



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.

Please enter here the name of your country

> Zimbabwe

Which agency has been primarily responsible for the preparation of this report?

> Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate

Please list any other agencies that have provided input

> Parks and Wildlife Management Authority of Zimbabwe, Birdlife Zimbabwe, Environmental Management Agency, Ministry of Agriculture

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
> 01-06-2012

Period covered
> 2014-2017

Territories to which the Convention applies
> Zimbabwe (Republic of)

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Implementation

Competent Authority:

> Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority

Relevant implemented legislation:

> Parks and Wildlife Management Act [Cap. 20:04]
Environmental Management Act [Cap.20:27]
Forestry Act [Cap.19:04]

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

> UNCBD
Ramsar Convention
CITES
UNFCCC
UNCCD
WHC
SADC Treaties on Forestry and Wildlife

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

> National Environment Policy and Strategies Document
Revised National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2014)
Climate Change Response Strategy
Several sectoral policies.

CMS Agreements/MoU

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

AEWA (1999)

AEWA (1999)

Party

National Focal Point

Name

> Abraham Zivayi Matiza

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.)

> Parks and Wildlife Management Authority
Forestry Commission.
Environmental Management Agency
Ministry of Agriculture
Ministry of Lands
National Biodiversity Forum
Academia and private voluntary organisations (PVOs)
Birdlife Zimbabwe

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

> Interaction between government departments is done through an inter-ministerial committee on environment.

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

Yes

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:

> Birdlife, Wildlife Zimbabwe, WWF, Mukuvisi Woodlands, COSMO (Monavale), Save Valley Conservancy, Safari Operators Association of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe Tourism Authority.

4a. Please provide detail on any devolved government/overseas territory authorities involved.

> N/A

5. Describe any involvement of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country:
> Private sector plays a significant role in conservation of migratory species through provision of financial assistance to private voluntary organisations and government.
6. Note any interactions between these sectors in the conservation of migratory species in your country:
> Interactions are through the National Biodiversity Forum. This is a multi-stake holder forum.

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

› Birdlife and Parks & Wildlife management Authority

2- Aquatic Mammals

› Parks and Wildlife Management Authority

3- Reptiles

› Parks and Wildlife Management Authority

4- Terrestrial Mammals

› Parks and Wildlife Management Authority

5- Fish

› Parks and Wildlife Management Authority

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

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> Parks and Wildlife Management Act

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?

> Whilst a lot of work has is being done to reduce habitat destruction and pollution, not much attention has been placed on the dangers of electrocution.

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

> The Environmental Management has up-scaled efforts to reduce all forms of pollution by introducing harsh penalties for polluters whilst a number of land rehabilitation projects have successfully been carried out.

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

> Resources for promoting awareness amongst the local populace

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

Other

> habitat loss due to land use change

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?

> Awareness programmes at local and policy level

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

> Very slow and limited progress.

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

> Lack of buy-in from stakeholders.

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

> Resources to upscale awareness activities.

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):

- Research
- Identification and establishment of protected areas
- Monitoring

> Qualitative analysis

- Education/awareness rising
- Habitat protection
- Habitat restoration

> Particularly wetland protection around the country

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

> Limited resources for awareness raising activities and research are needed.

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

> Improve research and monitoring, as well as up-scaling awareness activities.

Species name: Falco naumanni

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
- Habitat protection

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

> Land use conflicts hamper progress

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

> Roll out awareness programme on prevention of habitat destruction.

Species name: Hirundo atrocaerulea

2a. Summarise information on population size (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):

- Identification and establishment of protected areas
- Education/awareness rising
- Habitat protection

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

> Limited capacity has inhibited carrying out of these activities successfully.

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

> Roll-out of awareness programme and institute research and monitoring programmes..

Species name: Sarothrura ayresi

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):

- Education/awareness rising
- Habitat protection

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

> Limited resources.

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

> Roll out habitat protection programmes and begin monitoring activities.

Species name: Neophron percnopterus

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

- 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):

- Monitoring
- Education/awareness rising
- Habitat protection

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

> Limited resources for monitoring and research.

