



PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

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Context and Aim

CMS Resolution 11.14 - *Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways* established the mandate to develop a Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP), under the auspices of the CMS Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors MOU). The mission is to bring together representatives of Range States, partners and interested parties, to develop a coordinated Action Plan for submission to CMS COP12, scheduled to be held in October 2017.

The main objectives of the Vulture MsAP Overarching Workshop are to:

1. Review the 1st consolidated draft of the Vulture MsAP, incorporating the four regional components from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, and other inputs;
2. Elaborate certain key strategic components of the Vulture MsAP which will not have been collectively considered at the four Regional Workshops; and
3. Engender and develop multi-lateral support, including identifying 'Vulture Champions'.

Thursday 16 February 2017, Day 1 [Welcome, context and setting the scene]

| Time | Agenda Item | Comments / Expected Outcomes |
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| 0800-0900 | Registration Badges and delegate packs will be issued to participants upon presentation of photo ID at the Registration Desk. | Registration Desk located at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, University of Castilla-la Mancha. |
| 0900-0920 | 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks Francisco Martínez Arroy, Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Development of Castilla-La Mancha; Nick P. Williams, Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU; Juan Carlos Atienza, Head of Conservation Unit, SEO/BirdLife. Appointment of Chair for the Workshop. | Venue: Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, University of Castilla-la Mancha. Expected outcomes: Chair for the Workshop appointed. |
| 0920-1020 | 2. Setting the Scene 2.2. Vultures in Spain – Successful Conservation in Action Jorge Fernández Orueta, SEO/BirdLife. 2.3. CMS Vulture MsAP – International Collaboration to Conserve Vultures Including purpose, approach and expectations of overarching workshop, presented by Nick P. Williams, Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU. | Expected outcomes: Participants aware of: a) Status of vultures and conservation efforts in Spain; b) Background, context, approach, development and status of Vulture MsAP; and, c) Purpose, approach and expectations of Overarching Workshop. |

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| 1020-1100 | 3. Summary of Relevant Conservation Initiatives 3.1. CMS Initiatives Borja Heredia, CMS Secretariat. 3.2. Vulture Conservation Initiatives José Tavares, Vulture Conservation Foundation. | Expected outcomes: Participants aware of key vulture conservation initiatives already underway. |
| 1100-1130 | Coffee break | |
| 1130-1300 | 4. Review of Draft Vulture MsAP Introduction by André Botha, Overarching Coordinator for the Vulture MsAP. 4.1. Species – Distribution and Status Review of distribution, status, population figures and gaps in knowledge – Roger Safford, BirdLife International. | Expected outcomes: a) Participants aware of results that emerged from consultations to date, including via Questionnaires and four Regional Workshops; b) Consensus reached on distribution, status and knowledge gaps for each of the 15 species covered by the Vulture MsAP; |
| 1300-1430 | Lunch | Venue: University of Castilla-la Mancha |
| 1430-1530 | 4.1. Species – Distribution and Status (continued) Review of distribution, status, population figures and gaps in knowledge – Roger Safford, BirdLife International. 4.2. Threats – Categorisation and Prioritisation Introduction and review of the consolidated threat list and prioritisation – José Tavares & Jovan Andevski, Vulture Conservation Foundation. | Expected outcomes: c) Consensus reached on key threats and associated drivers identified for vultures, including regional and species differences and knowledge gaps; |
| 1530-1600 | Coffee break | |
| 1600-1750 | 4.2. Threats – Categorisation and Prioritisation (continued) Introduction and review of the consolidated threat list and prioritisation – José Tavares & Jovan Andevski, Vulture Conservation Foundation. 4.3. Conservation Actions Review of the consolidated priority actions – André Botha, Overarching Coordinator for the Vulture MsAP. | Expected outcomes: d) Key conservation actions required to address the threats, including regional and species differences. |
| 1750-1800 | End of Day 1 – Review and closing remarks – Chair. | Expected outcome: Summary of Day 1. |
| 2000-2200 | Dinner | All participants welcome. Venue: Restaurant Asador a la Brasa, Plaza de la Magdalena, no 10, www.asadoralabrasa.com . |

Friday 17 February 2017, Day 2 [Elaboration of plan for effective implementation of Vulture MsAP]

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| 0900-0910 | Welcome, recap of Day 1 and plans for Day 2 – Chair. | Workshop venue: San Servando Castle. |
| 0910-1300 | 2.1. Vulture Conservation in Castilla-la Mancha | |

