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African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA)

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Overview

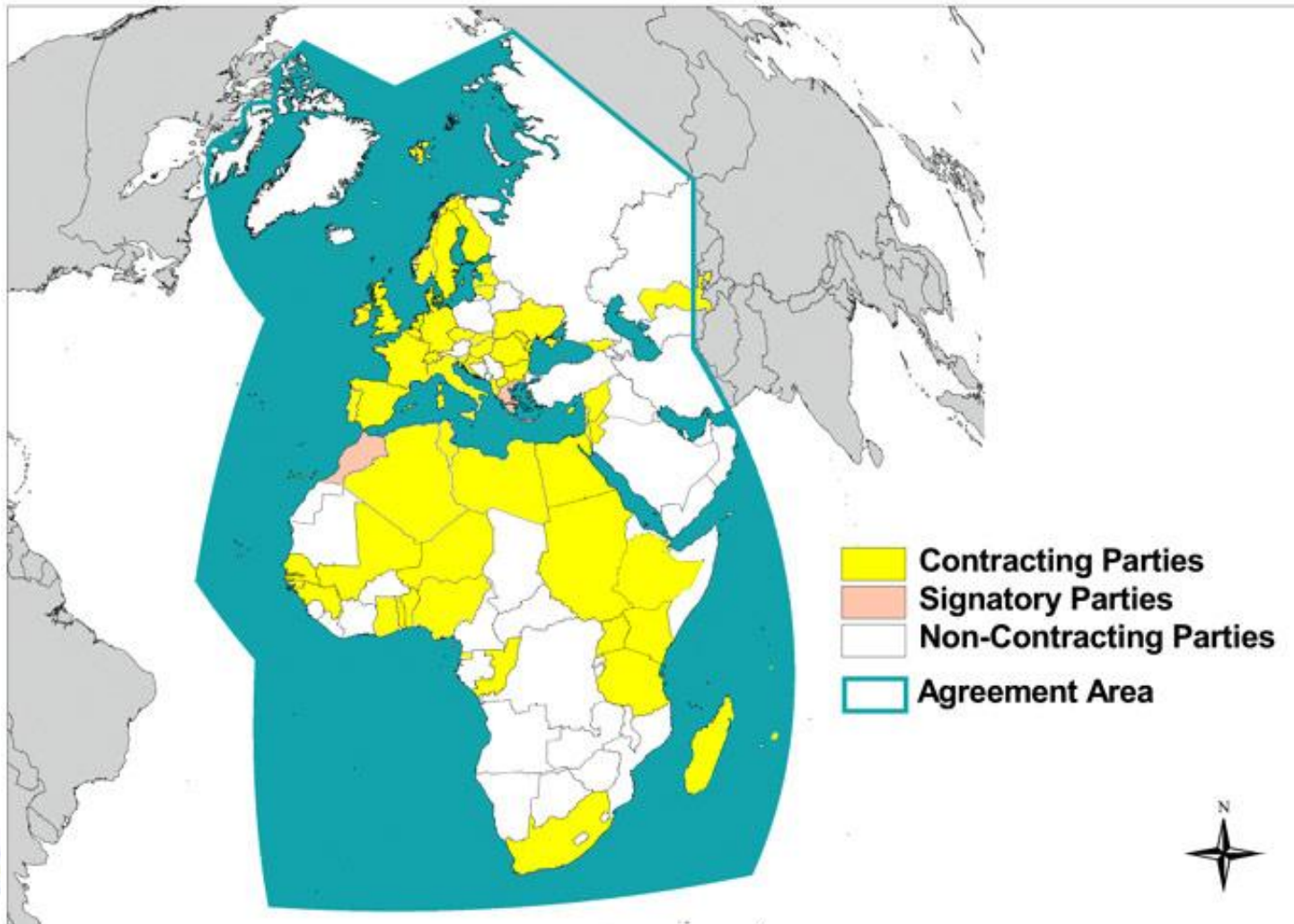
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Introduction to AEWA

- Negotiated under the provisions of Article IV of CMS (Migratory species to be subject of Agreements);
- AEWA is one of the 7 CMS Agreements;
- Concluded on 16 June 1995 in the Hague, the Netherlands; entered into force on 1 November 1999;
- **Mission:** maintain migratory waterbird species and their populations at a favorable conservation status or to restore them to such a status throughout their flyways, over a range of 118 countries.

