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**1. General Objectives**

Improve the conservation status of southern South American migratory grassland bird species and their habitats, breeding, migration and non-breeding gathering grounds.

**2. Specific Objectives**

1. Promote the protection and management of grasslands important for migratory species.
2. Develop and coordinate monitoring and research programmes of the species of the MoU and their habitats.
3. Raising awareness on the importance of natural grasslands and threatened species.
4. Strengthen public policies for the preservation of natural grasslands.
5. Strengthen the institutions involved in the MOU.
6. Strengthen international cooperation among the country states to the MoU.

**To be completed:**

Definition of protected areas:

Put a note that the order of priority does not clearly reflect the priority for each country.

**Abreviations**

ONGs Non-governmental Organizations.

**URUGUAY**

APyF División Áreas Protegidas y Fauna

DGSA Dirección General de Servicios Agrícolas

DNA Dirección Nacional de Aduanas

DINAMA Dirección Nacional de Medio Ambiente

DINOT Dirección Nacional de Ordenamiento Territorial

DNV Dirección Nacional de Vialidad

IIBCE Instituto de Investigaciones Biológicas Clemente Estable

INASE Instituto Nacional de Semillas

INIA Instituto de Investigación Agropecuaria

MGAP Ministerio de Ganadería, Agricultura y Pesca

MTOP Ministerio de Transporte y Obras Públicas

MVOTMA Ministerio de Vivienda, Ordenamiento Territorial y Medio Ambiente

RENARE Dirección General de Recursos Naturales Renovables

PNN Prefectura Nacional Naval

PPR Proyecto Producción Responsable

SNAP Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas

**3. 2010-2015 Actions**

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| **Objective I: To promote the protection and management of grasslands of importance for migratory species** |

| **Programme** | **Activity** | **Priority/Degree of Difficulty** | **Involved Institutions –Actors**  | **Results Indicator** | **Period** |
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| 1.Creation and strengthening of conservation figures in important species areas | 1.1 To identify and propose potential areas for creation of PAs seeking regional representativeness and complementarity. The analysis of representativeness (GAP analysis) of existing protected areas and IBAs will be considered. | High / High | **Argentina**: APN, Gob. prov., SAyDS, NGOs.**Bolivia**: DGBAP, SERNAP, NGOs, Universities.**Brazil**: DIREP y DIBIO/ICMBIO, MMA Universities and NGOs.**Paraguay**: DGPCB/SEAM, Universities and NGOs.**Uruguay**: DINAMA (SNAP), RENARE (APyF), NGOs, Universities. | Number of, relative surface of representative and complementary areas identified, proposed, created and with management capacity. | 5 years |
| 1.2 Giving incentives to creation of private PAs. | High / High | **Argentina:** Prov Gov.., SAyDS, NGOs.**Brasil**: DIREP and DIBIO/ICMBIO, Owners in critical areas of Campos Sulinos de Rio Grande do Sul. **Bolivia**: DGBAP, SERNAP. Municipalities and governments. **Paraguay**: SEAM, partners, NGO.**Uruguay**: MVOTMA (SNAP). | Number of PAs established or acknowledged. | 5 years |
