

Thematic Work Area: **Avian species conservation issues (Working Group 5)**

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<i>Resolution / Decision number</i>	<i>Text of Resolution / Decision</i>  (The Scientific Council shall/should)	<i>Further short description of activity (if necessary)</i>	<i>List of outputs</i>	<i>Timeframe (year and/or meeting) (as per Res / Dec, if provided)</i>	<i>Names of people involved</i>	<i>Core, High, Medium, Low</i>	<i>Amounts already raised &amp; required €</i>	<i>ScC, StC, COP (including session number)</i>
<b>African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds</b>								
Res.11.17 (Rev.COP12)	8. Requests the Scientific Council and the Working Group, in liaison with the Migrant Landbirds Study Group (MLSG) to promote work to address key gaps in knowledge and future research directions, in particular through the analysis of existing long-term and large-scale datasets, the European Atlas of Bird Migration, the use of new and emerging tracking technologies, field studies of migrant birds in Africa, use of survey and demographic data from the Eurasian breeding grounds and use of remote sensing earth observation data of land cover change in Africa;	Development of the African-Eurasian Migratory Bird Atlas	African-Eurasian Migratory Bird Atlas	2018-2020	Fernando Spina Olivier Biber (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	High (in CMS POW)	1,000,000 (provided by Italy)	ScC-SC4 COP13
Res.11.17 (Rev.COP12)	9. Further requests the Scientific Council and the Working Group, in liaison with the Friends of the Landbirds Action Plan to promote and encourage increased public awareness of, and support for, migratory landbird conservation along the flyway among the general public and stakeholders, including about how individual birds are shared across countries and act as indicators of the overall health of the environment, of people and all biodiversity;	Promote and encourage the use of the FLAP initiative in networks	FLAP	Ongoing	Olivier Biber (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	Medium	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13

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Res.11.17 (Rev.COP12)	13. Requests the Working Group and the CMS Scientific Council, in liaison with the MSLG and the Friends of the Landbirds Action Plan, with the support of the CMS Secretariat, to support implementation of Action Plans for a first set of species including the European Roller <i>Coracias garrulus</i> adopted through Resolution 12.12, and to continue to develop Action Plans for the European Turtle Dove <i>Streptopelia turtur</i> and the Yellow-breasted Bunting <i>Emberiza aureola</i> ;	Encourage distribution of information materials; raise public awareness on the action plans to be implemented; review draft Action Plan on Yellow-breasted Bunting	Species Action Plans for the European Turtle Dove <i>Streptopelia turtur</i> and the Yellow-breasted Bunting <i>Emberiza aureola</i> ready for adoption by StC48/COP13 (depending on progress of the Action Plan's development)	StC48/ ScC-SC4/ COP13 (Depending on progress of the Action Plan's development)	Fernando Spina, Olivier Biber (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	Core (in CMS POW)	No funding needed	StC48 ScC-SC4 COP13
Res.11.17 (Rev.COP12)	15. Calls on Parties and the Scientific Council to report progress in implementing the Action Plan, including monitoring and efficacy of measures taken, to COP13 in 2020	Review of the Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Resolution</li> <li>• Draft Decisions</li> <li>• Report on progress</li> </ul>	ScC-SC4 / COP13	Olivier Biber (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	High	No funding needed	COP13
ScC-SC3-Decision; Res. 11.17 (Rev.COP12)	Promoting the provisions under the Action Plan on African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds with regard to pesticides	Raise the issue of poisoning from neonicotinoids and other pesticides as a <b>cross-cutting issue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Resolution</li> <li>• Draft Decisions</li> </ul>	ScC-SC4 / COP13	Members of Avian and Terrestrial Species Working Groups	High	No funding needed	COP13
Dec.12.23 a	Continue the Working Group on African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds until the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, extending its membership to incorporate expertise from geographical regions currently absent, to facilitate and monitor the implementation of the Action Plan, and to develop indicators to assess the implementation of the Programme of Work 2016 – 2020;	Working Group on African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds continues its activities Organize meeting of the Working Group	Indicators developed to assess the implementation of the POW 2016 – 2020	ScC-SC4	Olivier Biber (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	Core (in CMS POW)	25,000	ScC-SC4 COP13

