

**NINTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP TO THE RAPTORS  
MOU**

*(Monfragüe National Park, 18-20 February 2025)*

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DETAILED MEETING SCHEDULE**

*(Prepared by the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU)*

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Update since the 8th Meeting of TAG
  - 3.1. Review of Actions from the 8<sup>th</sup> TAG meeting
  - 3.2. Report from the Coordinating Unit
  - 3.3. Report on implementation of the SakerGAP
  - 3.4. Report on implementation of the Vulture MsAP
  - 3.5. Report from the CMS Secretariat
4. Review of the TAG Work Plan 2024-2026
5. Working Groups to progress on specific Tasks
6. The way to MOS4
7. Any other business
8. Adoption of the List of Actions
9. Closure of the meeting

Time	Monday 17 February	Tuesday 18 February	Wednesday 19 February	Thursday 20 February	
08:30-09:00	<p><i>Arrivals at Madrid Airport</i></p> <p><i>Transfer to venue</i></p>	<i>Registration</i>		<i>Excursion</i>	
09:00-10:40		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome and introductions</li> <li>2. Adoption of the Agenda</li> <li>3. Updates since the 8th Meeting of TAG                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1. Review of Actions from the 8<sup>th</sup> TAG meeting</li> <li>3.2. Report from the Coordinating Unit</li> <li>3.3. Report on implementation of the SakerGAP</li> <li>3.4. Report on implementation of the Vulture MsAP</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Parallel Working Groups to progress on specific Tasks                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidance on Reintroduction Programmes (Task 25)</li> <li>• Guidance on Conservation-related research needs (Task 23)</li> <li>• More slots available</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		
10:40-11:10		Coffee Break			
11:10-13:00		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.5. Report from the CMS Secretariat</li> <li>4. Review of the TAG Work Plan 2024-2026                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1. Spain review of List of Sites</li> <li>4.2. Regional assessment</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Parallel Working Groups to progress on specific Tasks                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change (Task 19)</li> <li>• More slots available</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		
13:00-14:30		Lunch Break			
14:30-16:00		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.3. Horizon Scanning</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.7. Proposed CMS COP resolution on Internationally Important Raptor Sites (Task 4)</li> <li>4.8 Site Network plans (Task 13)</li> <li>4.9. Conservation Status Assessment Report 2 (Task 15)</li> </ol>		Travel back to Madrid Airport and departures
16:00-16:30		Tea Break			
16:30-17:30		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.4. Bonelli's Eagle as migratory species</li> <li>4.5. Report on progress from Task Leaders on progress and challenges (max 3 mins. each)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.10 Peregrine and HPIA / Canada proposal (Task 4)</li> <li>6. The way to MOS4</li> <li>8. Adoption of the List of Actions</li> <li>9. Closure of the meeting</li> </ol>		
20:00-21:00		<i>Dinner</i>			
21:00-22:00		<i>TAG members are invited to present updates on their research</i>			
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**Tuesday 18 February**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Tuesday 18 February</b>	<b>Related Work Plan Activity</b>	<b>Relevant Documents/ Expected Outcomes</b>
08:30-09:00	<b>Registration</b> Delegate badges and any other material to be issued to participants upon presentation of an appropriate photo ID		<i>Registration desk located at the entrance of the venue at the Hospederia de Monfragüe</i>
09:00-10:40	<b>1. Welcome and introductions</b> <i>Welcoming Remarks by the Spanish Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO) [Mr. Borja Heredia], the Monfragüe National Park director [Mrs. Carmen Martín] and the Regional Junta de Extremadura [Mrs. María Jesús Palacios] followed by a introduction to the meeting by the Coordinating Unit [Mr. Umberto Gallo-Orsi] and the TAG Chair [Mr. Andre' Botha]. Short introductions by TAG members</i>		<i>Meeting opened</i>
	<b>2. Adoption of the Agenda</b> <i>The Chair will invite the meeting to review the Provisional Agenda and Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Late items and topics to be discussed under Agenda Item 6 (Any other business) may be suggested</i>		<i>Doc1 Agenda and schedule Doc 2 Agenda and detailed schedule Agenda and schedule adopted</i>
	<b>3. Updates since the 8th Meeting of TAG</b>		
	<b>3.1. Review of Actions from the 8th TAG meeting</b> <i>The Coordinating Unit will present a summary review of progress on Actions from TAG8.</i>		<i>Note taken</i>
	<b>3.2. Report from the Coordinating Unit</b> <i>The Coordinating Unit will present a short summary of key developments related to the Raptors MOU since TAG8.</i>		<i>Note taken</i>
	<b>3.3. Report on implementation of the SakerGAP</b> <i>Colin Galbraith, Chair of the Saker Falcon Task Force will provide via remote participation, a short summary of progress.</i>		<i>Note taken</i>
	<b>3.4 Report on implementation of the Vulture MsAP</b> <i>Andre' Botha, Overall Coordinator of the Vulture MsAP, will present a short summary of progress.</i>		<i>Info Doc.4 Vulture MsAP MTIR Note taken</i>
10:40-11:10	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
11:10-13:00	<b>3.5 Report from the CMS Secretariat</b> <i>Ivan Ramirez, Head of the Avian team, will present a summary of key developments CMS-led initiatives and relevant CMS COP14 outcomes. TAG will be asked to suggest actions to promote synergies between the CMS-led activities and the Raptors MOU.</i>		<i>Potential synergies identified</i>