| 1.3 To include a component of grassland bird conservation in the management plans for PAs. | High /Low | **Argentina**: APN, Prov Gov.., SAyDS, NGOs.**Bolivia**: DGBAP, SERNAP**.****Brazil**: DIREP and DIBIO/ICMBIO.**Paraguay**: DASP/DGPCB/SEAM **Uruguay**: DINAMA (SNAP), RENARE (APyF). | Number of management plans or other planning tools, including the conservation of grassland birds. | 5 years |
| 2. Habitats management in non-protected areas | 2.1 To promote, develop and/or strengthen financial and/or market incentives, economic alternatives for farmers who manage grasslands in a manner consistent with the ecological requirements of species, especially in critical areas for threatened species. | High/ High | **Argentina**: INTA, SAGyP, SAyDS, APN, Prov Gov., NGOs.**Bolivia** DGBAP, governorates and municipalities**.****Brazil**: CEMAVE/ICMBIO, EMATER, EMBRAPA, Prefectures, NGOs and Universities.**Paraguay**: DGPCB, DVS, ARP, MAG, MIC. NGOs Universities. Municipalities and governments.**Uruguay**: DINAMA, MGAP (RENARE-PPR), municipalities, NGOs Universities. | Number of, and relative surface of critical areas identified.Incentives identified. Number of incentive projects implemented.Certification schemes for biodiversity friendly products developed. | 1 year5 years5 years |
| 2.2 Promote the conservation of native grasslands along land strips/shoulders on highways and local tracks.  | Medium/ High | **Argentina**: DNV, DVP, SAyDS, APN, Prov Gov., municipalities.**Bolivia**: DGBAP, governorates and municipalities.**Brazil**: CEMAVE/ICMBIO, DNIT, DETRAN, Prefectures. **Paraguay**: SEAM, MOPC, municipalities, governments.**Uruguay**: MVOTMA (DINOT), MGAP (RENARE), MTOP (DNV), town/city councils. | Km/surface of roads with land strips promoting the conservation of native grasslands.Laws/regulations of land strips management of public domain. | 5 years |
| 2.3 Give incentive to projects involving habitat management demonstration units in experimental fields, depending on the species habitat requirements  | Medium/Medium | **Argentina**: INTA, SAGyP, SAyDS, Prov Gov., NGOs. Municipalities.**Bolivia**: DGBAP, governorates and municipalities, universities, NGOs.**Brazil**: CEMAVE/ICMBIO, EMBRAPA, EMATER, Universities. **Paraguay**: SEAM, partners, IPTA, Universities.**Uruguay**: MVOTMA (DINAMA), MGAP (RENARE-PPR) INIA. | Number of projects involving habitat management illustrative units in experimental fields. | 5 years |
| 2.4 Promote the use of native seeds and fodder plants in pastoral systems to promote the use of native pastures.  | Medium/ High | **Argentina**: INTA, SAGyP, SAyDS, Prov Gov., NGOs. Municipalities.**Bolivia**: DGBAP, governorates and municipalities, universities, NGOs,SENASAG.**Brazil**: CEMAVE and DIBIO/ICMBIO, EMBRAPA, EMATER, Universities.**Paraguay**: SEAM/DVS, partners, SENAVE, NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE-PPR-DGSA) INIA, Universities. | Number of farmers and communities adopting systems using native seeds. Number of hectares planted with native species. | 5 years |