Geographical Scope

Covers 118 countries in Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, Africa + Greenland and the NE tips of Canada



Species Coverage (Annex 2)

554 populations, 255 species, 28 families



Species Coverage - Table 1 (to Annex 3)

The status of all 554 populations is individually assessed

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<i>Plegadis falcinellus falcinellus</i>			
- Sub-Saharan Africa (bre)			1
- Black Sea & Mediterranean/West Africa	3c		
- South-west Asia/Eastern Africa		(1)	
<i>Geronticus eremita</i>			
- Morocco	1a 1b 1c		
- South-west Asia	1a 1b 1c		

Bodies of the Agreement I

Meeting of the Parties

- Decision-making organ
- Previous MOP: Cape Town, Bonn, Dakar; Antananarivo
- MOP5 14-18 May 2012, La Rochelle, France

MOP5-related Deadlines

To be submitted:	Deadline
Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/or its Annexes	15 Dec 2011
National Reports	14 Jan 2012
New Proposals (including Draft Resolutions)	14 Mar 2012

Bodies of the Agreement II

Standing Committee:

- Policy and administrative guidance inter-sessionally;
- Membership:
 - EA and SA: Uganda (Chair)
 - WA and CA: Ghana
 - NA and Middle East: Syria
- 7th Meeting: 26-27 November 2011, Bergen

Bodies of the Agreement III

Technical Committee

- Scientific and technical advice and information;
- 10th meeting: 12 - 16 September 2011 (Naivasha, Kenya)
- 9 regional experts
 - SA– South Africa (Dr. Mark Anderson)
 - WA - Nigeria (Mr. John H. Mshelbwala)
 - CA - (Vacant)
 - EA- Kenya (Dr. Oliver Nasirwa)
 - NA– Tunisia (Mr. Hitchem Azafzaf)
- 1 representative each from IUCN, WLI, CIC;
- 1 thematic expert each in the field of : rural economics (**Dr. Hussein Sosovele, Tanzania**), game management, environmental law (elected by the Parties)

Bodies of the Agreement IV

Secretariat (Bonn, Germany)

- Coordination of activities;
- Administered by UNEP;

Partner organizations

- BirdLife International, Wetlands International, ONCFS, OMPO,



Implementation Tools I

AEWA Action Plan (Annex 3): Specifies activities under six headings:

- Species conservation
- Habitat conservation
- Management of human activities
- Research and monitoring
- Education and information
- Implementation

Strategic Plan 2009-2017: Approved by MOP4 (2008)

- Prioritises activities to implement the Agreement
- Indicators of the effectiveness of the Agreement

Implementation Tools II

12 Conservation guidelines

- Developed by the Secretariat with the coordination and guidance of the TC and experts from the Range states
- Guides the application of the Action Plan

15 Single Species Action Plans (SSAP)

- Structured Process with recognized format
- Reporting/implementation mechanism in place

AEWA Implementation Review Process (IRP)

- Adopted MOP4 (2008)
- 1st IRP in 2010, Syria (Sociable Lapwing conservation)



Activities in Africa I

UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyway project (Wings over Wetlands – WOW project)

- Largest Flyway-scale project in the AEWA region
- Significantly strengthened implementation of AEWA and Ramsar
- Demonstration Projects
- Critical Sites Network Tool;
- Flyway Training Kit;
- Post WOW Partnership: Agreement signed with the key partners of the WOW project (AEWA 15th Anniversary Symposium)



WOW CSN Tool

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Wings over Wetlands
Wetland International