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| (including coffee break at 1100-1130) | Antonio Aranda, Regional Government of Castilla-la Mancha. 5. Action Planning Introduction by Nick P. Williams, Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU. 5.1. Group 1 – Poisoning (Objectives 1-4 of the Vulture MsAP) Facilitated by José Tavares, Vulture Conservation Foundation. 5.2. Group 2 – Energy, Research and Monitoring (Objectives 5, 6, 10 of the Vulture MsAP) Facilitated by André Botha, Overarching Coordinator for the Vulture MsAP. 5.3. Group 3 – Food and Other Threats (Objectives 7-9 of the Vulture MsAP) Facilitated by Jovan Andevski, Vulture Conservation Foundation. | Expected outcomes: Participants aware of scope and purpose of the Implementation Plan, including approach and outputs of the three Break-out Groups that run concurrently. Expected outcomes (Group 1): Objectives 1-4 introduced, assessed, assigned and validated. Synergies and overlaps with other initiatives identified. Gaps identified. Expected outcomes (Group 2): Objectives 5, 6, 10 introduced, assessed, assigned and validated. Synergies and overlaps with other initiatives identified. Gaps identified. Expected outcomes (Group 3): Objectives 7-9 introduced, assessed, assigned and validated. Synergies and overlaps with other initiatives identified. Gaps identified. |
| 1300-1430 | Lunch | Venue: San Servando Castle. |
| 1430-1630 | Break-out Group Work (continued) | Expected outcomes: As above. |
| 1630-1700 | Coffee break | |
| 1700-1830 | Break-out Groups report back to plenary (15 mins report + 15 mins discussion for each Group). | Expected outcomes: Consensus reached on the key Objectives of Vulture MsAP and the conservation actions required to be implemented to achieve them. |
| 1830 | End of Day 2 – Review and closing remarks – Chair. | Expected outcome: Summary of Day 2. |

Saturday 18 February 2017, Day 3 [Coordination framework, fundraising and communications, and draft Resolution for CMS COP12]

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| 0900 - 0915 | Welcome, recap of Day 2 and plans for Day 3 – Chair. | Workshop venue: San Servando Castle. Expected outcomes: Recap of Day 2 and plans for Day 3. |
| 0915-1030 | 5.4. Group 4 – Coordination Framework Facilitated by Nicola Crockford, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. 5.5. Group 5 – Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation Facilitated by Borja Heredia, CMS Secretariat. | Break-out Group Work – 2 sessions running concurrently. Expected outcomes: Options reviewed of: a) the most appropriate framework to coordinate implementation of the Vulture MsAP; and, b) the most appropriate mechanisms, tools and processes to adopt for monitoring, reporting and evaluation. |
| 1030-1100 | Coffee break | |
| 1100-1130 | Break-out Groups report back to plenary (10 mins report + 5 mins discussion for each Group). | Expected outcomes: Consensus reached on the most appropriate Coordination Framework and Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation of the Vulture MsAP. |

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| 1130-1300 | 7. Communications Facilitated by Roger Safford, Birdlife International. | Expected outcomes: Consensus reached on the key phases, approach, target audiences and outputs to promote awareness-raising and implementation of the Vulture MsAP. |
| 1300-1430 | Lunch | Venue: San Servando Castle. |
| 1430-1530 | 6. Budget, Fundraising and Resource Mobilisation Facilitated by Roger Safford, Birdlife International. | Expected outcomes: Consensus reached on outline budget, fundraising mechanisms and opportunities identified, including potential vulture 'champions'. Suggestions captured on ways of mainstreaming vulture conservation into national, regional and sectoral policies. |
| 1530-1600 | Coffee break | |
| 1600-1630 | 8. Review of Draft COP12 Resolution Facilitated by Nick P. Williams, Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU. | Expected outcome: Consensus reached on key content, statement and messages to be included in draft Resolution to be considered at CMS COP12. |
| 1630-1700 | 9. CMS Appendix 1 – Species Listing Proposals Presentation by Nick P. Williams, Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU. | Expected outcome: Participants aware of progress on proposals to list 10 vulture species on CMS Appendix 1. Opportunity for Range States to promote specific proposals. |
| 1700-1715 | 10. Process and Milestones towards COP12 (including Side-event) Overview presented by Jenny Renell, Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU. | Expected outcome: Participants aware of process and milestones to be met to present Vulture MsAP for adoption at CMS COP12 in October 2017. |
| 1715-1730 | 11. Conclusions and Next Steps Summary of conclusions presented by Nick P. Williams, Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU. | Expected outcomes: Participants aware of conclusions and next steps. |
| 1730-1800 | 12. Closing Remarks – Chair. | |

Sunday 19 February 2017, Day 4 [Field trip]

Visit to the [National Park of Cabañeros](#), leaving Toledo at 08:30 (departure point: Hotel Carlos V) and returning at 15:00. The distance to the National Park from Toledo is about 85 km. No special footwear is required, field shoes/boots or runners will be appropriate. During the excursion, a meal will be offered to the participants.