



**SECOND MEETING OF THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS  
WORKING GROUP**

*Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 25-27 November 2015*

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**FINANCIAL ESTIMATE FOR AEMLAP 2016-2020**

*Prepared by the Secretariat*

1. The CMS core budget as adopted by the Conference of the Parties in 2011 and 2014 does not contemplate any special budget line for the Landbirds Action Plan or any other activity related to landbirds. That implies that any initiative related to the Action Plan or the Working Group has to be funded through voluntary contributions from Parties or other stakeholders;
2. Since the first landbirds Resolution was adopted at COP 10 in Bergen in November 2011 two voluntary contributions have been received. The first one was donated by Switzerland in 2012 for an amount of 35,000 euro to support the first meeting of the Working Group and associated workshop to develop the Action Plan. This meeting took place in Accra (Ghana) in August 2012;
3. The second voluntary contribution was again donated by Switzerland in 2015 for a value of 40,000 euro to support the organization of the second meeting of the Working Group in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) the 25-27 November 2015. Without these generous contributions from Switzerland it would have been very difficult to make any significant progress in the preparation and implementation of the landbirds resolutions and Action Plan. The CMS Secretariat is very thankful to Switzerland for their continued support;
4. The Government of Ghana provided in kind support for the organization of the meeting in Accra in 2012 and has been a strong supporter of both resolutions and the Action Plan;
5. BirdLife International has also been an essential supporter of the landbirds process. In 2012 several BirdLife partners contributed to the organization of the first meeting of the Working Group and in the period 2012-2015 the RSPB, the BirdLife partner in the UK, fully supported the position of the Working Group Coordinator, who during that period was Mr Samuel Temidayo Osinubi from Nigeria. The continued cooperation between BirdLife International and the CMS Secretariat on behalf of the Landbirds Action Plan is key for the success of this initiative;
6. The existence of a stable and sustainable source of funding for the Landbirds Action Plan is essential for its effective implementation. In this respect, it would be desirable that other Parties and stakeholders, in addition to Switzerland and BirdLife, financially contribute to this important process;

7. The table below illustrates a conservative estimate of how much would be needed to implement the Action Plan during the period until COP 13 in 2020, with the caveat that during COP 12 in the Philippines in 2017 there could be a new landbirds Resolution with new mandates that would increase the list of activities to be developed and the costs associated.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Coordinator <sup>1</sup>	97,000	97,000	97,000	97,000	97,000	485,000
Working Group meetings <sup>2</sup>			40,000			40,000
Regional/thematic workshops <sup>3</sup>	20,000			20,000		40,000
Conservation projects <sup>4</sup>	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	500,000
Capacity building <sup>5</sup>	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000
FLAP <sup>6</sup>	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>257,000</b>	<b>237,000</b>	<b>277,000</b>	<b>257,000</b>	<b>237,000</b>	<b>1,265,000</b>

**Action requested:**

- i. The African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan is requested to review the financial estimate and provide advice on sustainable funding sources for the implementation of the Landbirds Action Plan.

<sup>1</sup> Cost estimate provided by BirdLife International

<sup>2</sup> One full meeting foreseen in 2018

<sup>3</sup> One workshop in 2016 on land use policies and another workshop in 2019 on a topic to be decided

<sup>4</sup> Projects aimed at improving conservation status

<sup>5</sup> Training courses, seminars, etc.

<sup>6</sup> Maintenance of a communication platform