# 2014 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 1 May 2014. The reporting period is 15 June 2011 to 1 May 2014.

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.

Reporting format 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) 2014.

The questions below combine elements of Resolution 4.1 (Party Reports) adopted by the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Nairobi, June 1994) and Resolution 6.4 (Strategic Plan for the Convention on Migratory Species 2000-2005), adopted by the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Cape Town, November 1999), the COP8 Strategic Plan 2006-2011 and Resolution 8.24 adopted by the Conference of the Parties (Nairobi 2005), as well as commitments arising from other operational Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of the Parties.

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.

Please enter here the name of your country

> Uganda

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

> 2011-2014

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)

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 $\ensuremath{\square}$  Non-party Range State

## **EUROBATS (1994)**

## **EUROBATS (1994)**

☑ Non Range State

## **ASCOBANS (1994)**

## ASCOBANS (1994)

☑ Non Range State

## **AEWA (1999)**

## **AEWA (1999)**

☑ Party

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## **ACAP (2001)**

## **ACAP (2001)**

☑ Non Range State

## Gorilla Agreement (2008)

## Gorilla Agreement (2008)

☑ Non-party Range State

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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
- Iganda 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 habitatats 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,
- Dganda 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:
- ☑ Electrocution
- ☑ Habitat destruction
- ☑ Pollution
- 2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?
- > Electrocution: Reflectors are fixed on conductors on transmission lines to minimize electrocution by the Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Limited.
- flabitat 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.
- Bollution: 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.
- > The number of cases of electrocuted birds has reduced and in some instances no cases are reported
- 2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles? > Funds for Research & monitoring, Education & Awareness and implementation of species specific
- > Funds for Research & monitoring, Education & Awareness and implementation of species specific conservation strategies
- 3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I bird species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?
- ☑ Illegal trade
- ☑ Poaching
- ☑ Other (please specify)
- > 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?
- > §ome 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
- gettlement 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.
- > Cases of Wetland and protected Area encroachment have reduced
- 3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:
- > Lack of enough funding

Inadequate research

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

> There need for funding to facilitate Research, monitoring and conservation of the Important Bird Areas 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 knowr

- 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

## 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

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I birds in general:

> The threats are increasing: 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?
- > Conservation education, Capacity building for conservation agencies, trans boundary collaboration, ranger patrols.
- 2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.
- > Revenue sharing funds with communities have been growing, Conservation Agencies have minimum capacity to execute their mandates
- 2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?
- > Funding for Research and Policy implementation
- 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
- 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?
- > Protected Area gazettement and Management, Migratory Corridor Management, Research and Conservation education
- 3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.
- > A network of Protected Areas is is well managed by Government
- 3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:
- > Funding, Changes in land use practices that are not compatible with species migration
- 3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors? > Funding and Research

## 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 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: Gorilla beringei

- 2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):
- ☑ increasing
- > Census conducted in March and April, 2011 in Mgahinga Gorilla National Park in Uganda, Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda and Parc National des Virunga in DR Congo indicated a 26.3% increase in the population of gorillas.
- 2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):
- $\ensuremath{\square}$  stable
- > They migrate between Mgahinga Gorilla National Park in Uganda, Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda and Parc National des Virunga in DR Congo
- 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 Through Public Health and International Gorilla Conservation Project are doing research on the impact of climate change and the health and migration trends of the Mountain gorillas ☑ Identification and establishment of protected areas
- Government has gazetted Bwindi Impenetrable and Mgahinga Gorilla National parks for the conservation of the Gorilla among other species of wildlife
   ✓ Monitoring
- > Uganda Wildlife Authority is doing daily monitoring of specific mountain gorilla families
   ☑ Education/awareness rising
- > Mbarara University of Science and Technology & Makerere University Kampala have trained and graduated a good number of scientists especially wildlife veterinarians and biologists. Uganda Wildlife Authority been raising awareness in the communities surrounding the National Parks through its community conservation programmes
- ☑ Species protection
- > Uganda Wildlife Authority has done several health interventions for example in cases of snares and related injuries, and disease outbreaks

- ☑ Control hunting / poaching
- > Uganda Wildlife Authority-through patrols and removal of snares set by poachers  $\ensuremath{\square}$  Habitat protection
- > Uganda Wildlife Authority- through regular patrols of the National parks
- ☑ Habitat restoration
- > Uganda Wildlife Authority

# 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

## 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 ?

✓ 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 instrumentâ⊓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 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 ?
- 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 ?
- 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.

