
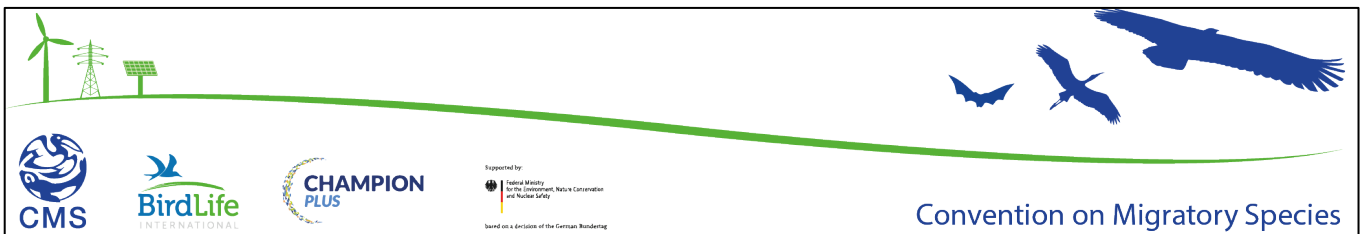


April Virtual Meeting of the CMS Multi-Stakeholder Energy Task Force


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Despite the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the first quarter of 2021 has enabled a number of workplan items to have been progressed since the ETF5 meeting in December (ETF5 meeting resources and outcomes [here](#)). The ETF information resource document and new 2021-2024 workplan have all been finalised and uploaded onto the ETF webpage, which has also been updated. The process for developing some green recovery information and resources has also begun, amongst a number of other workplan elements.

In addition, a number of new guidelines and resources have been added to the webpage based on previous ETF discussions. These include the new IUCN and The Biodiversity Consultancy global guidelines [Mitigating biodiversity impacts associated with solar and wind energy development: guidelines for project developers](#) and the [Quick guidance preventing electrocution on birds](#), reported by the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF), the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) at previous meetings.

The ETF powerline and technical working groups have now been established, with terms and conditions and 2021 workplans being developed, and we look forward to presentations on these in the virtual meeting. Both working groups welcome feedback and further input on their established scope and plans for 2021.

We welcome a number of new ETF members and observers to the network, including:

- The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat, represented by Mr. Oliver Hillel (member)
- Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society represented by Mr. Mengistu Wondafrash and Mr. Mekonnen Biru (observer)
- Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon (SPNL), represented by Ms. Bassima Khatib and Mr. Elie El Haddad (observer)
- South African Bat Assessment Association (SABAA) represented by Ms. Eleanor Richardson and Dr. Caroline Lötter (observer)
- EuroNatur represented by Ms. Ilka Beermann and Mr. Stefan Ferger (observer)

The following section provides links to recent Task Force deliverables, and will be referenced during the virtual meeting:

- [ETF Work Plan 2021 - 2024](#)
- [Mitigating biodiversity impacts associated with solar and wind energy development: guidelines for project developers](#)
- Case Study: Retrofitting Powerlines for Saker Falcons in Mongolia (a link will soon be available via the ETF webpage)
- Case Study: Powerlines and Bird Reporting Portal – Germany (a link will soon be available via the ETF webpage)