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Dec.12.23 b	In the intersessional period between the 12 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and subject to the availability of resources, work with the Migratory Landbird Study Group, relevant academic institutions, research-funders and the Working Group, in order to actively promote research that addresses key knowledge gaps relating to migratory landbird conservation in African landscapes, inter alia, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Identify migratory pathways and strategies using tracking technologies to understand migratory connectivity so enabling field research to be targeted more effectively;</li> <li>ii. Undertake detailed field studies in sub-Saharan Africa and at staging sites, in conjunction with existing data where appropriate, to better understand species distribution patterns, habitat use and foraging ecology, and in particular 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);</li> <li>iii. Synthesize data from European breeding grounds to explore spatial and temporal patterns in demographic Parameters in relation to migratory pathways and large-scale patterns of environmental change;</li> <li>iv. Use satellite image earth observation data to improve understanding where land cover is changing and how this impacts African-Eurasian migrant birds, and research the drivers of land use / land cover change;</li> <li>v. Seek better understanding of how to influence the economic and social policy drivers causing land use / land cover change at different scales;</li> <li>vi. Encourage research to determine for which declining European landbird migrants' declines cannot be explained by conditions in the breeding grounds;</li> </ul>	Review the implementation of the Action Plan under consideration of synergies with the African-Eurasian Atlas on Bird Migration	Draft Decisions	ScC-SC4	Olivier Biber (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	Core	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13
Dec.12.23 c	Report to the 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the extent to which progress has been made on these and other priorities, and potential opportunities to promote these research areas including dialogue with national and international research-funding agencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Resolution</li> <li>• Draft Decisions</li> <li>• Report on progress</li> </ul>	ScC-SC4	Olivier Biber (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	tbd	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13

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<b>Preventing Poisoning of Migratory Birds</b>								
ScC-SC3-Decision; Res. 11.15 (Rev.COP12)	Review of the Report from the Preventing Poisoning Working Group; Lead Task Group to build on the experience from the processes in the European Union related to a ban of lead shot in wetlands	Review the progress particularly with regard to Lead TG	•	ScC-SC4; COP13		Core	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13
ScC-SC3-Decision; Res. 11.15 (Rev.COP12)	Review the cross-taxa impacts of poisoning; Dialogue between terrestrial and avian working group with regard to the poisoning of carnivores and other mammals and the damage to vultures and raptors	Stimulate a scoping exercise of the Lead Task Group; Establish dialogue between Members of terrestrial and avian working group as a cross-cutting issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Resolution</li> <li>• Draft Decisions</li> <li>• Report on progress</li> </ul>	ScC-SC4	Members of Avian and Terrestrial Species Working Groups	Core	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13
ScC-SC3-Decision; Res. 11.15 (Rev.COP12)	Contribute to knowledge and information on the impact of neonicotinoids and raise awareness	Engage in research on the impact of neonicotinoids, also particularly those one which are envisaged as alternatives for banned products; Investigate how CMS can engage and provide information for publishing statements; Compile the information for the Standing Committee, also considering the provisions of the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan; Raising it as a <b>cross-cutting issue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Resolution</li> <li>• Draft Decisions</li> <li>• Report on progress</li> </ul>	ScC-SC4		Core	No funding needed	ScC-SC4; StC48 COP13