Black-tailed Godwit

Limosa limosa

Near Threatened (NT)

RELATED LINKS:
[BirdLife Factsheet](#)
[GRDS Species Page](#)

Species range Map
BirdLife International map showing species breeding, passage and non-breeding area

Population flyways
BirdLife International population flyways showing areas used by birds population during their life cycle

Important Bird Area
BirdLife International IBA

Critical sites data
Critical sites data for this species

International Water
International Water

Wetlands International
Wetlands International species it known to occur

Time-series data for
Time-series data for

Flyway population
Wetlands International estimates of flyway population you have Wetlands Population Estimates

Tools
 Filter Legend

Himantopus himantopus

Dendrocygna bicolor

Porphyrio alleni

Dendrocygna viduata

Legend

Spider range Map:

- Native all year
- Breeding Only
- Non-breeding only
- Passage migrant
- Native (unknown permanence)
- Introduced
- Reintroduced
- Vagrant
- Prehistorically introduced

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AEWA Activities in Africa II

AFRING

- Promote/improve coordination & quality of bird ringing programmes;
- Hosted by the ADU(Cape Town, South Africa);
- focused capacity building, regional cooperation, use of scientific data;
- Operational and institutional strategy needed

WetCap

- To strengthen waterbird and wetland conservation capacities in North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia);
- Developed under AEWA in collaboration with the Spanish BirdLife Partner;
- Technical support from BLI and WLI and local partner organizations;
- Sponsored by the Spanish development cooperation agency AECID;
- Put on hold due to a lack of funding



Activities in Africa III

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)

- Initiated in 2006; Celebrated every 2nd weekend of May;
- Led by AEWA, in collaboration with CMS and Partners (BLI);
- 12-13 May 2012: “Migratory birds and people – together through time” – Led by CMS Secretariat