## UNEP/CMS/COP11/Inf.20.3.UG

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

## 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
- > Promotion of legal use of species who 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)
- > Requiring EIA for all projects likely to impact the migratory species
- $\ensuremath{\square}$  Minimizing or eliminating barriers or obstacles to migration
- > Control of electrocution and dam construction
- Research and monitoring of migratory species
- > Lays out strategies for research and monitoring as a basis for instituting scientifically sound management procedures based on the findings.
- ☑ Transboundary co-operation
- > Recognises the need to collaborate on an ecosystem or trans-boundary basis to harmonise management approaches to the 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:
- > It is catered for in the Uganda Wildlife Policy (2014), Uganda Wildlife Act Cap. 200, East African Community Treaty, Lusaka Agreement, Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration, Mount Elgon Regional Ecosystem Programme (MERCEP)

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

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

If Yes, please provide details

> Landscape/Ecosystem approach /Collaboration in Wildlife Research, ,

Economic development

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Tourism development, Community benefits from biodiversity conservation

Land-use planning

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Landscape/Ecosystem zoning of landuse

Pollution control

Designation and development of protected areas

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Harmonization of laws, collaboration in patrols, intelligence sharing

## Development of ecological networks

## If Yes, please provide details

> Landscape/Ecosystem zoning of landuse

## Planning of power lines

## If Yes, please provide details

> Requiring an EIA and an Environmental Management Plan

## Planning of fences

✓ No

## Planning of dams

## 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 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

## 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

## Aquatic

Yes

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

> Water bodies found in Protected Areas

#### Marine

☑ No

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

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

- 2. Are any future conservation/research projects planned that will use satellite telemetry?  $\ \ \, \square$  No

If No, please explain any impediments or requirements in this regard: > Lack of funds

## VII. Membership

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

Yes

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.)

- > Under East African Community; Partner States are encouraged to harmonize legal instruments. Burundi is being encouraged to sign on AEWA
- 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:

and Environment

- > 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
- 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): > Elephants, Mountain Gorillas, Shoebill stork, Uganda Cranes

- 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? 
  ☑ Yes

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:

## Resolutions

Oil Pollution and Migratory Species (7.3)

> Monitoring and inspection are done for Oil and exploration activities carried out in protected areas by Uganda Wildlife Authority, Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, National Environment Management authority.

## Electrocution of Migratory Birds (7.4 / 10.11)

> Environmental Impact Assessments are carried out before establishment of transmission lines in Important Bird Areas /Migratory routes, reflectors are fixed on conductors on transmission lines, Monitoring and inspection of transmission lines are done in areas where transmission lines exist along migratory routes to look out for strikes, dead or injured birds and retrofitting initiatives carried out.

## Migratory Species and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (8.27 / 10.22)

> We require veterinary permits before allowing import or export of any animal species

## Climate Change Impacts on Migratory Species (8.13 / 9.7 / 10.19)

> Uganda has a Climate change unit in Ministry of Water and Environment that caters for climate change issues. There are climate change committees that address climate change in general. These include Multi-Sectoral national Climate Change Policy Committee ,National Climate Change Steering Committee ,Inter-Sectoral Technical Committee, Climate Change Desk Officers ,Water and Environment Sector Working Group. Uganda has developed a National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy that puts into consideration Migratory wild animals

## Poisoning Migratory Birds (10.26)

> We require EIA for any activities likely to result in poisoning

## Impact Assessment and Migratory Species (7.2)

> Its a mandatory requirement for any development likely to result in significant environmental impact generally. Migratory species are considered in review of EIAs

#### Sustainable Use (8.1)

> We have a policy on sustainable utilization of wildlife and Regulations on wildlife userights are under development.

## Implementation of Existing Agreements and Development of Future Agreements (8.5)

> We are in the final stages of accession to Gorilla Agreement. Cabinet already approved the accession.

## Concerted Actions for Appendix I Species (8.29)

> We are developing Species National Action Plans for Shoebill and Uganda Cranes. We already have Action Plan for Mountain Gorillas.

## CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011 (8.2)

> We made input in the formulation that is on going

## Contribution of CMS in Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target (8.7)

> All our conservation work contribute towards that

#### Synergies and Partnerships / Cooperation with other Conventions (8.11 / 9.11 / 10.21)

> Uganda is a party to other Conventions such as Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild flora and fauna, Ramsar Convention, Convention on conservation of Biological Diversity, African Eurasian migratory Waterbirds Agreement

## **Annex: Updating Data on Appendix II Species**

1. The drop-down lists below contain the list of all species listed in Appendix II. New Parties which have acceded since COP10 in 2011 and Parties which did not submit a National Report in time in 2011 are requested to complete the entire form.

Parties that did submit a timely report in 2011 are requested to review and update the data (e.g. new published distribution references and details concerning species added to Appendix II at COP9 and COP10).

## **Proboscidea**

## Loxodonta africana

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## **Ciconiiformes**

## **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

## Ardeola rufiventris

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Ardeola idae

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Ardea purpurea purpurea (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Mycteria ibis

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Ciconia nigra

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Ciconia episcopus microscelis

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Ciconia ciconia

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Plegadis falcinellus

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

## **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**

## Porzana porzana (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Porzana parva parva

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Porzana pusilla intermedia

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Aenigmatolimnas marginalis

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Crex crex

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Sarothrura boehmi

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Charadriiformes

## Recurvirostridae spp

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## **Burhinus oedicnemus**

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Glareola pratincola

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

## Charadriidae spp

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Scolopacidae spp

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Sterna nilotica nilotica (West Eurasian and African 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 bengalensis (African and Southwest Asian populations)

Please choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State

## Chlidonias leucopterus (West Eurasian and African populations)

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