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| **Objective II. To develop and coordinate monitoring and research programs of the MOU species and their habitats.** |

| **Programme** | **Activity** | **Priority/Degree of Difficulty**  | **Actors - Institutions** | **Results Indicator** | **Time****line** |
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| 3. Basic Research | 3.1 Analyze the species representativeness in the existing protected areas system (GAP Analysis) in the region. | High /Low | **Argentina**: Nat. Univ., CONICET, NGOs.**Bolivia**: DGBAP, universities, NGOs, SERNAP.**Brazil**: DIREP and DIBIO/ ICMBIO, MMA, Universities and NGOs. **Paraguay**: DGPCB/SEAM, Universities and NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), MVOTMA (SNAP), Universities and NGOs. | GAP analysis by country.GAP analysis for the grasslands region. | 2 years3 years |
| 3.2 To undertake niche modelling researches in key areas for species conservation | Medium/Medium | **Argentina**: Nat.Univ., CONICET, NGOs.**Bolivia**: universities, NGOs.**Brazil**: CEMAVE, Universities, NGOs,**Paraguay**: DGPCB/SEAM, partners Universities and NGOs.**Brazil**: DIBIO/DIREP/ICMBIO, partners Universities and NGOs.**Uruguay**: DINAMA (SNAP), RENARE (APyF), NGOs, Universities. | Number of modellings conducted. | 5 years |
| 3.3 To improve migration routes and species habitat needs knowledge | High / High | **Argentina**: Nat.Univ., CONICET, NGOs.**Bolivia**: DGBAP, universities, NGOs**.****Brazil**: CEMAVE/ICMBIO, Universities, NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP, Universities, NGOs.**Paraguay**: DVS, MNHNP, CDC, NGOs, Universities. | Number of reports/ publications on migration routes and habitat needs. | 5 years |
| 3.4 To carry out comparative studies in grasslands under different types of management | High /Low | **Argentina**: INTA, Nat.Univ., CONICET, NGOs.**Bolivia**: universities, NGOs.**Brazil**: CEMAVE/ICMBIO, Universities, NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP, Universities, NGOs,**Paraguay**: DVS, MNHNP, CDC, NGOs, Universities. | Comparative studies by country produced. | 5 years |
| 3.5 To progress in taxonomic clarification. | Medium/Medium | **Argentina**: Nat.Univ., CONICET Nat, H. Museum), NGOs.**Bolivia**:universities, NGOs.**Brazil**: CEMAVE/ICMBIO, Universities, NGOs.**Paraguay**: DGPCB-CONACYT, Universities.**Uruguay**: MGAP, IIBCE Universities. | Taxonomic relationships established, especially for *Sporophila* spp.Amount of research conducted or in progress. | 5 years |
| 3.6 To promote demographic studies. | High /Medium | **Argentina**: Nat.Universities, CONICET, NGOs, SAyDS.**Bolivia**: universities, NGOs.**Brazil**: CEMAVE/ICMBIO, MAPA, MS, Universities, NGOs.**Paraguay**: DVS, SENACSA, MSPBS, NGOs, Universities.**Uruguay**: MGAP, Universities, NGOs. | Demographic studies completed or in progress.Data published. | 5 years |
| 4. Population and habitat monitoring | 4.1 Developing and implementing an international ringing programme.  | High /Medium  | **Argentina**: Nat.Univ., CONICET, NGOs, SAyDS.**Brazil**: CEMAVE, RAAHO, Universities.**Bolivia**:universities, NGOs.**Paraguay**: SEAM, NGOs, Universities.**Uruguay**: MGAP, Universities, NGOs. | Programme developed and capacity conducted. Ringed birds per country. | 5 years |
| 4.2 Promote a single monitoring protocol for each species or group of species.  | High /Low | **Argentina**: Nat.Univ., CONICET, NGOs, SAyDS.**Bolivia**:universities, NGOs.**Brazil**: CEMAVE, Universities, NGOs.**Paraguay**: DVS, MNHNP, CDC, NGOs, Universities.**Uruguay**: MGAP, Universities, NGOs. | Protocol established Monitoring program established. | 1 year2 years |
| 4.3 To set a knowledge baseline on species abundance, distribution and conservation status. Move to 4 | High /Low | **Argentina**: Nat.Univ., CONICET, NGOs.**Bolivia**:universities, NGOs.**Brazil**: CEMAVE/DIBIO/ICMBIO, Universities, NGOs.**Paraguay**: DVS, MNHNP, CDC, NGOs, Universities.**Uruguay**: MGAP, Universities, NGOs. | knowledge baseline set for each country.  | 2 years |
|  | 4.4 Promote/conduct epidemiological studies and on the impact of human activities on bird populations. | High /Medium | **Argentina**: Nat.Univ., CONICET, NGOs, SAyDS.**Brazil**: MAPA, IBAMA ICMBIO, partners, Universities, NGOs.**Bolivia**:universities , NGOs.**Paraguay**: SEAM, partners NGOs, Universities.**Uruguay**: MGAP (DGSA), Universities, NGOs. | Studies conducted. Data published. | 5 years |
| 5. Information facilitation and systematization | 5.1 Promote development of a single protocol for information systematization. | High /Medium | **Argentina**: Nat.Univ., CONICET, NGOs, SAyDS.**Bolivia**: DGBAP, universities, NGOs**.****Brazil**: CEMAVE (SNA), Universities.**Paraguay**: SEAM, partners NGOs, Universities.**Uruguay**: MGAP, Universities, NGOs. | Contacts with LAMNA (WBL ringing) / GROMS / GBIF, Aves Internacionales, BirdLife, RAAHO, AKN, etc.Protocol established. | 1 year5 years |

