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Thursday 13 May			
All day 09:00 – 20:00	Excursion: Visit to key LIFE Project and Aquatic Warbler breeding sites in the Biebrza Valley (Biebrza National Park and Buffer Zone)		<p>During the excursion, there will be the occasion to see Aquatic Warblers using visitors' infrastructure built during the project and to assess the results of the conservation measures implemented during the project.</p> <p>The excursion will take place with two busses. Participants will be distributed to one of the buses according to a list that will be handed out with the conference materials.</p> <p>The busses will leave and arrive at Hotel Bartlowizna in Goniądz.</p>
20:30 – 21:00	Heads of delegation meeting with the CMS Secretariat		This very brief 30-minute meeting will discuss <i>inter alia</i> chairmanship of the meeting, rules of procedure, meeting flow and other organisational matters. Time subject to change.
Friday 14 May	Day 1: Second Meeting of the Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Aquatic Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>)		
Morning 09.00-13.00¹	Agenda items 1.0 – 6.0		

¹ **NB:** A coffee or other break is foreseen in all morning and afternoon sessions.

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	1.0 Welcoming remarks		Representatives from the host country authorities and the Secretariat will welcome participants and make some introductory remarks.
	2.0 Election of meeting officers		The meeting will be invited to elect a chairman from among the representatives of the Signatories in attendance. It is proposed that all decisions at the meeting be taken by consensus. Expected outcome: Chairman elected and agreement on rules of procedure.
	3.0 Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule	CMS/AW-2/Doc.1 CMS/AW-2/Doc.2 CMS/AW-2/Doc.3	The meeting will be invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Expected outcome: Agreement on the agenda and schedule for the meeting.
	4.0 Opening statements		It is <u>not</u> envisaged to have presentations of national activities at this stage of the meeting, however delegates may wish to make brief opening statements (no more than 2-3 minutes) to indicate any support or assistance (financial or in-kind) their country has provided or intends to provide towards the MoU's implementation. A representative from the preceding Aquatic Warbler Life Project Final Conference will be invited to make a short summary of the Symposium's outcomes (no more than 5-10 minutes) most relevant to the MoU meeting.
	5.0 Report of the Secretariat		
	5.1 Status of signatures	CMS/AW-2/Doc.4 CMS/AW-2/Inf.1	The meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's brief report concerning the status of signatures and recruitment efforts. Representatives of non-Signatories eligible to sign the MoU will be invited to inform the meeting of their Government's intentions vis-à-vis signature of the MoU. The meeting may wish to consider ways and means to increase membership in the MoU. Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat's report and the information provided by observers representing non-Signatories; guidance provided on how to increase MoU membership.

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	5.2 List of designated national contact points	CMS/AW-2/Doc.4 CMS/AW-2/Inf.2 CMS/AW-2/Inf.2/Add.1	The meeting will be invited to consider the list of officially designated national contact points, and provide any necessary update. Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the list of officially designated national contact points; updated information is provided; an appeal is made to Signatories that have not yet officially designated a national contact point to provide the information to the Secretariat as soon as possible.
	5.3 Any other matters		Any other additional matters relevant to the Secretariat's report will be presented to the meeting.
	6.0 Review of MoU and Action Plan Implementation		
	6.1 Aquatic Warbler conservation status within the agreement area	CMS/AW-2/Doc.5/Rev.1 CMS/AW-2/Inf.3.x CMS/AW-2/Inf.8	The Secretariat will introduce that portion of the Overview Report addressing the Aquatic Warbler's conservation status within the agreement area. An intervention on the relevant outcomes from the preceding Aquatic Warbler Life Project Final Conference may be invited. After this comments from the individual Signatories and the signing organisations will be invited. Conclusions will be drawn. The meeting may then wish to briefly consider the conservation status of the Aquatic Warbler outside of the agreement area and invite interventions from observer non-Signatories and signing organisations. This information may be relevant to discussions on expanding the geographical scope of the MoU under agenda item 7.1. Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat's Overview Report and provides additional information as well as guidance on how it could be improved if necessary; information shared on the conservation status of the Aquatic Warbler within the agreement area; possible additional information shared on the Aquatic Warbler's conservation status outside of the agreement area.
	6.2 Status of implementation	CMS/AW-2/Doc.5/Rev.1 CMS/AW-2/Inf.3.x	The Secretariat's Overview Report summarizes the information received and available as of May 2010 with regard to the status of the MoU and Action Plan's implementation. It is proposed that the Secretariat

