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### PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS ACTION PLAN

*(Prepared by the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group)*

#### Summary

The African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group held its second meeting in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) in November 2015 and discussed a Programme of Work (POW) to implement the Landbirds Action Plan during the period 2016-2020. The POW includes priority activities, lead organizations, time-frame and estimated cost of each activity. The POW contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) particularly Goal 15 on sustainable management of ecosystems, combating desertification and halting of biodiversity loss. Since the Landbirds Working Group operates under the umbrella of the Scientific Council, the POW is submitted to the Sessional Committee for endorsement.

## **Programme of Work (POW) for the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan**

1. Resolution 11.17 adopted the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP) and requested the continuation of the associated working group until COP12 to facilitate and monitor the implementation of the Action Plan. The working group operates under the umbrella of the Scientific Council.
2. The African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group (AEMLWG) met in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) on the 25-27 November and discussed a draft Programme of Work for the period 2016-2020. The document has been compiled by the Working Group Coordinator and includes priority actions to be undertaken, lead organizations, time frame and estimated cost.
3. The draft POW is appended to this cover note as Annex 1 and is submitted to the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for its consideration.
4. Once finalized, it is intended to submit this Programme of Work to COP12 in 2017 in the Philippines for adoption.

### ***Action requested:***

The Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council is invited to take note of the draft Programme of Work and provide comments and suggestions to the document if needed.

**Annex 1**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS ACTION PLAN (AEMLAP)**

February 2016

*(Prepared by the African Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group)*

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1. The priority actions in this Programme of Work (POW) were identified during the second meeting of the African Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group (AEMLWG) which took place in Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan in November, 2015.
2. The activities were agreed taking into consideration: a) thematic areas and priority actions in the African Eurasian Migratory Land Birds Action Plan (AEMLAP)<sup>1</sup>; b) ongoing regional or international efforts contributing to the conservation of migratory landbirds; and c) priority regions within the African Eurasian flyway.
3. The implementation of the POW seeks collaboration with existing programmes for greater impact.
4. This POW contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)<sup>2</sup> particularly Goal 15 on sustainable management of ecosystems, combating desertification and halting of biodiversity loss. Specifically, the actions of the POW are relevant to targets 2, 5, 7 and 9c of this goal.
5. The budget estimates are only indicative and are mainly aimed at undertaking preparatory activities to identify cogent actions for conservation of landbirds as per the AEMLAP thematic areas. Voluntary contributions are invited to realize the implementation of this POW.
6. The implementation of the POW will require coordination. A budgetary estimate for the AEMLWG Coordinator is €100,000 per year, including staff time, administrative support and travels.
7. The POW will be presented at the meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council, 18-21 April 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.cms.int/saiga/sites/default/files/document/CMS-StC41-doc\\_19\\_1\\_aemlap\\_e.pdf](http://www.cms.int/saiga/sites/default/files/document/CMS-StC41-doc_19_1_aemlap_e.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/biodiversity/>

## ACRONYMS

AEWA	African Eurasian Waterbird Agreement
APLORI	Anastasios P. Leventis Ornithological Research Institute (Nigeria)
BLI	BirdLife International
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
DD	Doğa Derneği, the BirdLife partner in Turkey
EU	European Union
EURING	European Union for Bird Ringing
EURO SAP	European Union Species Action Plan
FACE	European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GREPOM	Groupe de Recherche pour la Protection des Oiseaux au Maroc
IAR	Institute of Avian Research “Vogelwarte Helgoland” (Germany)
IUCN	The International Union for Conservation of Nature
IWC	International Waterbird Census
LPO	Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux (France)
LIFE	EU funding instrument for the environment and climate action
MAVA	MAVA Foundation (Maja, André, Vera, and Daria, Luc Hoffmann’s four children)
MME	BirdLife partner in Hungary
MSB	Migratory Soaring Birds Project
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NCF	Nigeria Conservation Foundation
ONCFS	Office National de la Chasse et de la Faune Sauvage (France)
OTOP	Polish Society for the Protection of Birds
RSPB	The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (UK)
SAFRING	South African Bird Ringing Unit
SEO	Spanish Ornithological Society
SPEA	Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds
TBC	To be confirmed
UNCCD	United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nation Environment Programme