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| **Objective III. To raise awareness on the importance of natural grasslands and endangered species.** |

| **Programme** | **Activity** | **Priority/Degree of Difficulty**  | **Actors - Institutions** | **Results Indicator** | **Timeline** |
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| 6. Capacity building for farmers and wider society | 6.1 Develop a manual of best practices aimed at farmers and wider society | Medium/Medium | **Argentina:** INTA, Univ. Nac., Gob. Prov., ONGs, SAyDS.**Bolivia:** DGBAP, universidades, ONGs.**Brasil**: EMBRAPA, EMATER.**Paraguay**: MAG (Extensión) FCA (Ecología Humana, DPA), SEAM (Educación), ONGs.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE-PPR), INIA, Universidades. | Number of manuals produced and circulated. | 2 years |
| 6.2 Conduct capacity building courses on best practices and conservation aimed at stakeholders (Municipalities, governments. educators, producers, rural associations etc.). | Medium/Medium | **Argentina:** INTA, Univ. Nac., Gob. Prov., ONGs, SAyDS.**Bolivia:** DGBAP, universidades, ONGs.**Brasil**: EMBRAPA, EMATER.**Paraguay**: MAG (Extensión) FCA (Ecología Humana, DPA), SEAM (Educación).**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE-PPR), INIA, Universidades. | Number of courses implemented.Outreach materials produced. Number of people trained. | 3 years |
| 7. Outreach, education | 7.1 Development of a logo that identifies the MOU and its objectives. | High /Low | MoU members | Logo defined and produced. | 1 year |
| 7.2 To develop educational campaigns to discourage species illegal trade. | High /Medium | **Argentina****Brazil**: IBAMA, CEMAVE/DIBIO/ ICMBIO, Environmental Police.**Bolivia:** DGBAP, customs, municipalities, governorates, universities, NGOs **Paraguay**: SEAM (Education, DFAI, DVS), NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), NGOs. | Number of campaigns implemented. | 5 yearsActivity continua |
| 7.3 To promote outreach and assessment campaigns on species and their environments. | High /Low | **Argentina** NGOs, SAyDS, Prov. Gov.**Brazil:** CEMAVE/ICMBIO, EMBRAPA, EMATER.**Bolivia** DGBAP, universities NGOs. **Paraguay**: MAG (Extension) FCA (Human Ecology, DPA), SEAM (Education), NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), NGOs. | Number of social groups made aware. Number of lectures and materials distributed in rural exhibitions and other events. Outreach materials produced. | 2 years2 years1 year |
| 7.4 Developing, producing outreach material on the species and their environments. | High /Low | **Argentina:** NGOs, SAyDS, Prov. Gov.**Brasil**: CEMAVE IBAMA, /ICMBIO, Environmental Police.**Bolivia:** DGBAP, universities, NGOs **Paraguay**: SEAM (Education, DFAI, DVS), NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), NGOs. | Outreach materials produced, | 3 years |
| 7.5 To promote organization of symposia on grassland birds in national/international ornithology meetings, conservation meetings and agricultural sector meetings | High /Low | **Argentina:** Research institutes, Nat.Univ., NGOs.**Brazil:** CEMAVE/ICMBIO, EMBRAPA, EMATER, Universities, NGOs.**Bolivia** DGBAP, universities NGOs **Paraguay**: SEAM (Education), NGOs, Universities.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), Universities, NGOs. | Number of symposia conducted per country. | 5 years |
|  | 7.6 Promote and circulate appropriate practices on prescribed fire management.  | High /Medium | **Argentina** INTA, NGOs, SAyDS (CPNMF), Prov. Gov. SAGYP**.****Bolivia** **Brazil:** CEMAVE/ICMBIO, IBAMA.**Paraguay**: DGPCB/SEAM, CONAM.**Uruguay**: MGAP, MVOTMA (DINAMA). | Number of implemented campaigns, | 5 years |

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| **Objective IV. To strengthen public policies for natural grasslands preservation** |