	<b>4. Review of the TAG Work Plan 2024-2026</b>		
	<b>4.1 Spain review of List of Sites</b> Ruben Moreno Opo, Subdirección General de Biodiversidad Terrestre y Marina, will present the proposed amendment to the List of Sites for Spain. TAG is requested to take note of the proposal and discuss the methodology proposed by Spain	Task 3	Doc 3. Spain Proposal Methodology to review the Spanish sites agreed
	<b>4.2. Regional assessment</b> Vicky Jones, BirdLife International, will present the initial work on the criteria to consider as 'regional' and hence of relevance for allocation in category 2 of Table 1, any assessment on the conservation status and trend of birds of prey. TAG is requested to contribute to the discussion to progress on this Task	Task 9	Concept on what constitute a 'Regional Assessment' to be considered in assessing species for inclusion in Category 2 agreed.
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break		
14:30-16:00	<b>4.3. Horizon Scanning</b> Des Thomson will introduce the Horizon Scanning methodology and initial list of potential emerging Issues and Threats to migratory raptors identified by the TAG members. TAG is requested to contribute to the discussion to short list the main issue / threats.	Task 24	Areas of future work for the TAG identified
16:00-16:30	Tea Break		
16:30-17:30	<b>4.4. Bonelli's Eagle as migratory species</b> Ohad Hatzofe will present the outcomes of satellite tagging indicating the migratory status of the Bonelli's Eagle. TAG is requested to consider the outcomes and recommend Ohad on the submission of a formal proposal ahead of MOS4.	Task 2	Way forward regarding the Bonelli's Eagle status agreed
	<b>4.5. Report on progress from Task Leaders</b> Each Taks Leader is given 3 minutes to report on progress and challenges in delivering on their tasks. TAG is requested to take note and suggest ways to address the challenges.		Info Doc.1 TAG Work Plan with leaders Way forward identified in advancing the Work Plan implementation.
20:00-21:00	Dinner		
21:00-22:00	<i>TAG members are invited to present updates on their research</i>		

**Wednesday 19 February**

<b>Time</b>		<b>Related Work Plan Activity</b>	<b>Relevant Documents/ Expected Outcomes</b>
09:00-11:00	<b>5. Parallel Working Groups to progress on specific Tasks</b> Two slots are available for Taks Leaders to convene their Work Group to progress on their Tasks. Below the WGs that have indicated their plans. More slots are available		Work on Tasks advanced
	<b>Guidance on Reintroduction Programmes</b> Campbell Murn, Imad Cherkaoui, Ohad Hatzofe, Karen Aghababyan, and Mohammed Shobrak	Task 25	
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30-13:00	<b>5. Parallel Working Groups to progress on specific Tasks (cont.)</b>		Work on Tasks advanced
	<b>Guidance on Conservation-related research needs</b> Campbell Murn, Andre' Botha and Vicky Jones	Task 23	
	<b>Climate Change</b> Matyas Prommer, Des Thompson	Task 19	
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break		
14:30-16:00	<b>4.7 Proposed CMS COP resolution on Internationally Important Raptor Sites</b> Umberto Gallo-Orsi will present a draft Resolution and draft Decisions to be submitted to CMS ScC and CMS COP15 that would provide a wider recognition of the List of International Important Raptor Sites and invite CMS Parties in Africa Eurasia to contribute to improve the list by proposing more sites. Tag is requested to comment on the draft	Task 4	Doc 4 Proposed resolution for COP15 Draft Resolutions and Decisions endorsed by TAG
	<b>4.8 Site Network plans</b> Vicky Jones will briefly present the plan for the next phase of the Site Network Analysis following the success of the Pilot analysis presented at MOS3. TAG members are requested to take note.	Task 13	TAG informed on plans for the next Site Network Analysis
	<b>4.9. Conservation Status Assessment Report 2</b> Vicky Jones will present the plans for the contents of CSAR2 to be prepared I time for MOS3. TAG is requested to discuss the proposal and provide input.	Task 15	Content of the CSAR2 agreed
16:00-16:30	Tea Break		
16:30-17:30	<b>4.10 Peregrine and HPIA / Canada proposal</b> Matyas Prommer, will update the TAG members on the apparent impact on the Peregrine of the most recent outbreak of HPAI globally. TAG is requested to discuss	Task 4	Info Doc.3 CITES Notification on Peregrine Way forward on how the TAG can address then current issues on the Peregrine falcon agreed.

	the opportunity to produce a statement on how to address this new threats also in view of a possible proposal for downlisting in CITES of the species.		
	<b>5. The way to MOS4</b> Umberto Gallo-Orsi will remind TAG members of the timeline and deadlines for documents to be submitted to Raptors MOU Meeting of Signatories. TAG are requested to take note.		TAG members informed on the indicative timeline toward MOS4
	<b>6. Any other business</b> Any items flagged for discussion during Agenda Item 2 will be addressed.		
	<b>7. Adoption of the List of Actions</b> The Chair will present a list of Actions for approval by TAG.		List of actions adopted by TAG
	<b>8. Closure of the meeting</b> The meeting is expected to close by 17:30		
20:00-21:00	Dinner		
21:00-22:00	<i>TAG members are invited to present updates on their research</i>		