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

> Upscale awareness activities and mobilise resources for monitoring

Species name: Falco vespertinus

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):

- Identification and establishment of protected areas
- Education/awareness rising
- Habitat protection
- Other

> Veld fire prevention measures

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

> Limited resources

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

> Improve on habitat protection and awareness raising

Species name: Coracias garrulus

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

- decreasing

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

- unclear

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
- Habitat protection

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

> Limited resources for monitoring

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

> Awareness and habitat protection programmes

6. LISTING OF OTHER ENDANGERED MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX I

1. Is your country a Range State for any other endangered migratory species currently listed in Appendix I?

(according to the latest IUCN red data list). 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 listing any of these species?

No

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
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
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 Turtle Species ?
 No
4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Turtle 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 ?
 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

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

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Fish

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 Fish ?

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 Fish ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Fish, 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

> Mainly conservation and sustainable use

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

> Mainly conservation and rehabilitation of habitats.

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)

> Limited

Minimizing or eliminating barriers or obstacles to migration

> Limited

Research and monitoring of migratory species

> Limited

Transboundary co-operation

> Well covered

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:

> Establishment of Trans-frontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) such as Great Limpopo Trans-frontier Park, Kavango-Zambezi Trans-frontier Park, Greater Mapungubwe Trans-frontier Park, Hwange-Sanyati Biological Corridor (HSBC), etc.

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

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

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Sustainable community based wildlife management programmes such as the Communal Areas Management Program for Indigenous Resources (CAMPFIRE).

Economic development

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Eco-tourism projects.

Land-use planning

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Re-designation and redefining land use practices in areas around TFCAs.

Pollution control

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Increased monitoring of pollution levels by the Environmental Management Agency.

Designation and development of protected areas

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Particularly in areas with wildlife, e.g. the Save Valley Natural Resources management programme in the South Eastern Lowveld of the country.

Development of ecological networks

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Examples given above (TFCAs and HSBC)

Planning of power lines

No

Planning of fences

No

Planning of dams

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Particularly major dams as they have an impact on environmental flows. also, areas surrounding all major are automatically become national parks (protected areas) by law.

Other

No

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

> Decrease in Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC) as corridors are opened and awareness is increased.

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:

› Establishment of Ramsar sites and TFCAs as corridors.

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

› Parks Estates, Ramsar sites and TFCAs

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

› Parks Estates cover about 13% of the country, 7 Ramsar sites and 6 functional TFCAs.

Aquatic

Yes

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

› Mainly wetland areas, i.e. dams, rivers, vleis/ dambos etc

Marine

No

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

› Parks and Wildlife Management Authority and the Environmental Management Agency

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

› Free movement of animals across national borders, increased co-operation in wildlife management between neighbouring range states, reduced incidences HWC, improved habitat management, etc

VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry

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

Yes

If yes what is the state of those projects

on-going

Please provide details

> These are mainly done by private voluntary organisations (PVOs) and research institutions.

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

No

If Yes, please provide details (including the expected timeframe for these projects):

> Individual research projects may be submitted for clearance to National Parks any time.

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

> Resources and technical capacity

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

> Improved monitoring and management of wildlife where collaborations have been undertaken.

VII. Membership

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

No

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

> Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate

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

> None yet.

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:

> National awareness activities carried out, including radio interviews.

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

> Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate

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

> Reasonable degree of awareness of the Convention created.

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, Lions and vultures have benefited from programmes funded by government.

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):

> Elephants and Lions.

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)

› Establishment of TFCAs

Avian Species and Issues

Poisoning Migratory Birds (Res. 11.15)

› Developed a national plan for the prevention of illegal poisoning of migratory birds.

Cross-cutting Issues

Ecological Networks (Res. 10.3 / Res. 11.25)

› Continued to develop Trans-boundary conservation areas CBNRM programmes.

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).

Chiroptera

Otomops martiensseni (African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Carnivora

Lycaon pictus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Proboscidea

Loxodonta africana

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconiiformes

Ardeola idae

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconia ciconia

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falconiformes

Falconidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Galliformes

Coturnix coturnix coturnix

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Charadriiformes

Scolopacidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Coraciiformes

Merops apiaster

Please choose the one that applies.

No information available

Passeriformes

Hirundo atrocaerulea

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Phoenicopteriformes

Phoenicopteridae spp

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 CHARADRIIFORMES, Family SCOLOPACIDAE

Calidris ferruginea

Choose the one that applies.

Range State