| **Programme** | **Activity** | **Priority/ Degree of Difficulty**  | **Actors - Institutions** | **Results Indicator** | **Timeline** |
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| 8. Legislation | 8.1 To draft the development of the legal framework for grasslands preservation in non-protected areas. | Medium/ High | **Argentina** SAGyP, SAyDS, Prov. Gov.**Brazil:** DIBIO, ICMBIO, CONAMA.MMA.**Bolivia:** DGBAP, Governorates and municipalities**.****Paraguay**: DGPCB/SEAM, CONAM.**Uruguay**: MVOTMA (DINAMA), MGAP (RENARE). | Regulations promulgated / issued,  | 5 years |
| 8.2 Develop and implement grasslands planning tools | Medium/Medium | **Argentina** INTA, NGOs, SAyDS (CPNMF), Prov. Gov. SAGYP.**Bolivia:** DGBAP, Governorates and municipalities.**Brazil:** DIBIO, ICMBIO, SISNAMA. MMA.**Paraguay**: DGPCB/SEAM, CONAM.**Uruguay**: MGAP, MVOTMA (DINAMA-DINOT). | Territorial planning tools and action plans produced, implemented.Operational plans per year per country. | 5 years1 year |
|  | 8.3 Promoting and implementing regulations on the use of grasslands invasive alien species | High / High | **Argentina:** SAGYP, INTA, SAYDS, Province governments.**Bolivia:** DGBAP, SENASAG, Governments, Municipalities.**Brasil:** DIBIO/ICMBIO, IBAMA, MMA.**Paraguay**: DGPCB/SEAM, CONAM, SENAVE.**Uruguay**: MGAP (DGSA, INASE) INIA. | Number of regulations proposed and implemented. | 3 to 5 years |
| 9. Enforcement | 9.1 Developing and implementing control programs to prevent illegal capture and trade. | High / High | **Argentina:** SAYDS, provincial governments, Federal Police, National Gendarmerie, National Prefecture, Provincial Police.**Bolivia:** DGBAP, governorates, municipalities, National Customs, National Police.**Brasil:** IBAMA, DIBIO and CGPRO/ICMBIO, Environmental Police.**Paraguay**: SEAM (DFAI), DVS, National Customs, Coast guard.**Uruguay**: RENARE, Policía Nacional, PNN, DNA. | Number of programs developed and implemented.Number of specimens confiscated. | 3 years |
| 9.2 To regulate and enforce the use of highways and roads shoulders (verges, land strips) for agricultural activities within important species areas. | Low / High | **Argentina** DNV, DVP, Prov Gob.**Bolivia** DGBAP, SERNAP, Governorates and municipalities.**Brazil:** IBAMA, DNIT, DETRAN.**Paraguay**: SEAM (DFAI) MOPC.**Uruguay**: MVOTMA (DINOT), MTOP (DNV). | Km of land strips/shoulders of roads through priority areas enforced. | 5 yearsContinuous activity  |
| 9.3 Assessing species illegal trade volume and geographic scale. | High / High | **Argentina:** SAYDS, customs, provincial governments, Federal Police, National Gendarmerie, National Prefecture, Provincial Police.**Bolivia:** DGBAP, governorates, municipalities, National Customs, National Police.**Brasil:** IBAMA, CGPRO/ICMBIO, Environmental Police, Federal Police.**Uruguay**: RENARE, Policía Nacional, PNN, DNA.**Paraguay**: SEAM (DFAI), DVS, Customs, Coast guard. | Diagnostics developed and circulated. | 2 years |
| 9.4 Environmental licenses enforcement and monitoring in areas of importance for the migratory species. | High / High | **Argentina:** SAYDS, provincial governments. **Bolivia:** DGMAA, governorates, municipalities.**Brasil:** IBAMA, CGPRO/ICMBIO, State Secretariats of Environment.**Uruguay**: RENARE, MVOTMA (DINAMA).**Paraguay**: SEAM (DFAI), DVS, DGCCA. | Number of licenses controlled in areas of importance for migratory birds. | Annual |

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| **Objective V. To strengthen institutions involved in the MOU** |

| **Programme** | **Activity** | **Priority/ Degree of Difficulty**  | **Actors - Institutions** | **Results Indicator** | **Period** |
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| 10. Institutional strengthening | 10.1 Promoting and implementing projects funding and development to implement the action plan. | High / High | **Argentina:** SAYDS,provincial governments, Universities, NGOs, Nac. CONICET.**Bolivia:** VMA (DGBAP), Universities, NGOs.**Brazil**: DIBIO y CEMAVE/ICMBIO, (PROBIO), NGOs.**Paraguay:** SEAM, CONACYT, NGOs, Universities, MAG.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), Universities, NGOs. | Number of projects funded and developed.  | 5 years |
| 11. Agreements/ partnerships  | 11.1 Promote agreements and/or partnerships with universities and scientific and conservation institutions. | High/Medium | **Argentina:****Bolivia:**DGBAP, universities, NGO.**Brazil**: DIBIO y CEMAVE/ICMBIO, Universities, NGOs.**Paraguay:** SEAM, ITAIPU, EBY, CONACYT, MAG, IPTA, Universities, NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), MVOTMA (DINAMA), Universities, NGOs. | Number of agreements, alliances established. | 2 years |
| 12. Capacity building | 12.1 Capacity building on species identification aimed at regulatory agents | High /High | **Argentina:** SAYDS, prov, gov. NGOs, gendarmerie, national prefecture, municipalities, federal police, National Customs, prov. Police.**Bolivia:** DGBAP, SENASAC, governorates, municipalities, universities, Customs, national police.**Brazil**: DIBIO y CEMAVE/ICMBIO, federal and environment police, Universities, NGOs.**Paraguay:** SEAM (MNHNP), Universities, NGOs, customs, environmental police.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), Universities, NGOs. PNN, DNA, national police. | Number of capacity building courses conducted.Number of people trained. | 2 years and then continuous |