World Migratory Bird Day

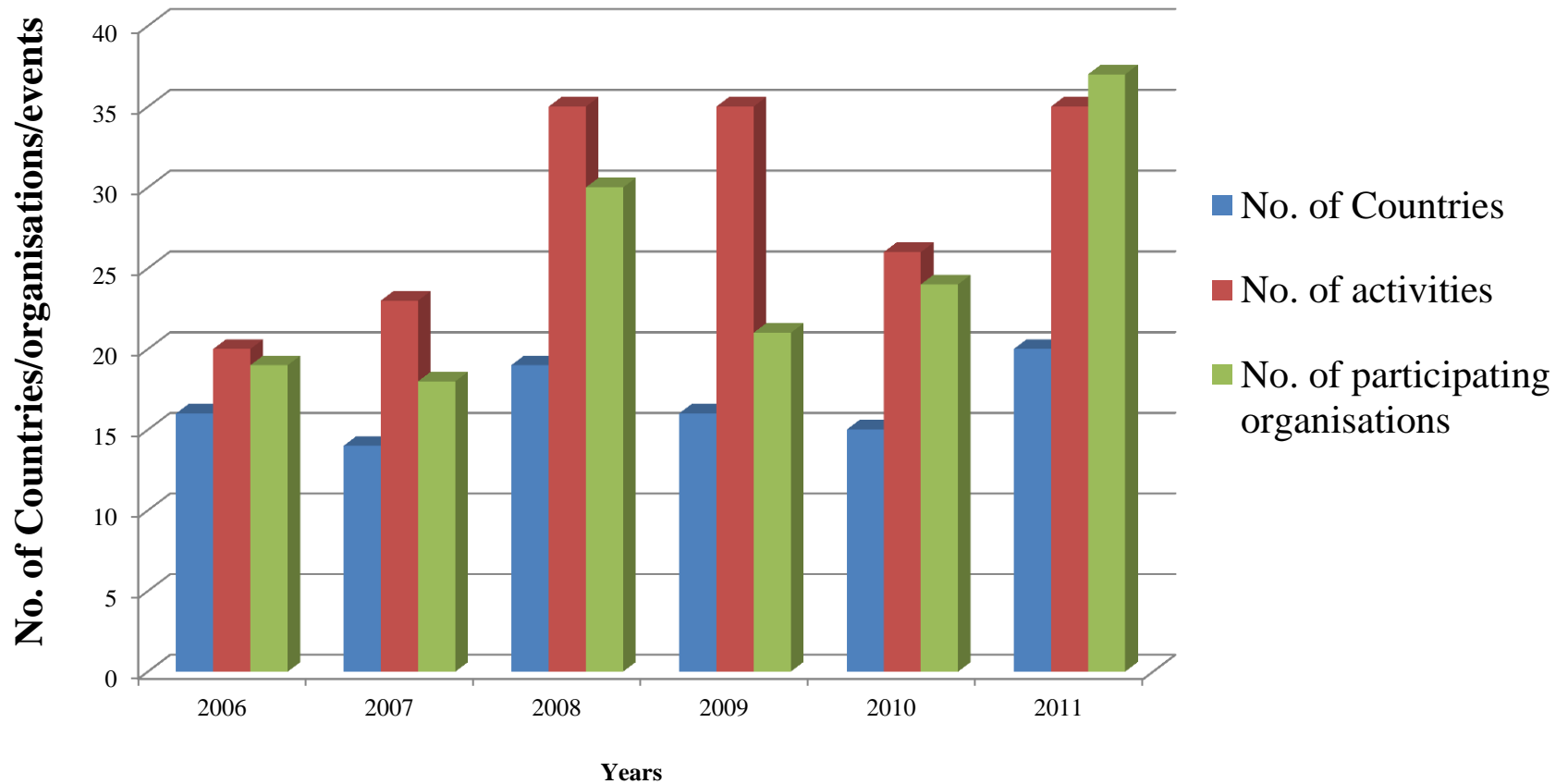


World Migratory Bird Day



WMBD - Africa

Number of African Range States, organisations and events registered for WMBD activities over time



Activities in Africa IV

African Initiative

- For the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitat in Africa: Adopted at the 4th Meeting of the Parties (MOP4, September 2008 in Madagascar);
- Coordinator recruited in 2009 thanks to Funding from France;
- Funding from Switzerland and Germany for other activities
- Activities: Plan of Action, recruitment of Parties, AEWA SGF, advisory services, etc