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<b>Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds</b>								
ScC-SC3-Decision; Res.11.16 (Rev.COP12)	Promoting synergies and dialogue with terrestrial and aquatic with regard to terrestrial wildmeat and the issue of illegal killing of birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Resolution</li> <li>• Draft Decisions</li> <li>• Report on progress</li> </ul>	ScC-SC4		High	No funding needed	ScC-SC4; StC48 COP13	
<b>Wildlife Diseases</b>								
Res.12.6	14. Requests the Executive Secretary working with the Scientific Council and in cooperation with the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds to approach urgently FAO, OIE and WHO in response to their call for further research into fully understanding the role of wild birds in spreading HPAI, and seek the necessary resources to perform this work;			Ongoing	Avian WG of the ScC-SC; Executive Secretary (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	Low	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13
Res.12.6	17. Requests the Executive Secretary to ensure continued leadership of the Convention in the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds, through appropriate representatives of the Scientific Council and the Secretariat, and urges the Scientific Council, with and through the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds, to provide relevant input on practical measures to reduce the risk of disease transmission between wild, captive and domesticated birds, to those agencies developing contingency and wetland management plans related to HPAI;	Provide relevant input on practical measures to reduce the risk of disease transmission between wild, captive and domesticated birds, to those agencies developing contingency and wetland management plans related to HPAI		Ongoing	Avian WG of the ScC-SC; (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	Medium	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13
Res.12.6	18. Requests the Executive Secretary, working with the Scientific Council and its Working Group on Migratory Species as Vectors of Diseases to make recommendations regarding the nature and extent of risks associated with other diseases in migratory species and possible areas of action to be taken by Contracting Parties in addressing this;			Ongoing	Avian WG of the ScC-SC; (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	Low	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13

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Res.12.6	35. requests that the CMS Secretariat and FAO continue to act as co-convenors of the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds with the engagement of the CMS Scientific Council, building on international activities already undertaken, and responding to new developments related to the spread of HPAI H5N1 and other subtypes as they occur;	Engage with the CMS Secretariat and FAO in the activities of the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds, building on international activities already undertaken, and responding to new developments related to the spread of HPAI H5N1 and other subtypes as they occur	Contact with FAO updated	Ongoing	Avian WG of the ScC-SC; (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	medium	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13
<b>Flyways</b>								
Res.12.11	25. Produce guidelines and/or case studies on mechanisms to enhance the conservation of migratory birds through site networks;	Case studies production until ScC-SC4: R. Clay, T. Mundkur, Raptors MOU	Guidelines/case studies on mechanisms to enhance the conservation of migratory birds through site networks	Ongoing; ScC-SC4	Rob Clay, Taej Mundkur, Raptors MOU (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia)	High (in CMS POW)	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13
Res.12.11	Review of the Action Plan of the Americas Flyways Framework	Review the Action Plan of the Americas Flyways Framework; make recommendations for the Americas Flyways Task Force, especially with regard to coverage of Americas-relevant elements of the CMS POW in the Action Plan	Revised Action Plan	ScC-SC4	Rob Clay	High	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13

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Res.12.11	Review of the Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways: i) Review of current priorities; ii) Incorporation of information from National Reporting iii) Review on implementation and re-prioritization iv) Revised list of priorities	Provide inputs to the review on re-prioritization within the Flyways POW; advise on the use of information from National Reports; review and advise on all SSAP species improved (at least 50% of species have recovered and improved)	Revised Flyways POW with re-prioritization and minimum set of actions	ScC-SC4	Taej Mundkur; Scientific Councillors who are Members of the Flyways Working Group	High	Partial funding needed (25,000 for meeting)	ScC-SC4 COP13
<b>Taxonomy and Nomenclature</b>								
Res.12.27	6. Instructs the Scientific Council to review the updated online version of the bird reference for the species listed on the Appendices at its last meeting before each meeting of the Conference of Parties and make recommendations as to whether the name of any listed species should be updated;		Draft Decisions	Ongoing	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia	High (in CMS POW)	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13
ScC-SC3-Decision; Res. 12.27	Review the outcomes of the analysis of migration status and apply to the disaggregated families under CMS Appendix II	Review and advise	Draft Decisions	Ongoing	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett (Sec. FP: Borja Heredia	High (in CMS POW)	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13
<b>Concerted Actions</b>								
CA 12.8	Keep under review the Concerted Action for the Asian Great Bustard	Keep progress under review	Guidance given as required	COP13	Lagvasuren, Mongolia	High	No funding needed	ScC-SC4 COP13