



Implementation of Raptors MoU in the Czech Republic

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At the beginning it is necessary to say that...



...while the history of the Czech membership in Raptors MoU is very short...



Signature ceremony on 5 November 2014, COP CMS

However...



...the raptors conservation and research has a long history in the Czech Republic

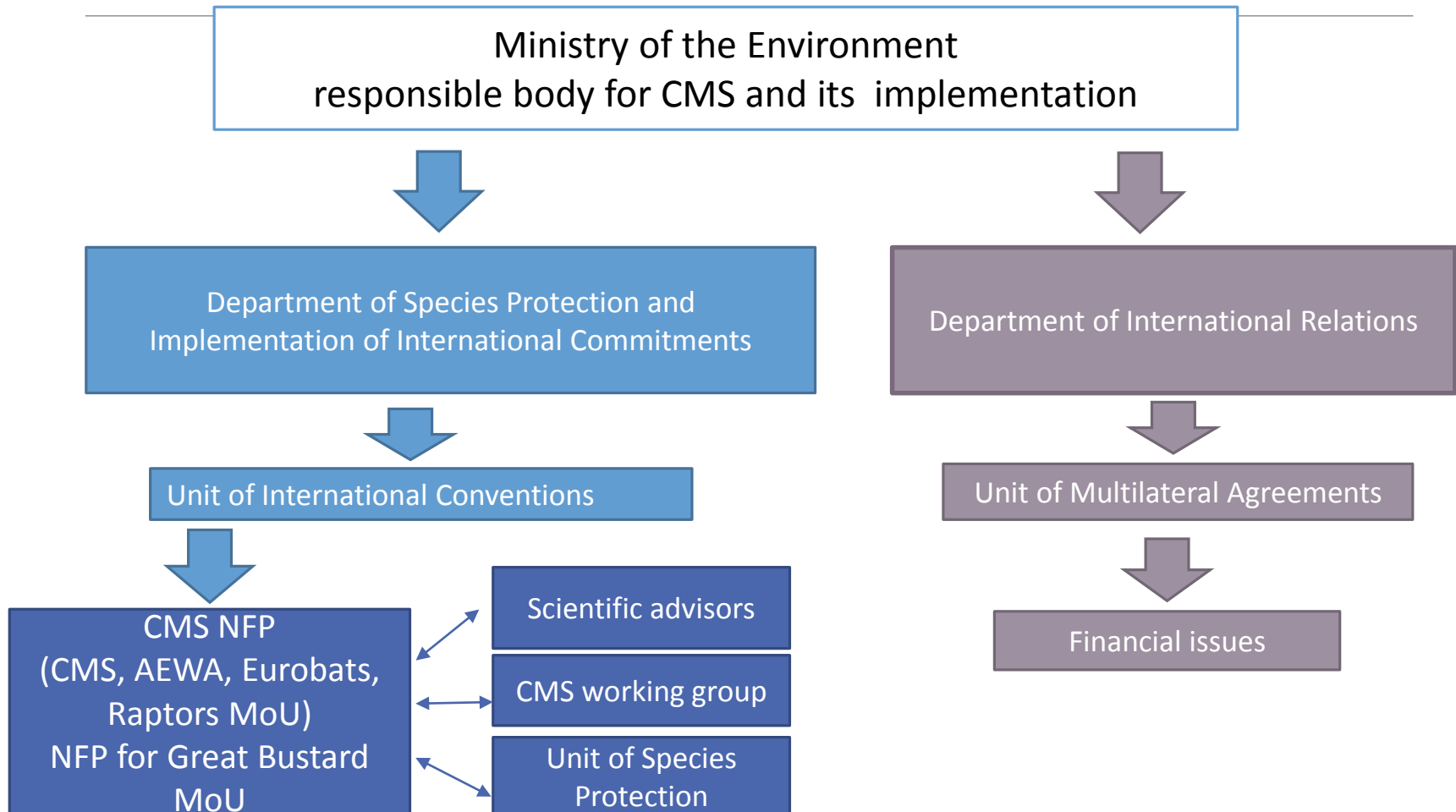


Czech Republic and CMS Instruments



CMS Instrument	Status	Status date	Notes
CMS	Party	01.05.1994	
AEWA	Party	01.09.2006	Final Act: 16.06.1995
EUROBATS	Party	24.02.1994	Acceded.
Middle-European Great Bustard	MOU Signatory	18.02.2008	
Birds of Prey (Raptors)	MOU Signatory	01.12.2014	Signature: 05.11.2014

CMS in the Czech Republic





Working group for CMS (I)

- ✓ Established in 2001
- ✓ Advisory body for CMS NFP (CMS implementation)
- ✓ Advisory body for MoE in migratory species conservation

- ✓ Goal: to help the successful implementation of CMS and its instruments
- ✓ Usually 1 meeting a year (January, February)



Working group for CMS (II)

Members- Involved persons and organisations

- NFP of CMS, AEWA and Eurobats (MoE)
- NFP of Great Bustard MoU
- Scientific advisor for CMS
- Scientific advisor for AEWA
- Scientific advisor for Eurobats
- Scientific advisor for Great Bustard
- Head of Unit of Species Protection
- Representatives of Department of International Relations, MoE (financial issues)
- Czech Society for Ornithology
- Czech Ringing Society
- Nature Conservation Agency



CMS Expert working groups

- WG for Eurobats
- WG for Great Bustard MoU
- **WG for Raptors MoU**
- WG for AEWA (planned)

Separate regular annual meetings (project reports, project preparation and evaluation, preparation for COP, MOP and MoS)

Expert working group for Raptors MoU



Established in February 2015

Structure - Involved persons and organisations

- CMS NFP (head)
- Scientific advisor for raptors
- Scientific advisor for CMS
- Representatives of Czech Society for Ornithology
- Representatives of Nature Conservation Agency
- Head of Species Conservation Unit, MoE
- Experts on birds of prey

Challenges



- To facilitate the implementation of Raptors MoU and national raptors conservation through national raptor strategy
- To established a good and successful multisectorial cooperation (MoE, MoA, Mo Industry, Ministry of Interior and Police and hunting association)
- To find solution for Illegal killing (poisoning by carbofuran mainly!)
- Capacity building
- Public awareness
- To ensure the coordinated monitoring of all raptor species
- International cooperation

Visions ...are in concordance with MoU priority actions



General

To ensure Raptors MoU implementation

Research

To assess and monitor the raptor populations and their status and threats

Raptors protection

To ensure the protection of all species from illegal killing, including poisoning, shooting and persecution

To contribute to the conservation of raptor habitats and important sites

CEPA

To strengthen training, education and communication processes to increase public awareness on the importance of raptors, their current plight and the threats that they face and the measures that need to be taken to conserve them.

Cooperation

International and national levels

Work plan



- The main operational goal of the WG for the period 2015-2017 has been the formulation of the **National Raptors Conservation Strategy** to implement the Raptors MoU and to improve the status of raptors in the Czech Republic
- The second operational goal is the successful implementation of the Strategy

Goals of the National Raptor Strategy



- Research /incl. monitoring/
- Protection
- Poisoning
- Projects proposals
- Action plans (Saker Falcon is a priority)
- Legislation
- Communication – Education – Public awareness – Capacity building
- International cooperation and sharing experience and knowledge

Resources



International/EU level:

- Raptors MoU (text)
- Guidelines for Preparing National or Regional Raptor Conservation and Management Strategies
- EU Raptors Conservation Strategy

National level:

- State Programme of Nature Conservation (2010 – 2020)
- Law on Nature Conservation
- Enthusiastic persons 😊

Thank you for your attention!

