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### ADOPTION OF BIRD SPECIES ACTION PLANS

**Summary:**

This document presents three draft International Single Species Action Plans for the Conservation of the White-headed Duck, of the Dalmatian Pelican and of the European Turtle Dove.

All three action plans have been prepared in the framework of the EuroSAP (LIFE14 PRE/UK/000002) LIFE preparatory project.

The Dalmatian Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*) and the White-headed Duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*) are both listed in Appendix I and II of CMS. The nominate subspecies of the European Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur turtur*) is listed in Appendix II of CMS.

In line with Decision 12.21, the Standing Committee is authorized to adopt these action plans in the intersessional period between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Conference of the Parties

Adoption of these Action Plans will contribute to the implementation of targets 8, 9 and 10 of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023.

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### Background

1. The three Single Species Action Plans contained in the present document were prepared in the framework of the EuroSAP (LIFE14 PRE/UK/000002) LIFE preparatory project, coordinated by BirdLife International and co-financed by the European Commission Directorate General for the Environment and the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, through a grant by the Ministry of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea of Italy.
2. Under the EuroSAP process, a planning workshop for the Action Plan for the White-headed Duck was held on 24-26 October 2016, in Madrid. The draft revised CMS/AEWA/EU International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the White-headed Duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*) was prepared by SEO/BirdLife, with co-financial support by the MAVA Foundation and the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment. It represents a review of the first global CMS/AEWA International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the White-headed Duck, which was adopted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA and approved by 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CMS Scientific Council in 2005. The White-headed Duck is listed in Appendix I and II of CMS.
3. Similarly, under EuroSAP, a planning workshop for the Action Plan for the Dalmatian Pelican was held on 22-25 November 2016 in Lithotopos, Greece. The draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Dalmatian Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*) was prepared by the Society for the Protection of Prespa and the Hellenic Ornithological Society. The Dalmatian Pelican is listed in Appendix I and II of CMS.
4. Resolution 11.17<sup>1</sup> on the Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region had requested the development of a Species Action Plan for the European Turtle Dove. Under EuroSAP, two International Workshops on the European Turtle Dove took place, one for the western flyway in Valsain, Spain, on 19-21 December 2016, and one for the central and eastern flyway in Kecskemét, Hungary, on 16-18 January 2017. The draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the European Turtle-dove *Streptopelia turtur* (2018 to 2028) was then prepared by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), and co-financed by each of the project partners. Draft 1 of this action plan was submitted to COP12 for consideration (cf. UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.6). The nominate subspecies of the European Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur turtur*) is listed in Appendix II of CMS.
5. The 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS acknowledged the development process of these action plans through Resolution 12.12 – Action Plans for Birds. At COP12, the Standing Committee was authorized through Decision 12.21 to adopt the European Turtle Dove, White-headed Duck and Dalmatian Pelican Action Plans, once finalized, in the intersessional period between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Conference of the Parties.
6. The drafts of the present action plans went through rigorous consultations with experts and government officials of the Range States of the species.
7. All three action plans were approved, subject to technical amendments, by the EU Expert Group on the Birds and Habitats Directives (NADEG) at its Meeting in Brussels in May 2018.
8. The final drafts of the action plans for the Dalmatian Pelican and for the White-headed Duck were approved by the AEWA Technical Committee at its 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting in April 2018, and by the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AEWA Standing Committee for submission to the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA, which will take place in Durban, South Africa, 4-8 December 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> Superseded by Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP12)

9. The action plans for the Dalmatian Pelican and for the White-headed Duck follow the revised format for Single Species Action Plans under AEWA, approved on an interim basis for further use by the Standing Committee at its 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting in January 2017, in Paris, subject to final approval by the Meeting of the Parties.
10. The draft action plans are appended as Annex 1, 2 and 3. Consistent with CMS policy concerning language versions of Species Action Plans, they are produced only in English for the time being. Versions in French and Spanish will follow based on the availability of resources.

#### Recommended actions

11. The Standing Committee is recommended to adopt the International Single Species Action Plans contained in Annex 1, 2 and 3 of this document, in line with Decision 12.21.