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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICAS FLYWAYS FRAMEWORK ACTION PLAN**

(*Prepared by the Secretariat*)

Summary:

This document presents an overview of the progress achieved in implementing the *Action Plan for the Americas Flyways 2018-2023*. It includes an analysis of feedback on the progress from the Americas Flyways Framework Task Force members.

The assessment conducted by the Secretariat is contained in the Annex to this document.

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Background

1. The [*Action Plan for the Americas Flyways 2018-2023*](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-americas-flyways-2018-2023-0) was adopted by the CMS Conference of the Parties at its 12th meeting (COP12, Manila, 2017). The aim of the Action Plan has been to support the implementation of the [*Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways 2014-2023*](https://www.cms.int/en/document/programme-work-migratory-birds-and-flyways-6) *(Flyways POW)* with regard to the Americas region, and the strategic goals of the [*Americas Flyways Framework*](https://www.cms.int/en/document/americas-flyways-framework-framework-conservation-migratory-birds-americas-0) (originally adopted through CMS Resolution 11.14[[1]](#footnote-2) at CMS COP11, Quito 2014); as well as to support the implementation of mandates of other instruments and initiatives active in the conservation and management of migratory birds in the region.
2. The Conference of Parties, at its 14th meeting (COP14, held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 2024), mandated the continuation of the Task Force through CMS [Resolution 12.11 (Rev.COP14) *Flyways*](https://www.cms.int/en/document/flyways-8).
3. With the mandate and implementation period of the global Flyways POW and of the Americas Flyways Action Plan closing in 2023, and in the light of the development of a the new [*Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024-2032*](https://www.cms.int/en/document/samarkand-strategic-plan-migratory-species-2024-2032), COP14 also adopted action-oriented [Decisions](https://www.cms.int/en/document/decisions-conference-parties-cms-effect-after-its-14th-meeting) *Flyways*, as follows:

***14.137 Directed to Parties***

***Parties:***

*[…]*

*c)are urged to support the Americas Flyway Task Force’s work, in particular the Task Force’s meetings and the review and/or update of the Americas Flyways Framework and the Action Plan for the Americas; […]*

***14.139 Directed to non-Parties, organizations and stakeholders in the Americas:***

*Non-Parties, organizations and stakeholders in the Americas are invited to actively engage in the review and update of the Americas Flyways Framework and the Action Plan for the Americas.*

***14.141 Directed to the Americas Flyways Task Force***

*The Americas Flyways Task Force shall, subject to the availability of external resources:*

1. *review and update the Americas Flyways Framework, and the Action Plan for the Americas in line with the CMS Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (SPMS) and aligned with those of other relevant MEAs working in the areas linked to migratory bird conservation, their habitats or threats associated with them; and*
2. *facilitate and monitor the implementation of the Action Plan for the Americas.*

***14.142 Directed to the Secretariat***

*The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources:*

1. *organize sub-regional meetings aimed at sharing best practices and lessons learned on flyway-scale conservation, awareness-raising, and on the development of adequate institutional frameworks to protect them;*
2. *support the work of the Flyways Working Group* [*FWG*](https://www.cms.int/en/search?search=Flyways%20Working%20Group)*, in particular by organizing its meetings, aiding the development of a monitoring tool to provide Parties with an objective, fact-based national self-assessment of the current status of flyways at national level, and helping to raise awareness of flyways conservation; and*
3. *support the Americas Flyway Task Force work, in particular by organizing the Task Force’s meetings and helping to update the Americas Flyways Framework* [*America Flyway Framework*](https://www.cms.int/en/document/americas-flyways-framework-framework-conservation-migratory-birds-americas-0) *and the Action Plan for the Americas* [*Action Plan for the Americas Flyways 2018-2023*](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-americas-flyways-2018-2023-0)*.*

Activities to implement Decision 14.142

1. In order to create a factual basis for assessing the implementation status of the current Americas Flyways Action Plan and identify the needs and aspects of a revision of the Action Plan to fulfil the COP decisions, the Secretariat sent a monitoring sheet to the Task Force members (16 Range States and 12 Observers) requesting them to review the implementation progress of each action and give their feedback. Subsequently, the Secretariat analysed the report and complied it and is contained in the [Annex](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-1) of this document.

Discussion and analysis

1. The Secretariat received feedback from 29% of the Task Force (TF) members, as summarized below:
2. [**Argentina**](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-2-argentina)**:** Used a traffic light system to indicate action status and additional comments on the specific status which have the traffic lights.
3. [**Brazil:**](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-2-brazil)Used a traffic light system to indicate action status and additional comments on the specific status which have the traffic lights.
4. [**Dominican Republic**](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-2-dominican-republic): Used a traffic light system to indicate action status, additionally they added comments on some action points.
5. [**Panama**](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-2-panama): Used a traffic light system to indicate action status.
6. [**Peru**](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-2-peru): Used a traffic light system to indicate action status and comments on the specific action with the traffic light.
7. [**United States of America**](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-2-united-states) **(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)**: Reviewed progress with **Canada** and **Mexico** via the Trilateral Committee for Wildlife Conservation and **proposed new actions** for consideration, which the Secretariat coded all the comments using a traffic light system (**BC**)
8. [**Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)**](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-2-afwa): Provided detailed comments on 10 items (highlighted in blue in summary sheet), offering insights for discussion.
9. [**BirdLife International**](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-2-birdlife-international): Submitted feedback with traffic light coding and added details on action progress, including references, justifications for challenges, contact information for responsible parties, and recommendations. Items with comments but no coding were assigned traffic light codes by the Secretariat *based on comments (BC)*

This collective feedback was synthesized into the monitoring summary sheets, with color coding reflecting each member’s input (see [Annex](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-1) ).

Recommended actions

1. The meeting is recommended to:
2. take note of the compilation of assessments of implementation of the action plan presented in the [Annex](https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-implementation-review-annex-1) of this document;
3. draw conclusions regarding the overall implementation status of the Action Plan in the region, as appropriate.

1. Superseded by [Resolution 12.11 (Rev.COP14)](https://www.cms.int/en/document/flyways-8) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)