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| **Objective VI. To strengthen international cooperation among the countries party to the Memorandum of Understanding** |

| **Programme** | **Activity** | **Priority/Degree of Difficulty**  | **Actors - Institutions** | **Results Indicator** | **Timeline** |
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| 13. International Cooperation  | 13.1 To generate an interactive system for information sharing and to systematize monitoring of migratory species. | Medium/High | **Argentina:** SAYDS (SYAN).**Bolivia:** DGBAP.**Brazil**: DIBIO and CEMAVE/ICMBIO.**CMS Secretariat****Paraguay:** SEAM (MNHNP).**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE). | Interactive system in place.Discussion workshops implemented. | 3 years1 year |
| 13.2 To establish North-South cooperation agreements for the conservation of Nearctic species (WHMSI, NMBCA, WHSRN, CWS, USFWS).  | Medium/Medium | **Argentina:****Bolivia:****Brazil**: DIBIO**/**ICMBIO, MMA, MRE, NGOs.**CMS Secretariat****Paraguay:** SEAM (DPE), NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), NGOs. | Cooperation tools signed. | 3 years |
| 13.3 Promote technical –scientific expertise exchange among Memorandum actors  | High /Low | **Argentina:** SAYDS (DFS), Prov, gov, NGO.**Bolivia:** universities, DGBAP.**Brazil**: DIBIO and CEMAVE/ICMBIO, Universities, NGOs.**Paraguay:** SEAM, Universities, NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), Universities, NGOs. | Number of workshops, participation in capacity building courses, internships, field courses. | 2 years and then annual |
|  | 13.4 Explore natural grasslands potential as sinks for carbon credit markets. Conduct basic research. | Medium/ High | **Argentina: Nat.Univ.,** INTA, SAYDS (climate change),**Bolivia:** universities, DGBAP, NGOs,**Brazil**: DIBIO/ICMBIO, MMA Universities, NGOs.**Paraguay:** SEAM, partners: Universities, NGOs.**Uruguay**: MVOTMA (DINAMA), partners: Universities, NGOs. | Reports/diagnoses produced. | 3 years |
| 13.5 To promote the creation of a PAs “regional network” to coordinate common activities/ management protocols. | Medium/High | **Argentina:** prov. gov. Municipalities, APN SAYDS (GTAP) NGOs.**Brazil**: DIREP/DIBIO/ ICMBIO, Universities, NGOs MMA.**Bolivia:** SERNAT, DGBAP**.****Paraguay:** SEAM, Universities, NGOs.Municipalities, governorates.**Uruguay**: MGAP (RENARE), MVOTMA (DINAMA-SNAP), Universities, NGOs. | Regional contacts established.Regional network created.  | 3 and5 years |
| 13.6 To explore the possibility to link the MoU with related initiatives/conventions | Medium/Medium | **CMS Secretariat** | link established, IUCN and Birdlife grassland initiative, CBD, CMNUCC, CNULD, Ramsar, others. | 3 years |
|  | 13.7 Achieve financial support to implement the MoU coordination meetings. | High /Medium | **Argentina:** SAyDS, NGOs.**Bolivia:** DGBAP **Brazil**: DIBIO/ICMBIO, MMA, PROBIO partners: Universities, NGOs.**Uruguay**: MGAP, partners: Universities, NGOs.**Paraguay:** SEAM, partners: Universities, NGOs. | meetings taking place periodically. | 3 years |