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		CMS/AW-1/Inf.8	<p>provides a brief summary of its Overview Report drawing conclusions as necessary. Signatories will then <i>inter alia</i> be invited to share additional information on their implementation of the MoU and Action Plan and any problems/gaps in their implementation. The meeting will be invited to consider whether the present Overview Report's format is appropriate for measuring progress under the MoU and Action Plan, both in terms of national level actions and overall conservation and management outcomes for the Aquatic Warbler. Signatories will provide guidance as to the need for additional tools to measure the MoU and Action Plan's effectiveness in achieving desirable conservation and management outcomes for the Aquatic Warbler.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of MoU and Action Plan implementation within the agreement area and at national levels; confirmation that activities are underway nationally and implementation gaps identified by country and possible means to fill gaps identified; suggestions provided on the extent to which the present Overview Report's format is appropriate for measuring progress and outcomes. Guidance given as to the need for additional tools to measure the effectiveness of the MoU and Action Plan.</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch break		
Afternoon 14.00-18.00	Agenda items 7.0-8.0		
	7.0 Proposed amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding and its associated Action Plan		
	7.1 Extension of the geographic scope of the MoU	CMS/AW-2/Doc.9	<p>The Secretariat will introduce a proposal to extend the geographic scope of the MoU to cover 7 new range states: Luxembourg, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Portugal, Slovakia, and Switzerland. Representatives of proposed new range states will be invited to share their perspectives concerning the extension. Signatories will be invited to endorse the proposed extension of the geographic scope by consensus.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Decision on the extension of the geographic coverage of the MoU</p>

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	7.2 Discussion and adoption of an updated International Species Action Plan for the Aquatic Warbler as part of the MoU	CMS/AW-2/Doc.10	<p>The Secretariat will introduce this agenda item. A representative of BirdLife International will give a brief presentation of the new Action Plan, focusing on the main changes with respect to the Action Plan adopted in 2003. The meeting will be invited to examine the new Action Plan and consider any possible additional amendment Signatories will be invited to adopt the revised Action Plan by consensus</p> <p>Expected outcome: Decision on the adoption of the revised International Species Action Plan for the Aquatic Warbler</p>
	8.0 Future implementation and further development of the MoU and Action Plan		
	8.1 National report format	CMS/AW-2/Doc.6 CMS/AW-2/ Doc.6/Annex	<p>The Secretariat will introduce a proposed new template for the submission of national reports. The meeting will be invited to provide comments on the proposed new format as well as to consider generally the national reporting issue.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Endorsement of the new national report format; identification and consideration of possible other reporting issues.</p>
	8.2 Future MoU coordination	CMS/AW-2/ Doc.7 CMS/AW-2/Doc.7/Add.1	<p>The Secretariat will introduce this agenda item, including a proposal to extend existing arrangements for MoU Coordination. The meeting will be invited to consider the MoU Coordination issue generally and determine whether the continuation of the BirdLife/CMS International Aquatic Warbler Conservation Officer is a desirable option that the Secretariat should pursue. Signatories will be invited to consider the financial aspects of coordination and provide guidance on possible options for financing.</p> <p>Expected outcome: General consideration of the MoU coordination issue; guidance provided and options identified on the particular issue of outsourcing MoU coordination activities, including financial considerations.</p>
	8.3 Priority projects for funding	CMS/AW-2/Doc.8	<p>The Secretariat will introduce this agenda item. The meeting will be invited to consider a priority projects list to support the MoU's implementation that could form the basis for an international fundraising initiative.</p>

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			Expected outcome: Priority projects list refined and adopted.
Evening	Banquette hosted by the General Directorate for Environment Protection (GDOS) of the Polish Ministry of Environment		Venue: Hotel Bartlowizna in Goniadz Time: 19.30
Saturday 15 May	Day 2		
Morning 09.00-11.00	Agenda item 8.0		
	8.3 Develop a priority projects list (continued)		
	9.0 Next meeting of the Signatories		The meeting will be invited to consider when the next meeting of the Signatories should take place. Expected outcome: Tentative date set for the next meeting of the Signatories and any invitations to host the next meeting considered; general financial considerations reviewed.
	10.0 Signing ceremony		The MoU will be opened for signature to any authorised official representing their Ministry or another competent authority from an eligible Range State.
	11.0 Any other business		The meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items.
	12.0 Closure of the meeting		
12.00-13.00	Lunch		
13:00	Departure of bus to Warsaw airport and main train station, arrival ca. 17:00		