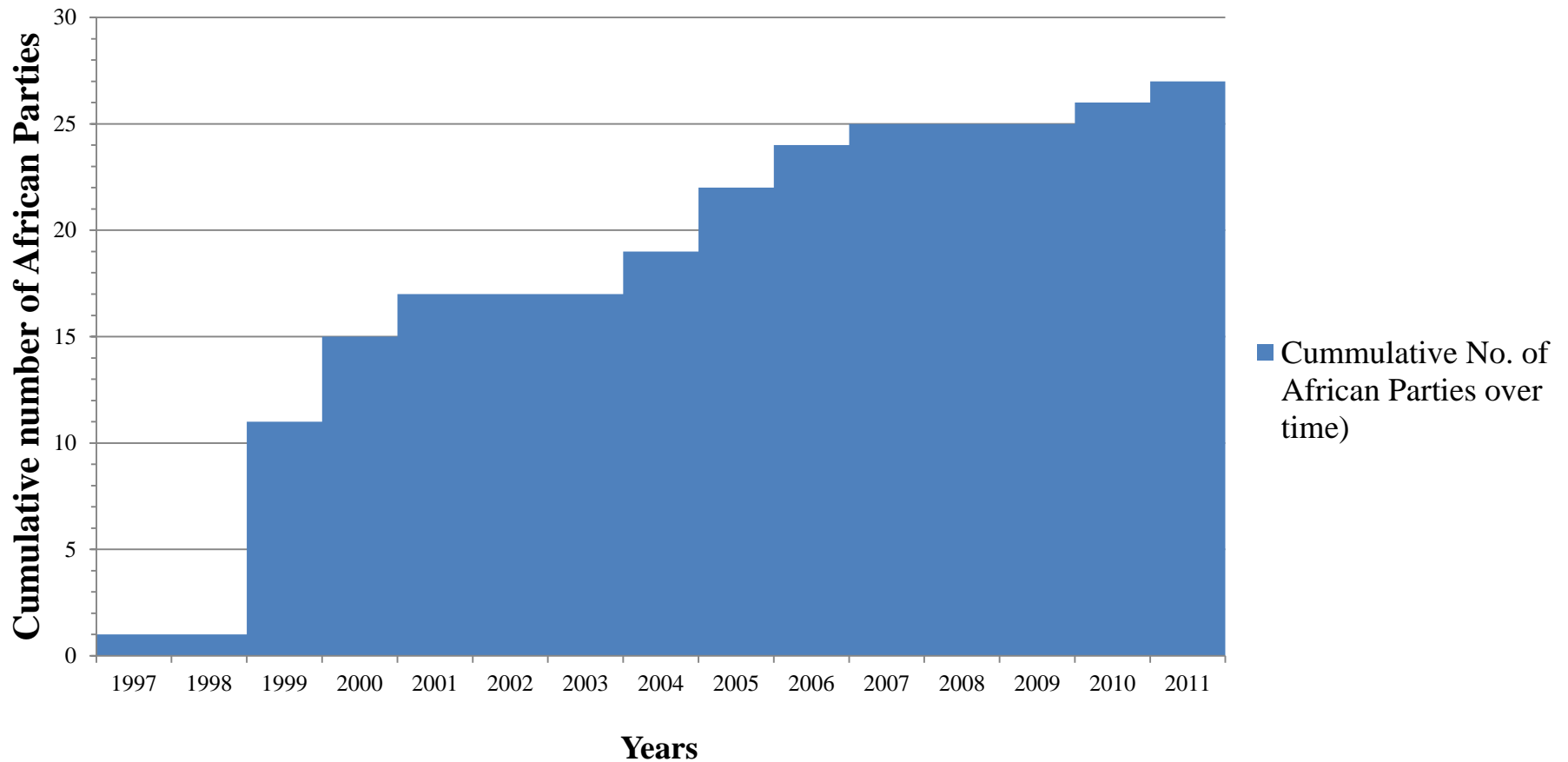


AEWA - Membership



AEWA Membership in Africa

Cummulative number of African Parties over time



AEWA Membership - Africa

CMS Parties in African which have not yet joined AEWA

No.	Country	No.	Country
1	Angola	9	Liberia
2	Burkina Faso	10	Mauritania
3	Burundi	11	Morocco
4	Cameroon	12	Mozambique
5	Cape Verde	13	Rwanda
6	Côte d'Ivoire	14	Sao Tome & Principe
7	D.R. Congo	15	Seychelles
8	Gabon	16	Somalia

