11).

Proboscidea

Loxodonta africana

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconiiformes

Ardea purpurea purpurea (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ardeola idae

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ardeola rufiventris

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Botaurus stellaris stellaris (W. Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ixobrychus minutus minutus (W. Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ixobrychus sturmii

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconia ciconia

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconia episcopus microscelis

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconia nigra

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Mycteria ibis

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Platalea alba (excluding Malagasy population)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Platalea leucorodia

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Plegadis falcinellus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anseriformes

Anatidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falconiformes

Pandion haliaetus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Galliformes

Coturnix coturnix coturnix

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Gruiformes

Aenigmatolimnas marginalis

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Crex crex

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Porzana parva parva

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Porzana porzana (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Porzana pusilla intermedia

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sarothrura boehmi

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Charadriiformes

Burhinus oedicnemus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Glareola nordmanni

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Glareola nuchalis

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Glareola pratincola

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Chlidonias leucopterus (West Eurasian and African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna bengalensis (African and Southwest Asian populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna caspia (West Eurasian and African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna nilotica nilotica (West Eurasian and African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Recurvirostridae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Charadriidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Scolopacidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Passeriformes

Hirundo atrocaerulea

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

2. All species of each of the Families below are listed in Appendix II. If your country is a Range State for any of the species in these Families, please indicate whether your country is a Range State or the species is extinct and, where appropriate, please provide published distribution references.

Order FALCONIFORMES, Family ACCIPITRIDAE

Accipiter badius

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Aquila nipalensis

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Aquila pomarina

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Aquila rapax

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Buteo auguralis

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Buteo rufinus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Circaetus gallicus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Circus aeruginosus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Circus macrourus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Circus pygargus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Hieraaetus pennatus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Milvus migrans

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Pernis apivorus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order FALCONIFORMES, Family FALCONIDAE

Falco amurensis

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco concolor

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco pelegrinoides

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco peregrinus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco tinnunculus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order PASSERIFORMES, Family MUSCICAPIDAE**Acrocephalus griseldis**

Choose the one that applies.

Range State