## 2.0 PROGRAMME OF WORK MATRIX

No.	Thematic Area	Region	Action	Lead organizations	Partners	Time Frame	Budget Estimates
1.	Migratory Land birds habitat conservation	East Atlantic Flyway and West Africa	Hold a workshop on land use change for and in the West African region	RSPB/NCF/CMS Secretariat	FAO/ UNEP/ UNDP/ UNCCD	2016 (Nov)	€40,000
			Seek synergies with relevant regional workshops and meetings (e.g. African Congress for Conservation Biology, Morocco, Sept 2016)	RSPB/IAR	UNCCD	2016 – 2017	€20,000
			Support the development and implementation of pilot projects in West Africa that address key aspects of sustainable land use	TBC	TBC	2017 – 2019	TBC
2.	Migratory Land birds habitat conservation	Black Sea-Rift Valley/Red Sea-Eastern Africa Flyway	Promote the use of the CMS/ Migratory Soaring Birds Project (MSB) agricultural guidelines (Bird poisoning, agrochemicals and sustainable agriculture) within the region  <sup>3</sup> Seek and create synergies with AEWA and the Raptors MOU	BLI	International Center for the Study of Bird Migration (Israel), AEWA, Raptors MOU, MSB	2016 - 2017	€5,000
3.	Migratory Land birds habitat conservation	Aquatic Warbler flyway (Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, South East Europe)	Seek synergies with the Aquatic Warbler MOU  Investigate habitat requirements of the Aquatic Warbler that could be shared by other species	OTOP	Aquatic Warbler Conservation Team	2016 - 2017	€3,000

<sup>3</sup> Joint actions or partnerships with the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group to be developed as opportunities arise, especially when AEWA and/or Raptor MOU have activities which could also be beneficial to species, sites or habitats used by migratory landbirds

No.	Thematic Area	Region	Action	Lead organizations	Partners	Time Frame	Budget Estimates
4.	Migratory Land birds habitat conservation	Central and South Asia	Identify stop-over and wintering sites for migratory landbirds	Bombay Natural History Society	CMS Focal points	2016 – 2020	€10,000
5.	Migratory Land birds habitat conservation	Sahara-Sahel	<sup>4</sup> Identify and enhance conservation of the stop-over sites immediately to the north and south of the Sahara (including through data collection and seeking linkages with relevant stakeholders)	TBC	Mediterranean Task Force on Illegal Killing of Birds, BLI/MAVA capacity building project, UNCCD, Great Green Wall Initiative, AEWA, Wetlands International (through IWC)	Up to 2017	€30,000
6.	Species conservation actions	Russia and East Asia	Develop an Action Plan for the Yellow Breasted Bunting (YBB), including a regional monitoring scheme and addressing illegal killing	BirdLife Asia, Russia, China and Japan through bilateral relations	TBC	2016 - 2017	TBC
7.	Species conservation actions	East Atlantic Flyway and West Africa plus Central Asia	Completion and implementation of the European Turtle Dove Action Plan	RSPB	LIFE+ EURO SAP Project, BLI partners: DD, GREPOM, LPO, RSPB, SEO, SPEA. Other Partners: FACE, ONCFS	2016-2018	€27,900 (SAP planning workshop)
8.	Species conservation actions	East Atlantic Flyway and West Africa plus Central Asia	Completion and implementation of the European Roller Action Plan	BLI	MME	2016-2017	TBC

<sup>4</sup> These are sites that are used as stop overs by birds before or after crossing the Sahara in Africa

No.	Thematic Area	Region	Action	Lead organizations	Partners	Time Frame	Budget Estimates
9.	Species conservation actions	Cross-cutting theme for the African Eurasian Flyway	Update and review the AEMLAP annexes (reflecting the 2015 IUCN Red List changes and nomenclature)	CMS/BLI	IUCN	July 2016	Zero
10.	Species conservation actions: monitoring	Cross-cutting theme for the African Eurasian Flyway	Support implementation of existing reporting platforms, data gathering using citizens science, tagging, ringing	TBC	EURING, SAFRING	2016-2020	€ 1,000
11.	Collisions with man-made infrastructure (with priority in the energy sector)	Black Sea-Rift Valley/Red Sea-Eastern Africa	Promote the use of CMS renewable energy and power line guidelines in the region and seek and create synergies with the CMS Energy Task Force	BLI (Africa and Middle East), CMS Parties/Focal points	Energy Task Force	2016-2017	€ 5,000
12.	Outreach and public awareness	Cross cutting theme for the African Eurasian Flyway	Operationalize the Friends of the Landbirds Action Plan (FLAP) project	BLI	Spring Alive Project of BirdLife International	2016	€10,000
13.	Outreach and public awareness: education/capacity building for landbirds conservation	Cross cutting theme for the African Eurasian Flyway	<sup>5</sup> Improve capacity for migratory landbirds conservation within the region	TBC	APLORI, University of Abidjan	2016 - 2020	€60,000

<sup>5</sup> Capacity for migratory landbirds could be through training on monitoring, bird identification provision of ornithological equipment, protected area identification and management, training of policy makers within government

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14.	Outreach and public awareness	Cross cutting theme for the African Eurasian Flyway	Create a workspace for information exchange and an online mechanism/template to undertake regular reporting on AEMLAP implementation	CMS Secretariat		2016 – 2017	Zero