AEWA SGF - Africa

Small Grants Funds (SGF) Programme

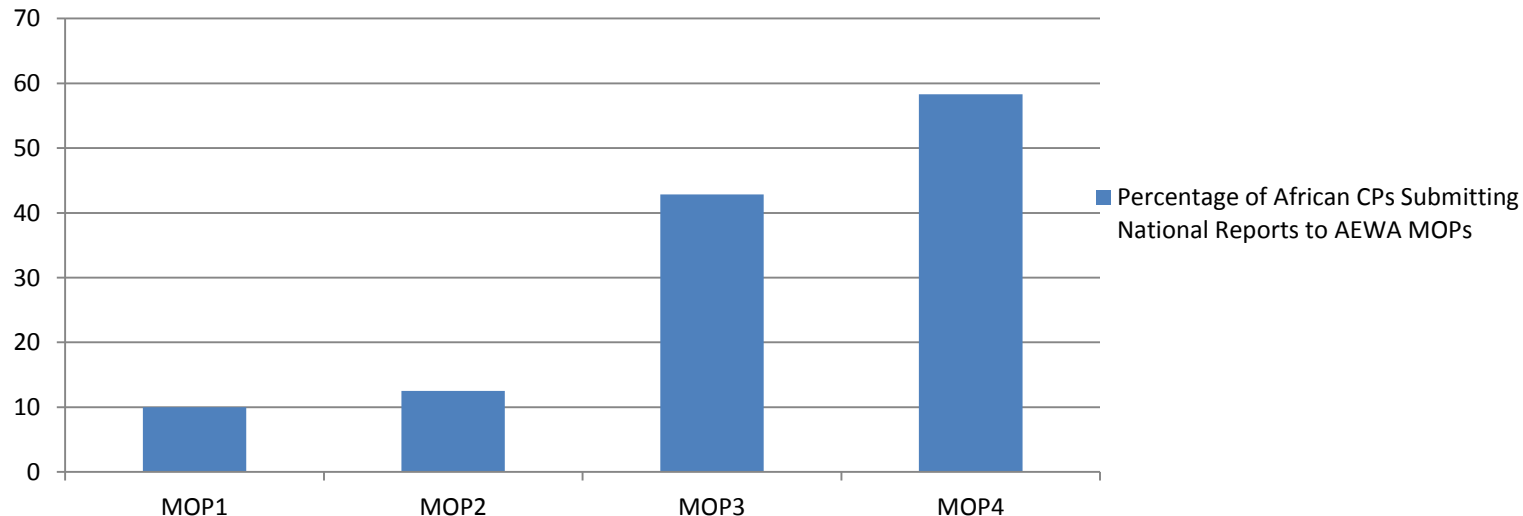
- To promote the implementation in developing countries and countries with economies in transition
- Launched for the 1st time for AEWA in 2010 (5 Projects: Kenya, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Egypt, Gambia)
- SGF in Africa - 20 000 EUR/year (2009-2012) in core budget
- 2011 Cycle is on-going
- Need to maintain and sustain SGF programme in Africa

MOP5 Issues Relevant for Africa I

National Reporting

- Online reporting system used for the first time;
- Secretariat has pre-filling and is sending;
- Training of NR correspondents in Africa;

Percentage of African CPs Submitting National Reports to AEWA MOPs



MOP 5 issues Relevant for Africa II

Plan of Action for Africa

- Preliminary draft prepared by Secretariat, in collaboration with the TC;
- Uses AEWA Strategic Plan as the framework;
- To be consulted by Parties and Partners (October 2011);
- Key issues for consideration during consultation:
 - Approach/framework its development
 - Coordination of its implementation
 - Content: actions/activities to be included
- Draft Resolution on the implementation of the African Initiative

Plan of Action for Africa

Some activities proposed under Plan of Action;

- Use of the WOW FTK and CSN Tool (ToTs, training, gap-filling);
- Promote and initiate twinning of sites;
- Capacity building: NFP roles and responsibilities, Online National Reporting System, EIA/SEA, etc;
- Development and implementation of SSAPs;
- SGF programme maintained for Africa;
- Promote consideration of livelihood considerations;
- Promote and harmonize waterbird ringing;
- Promote coordinated CEPA strategy;
- Promote and support WMBD celebration;
- Institute and implement regional preparatory workshops for MOP
- Bring more parties on board

MOP 5 issues Relevant for Africa III

Institutional Arrangements

- StC and TC
- Cooperation with other bodies and processes

Draft International SSAPs

- Draft SSAP for Slaty Egret
- 8 more globally threatened African AEWA populations in priority list for SSAPs
- Promote implementation SSAPs



MOP 5 issues Relevant for Africa IV

Communication Strategy

- Report on its implementation
- Proposal for update of the Strategy
- Need to link with African Plan of Action
- Need to incorporate WMBD as mandate of AEWA

Financial and Administrative matters

- Adoption of the core budget for the next triennium



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

