



Doc 23.1.4 Conservation of Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region



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Purpose/Objective

- To improve the conservation status of migratory landbird species in the African-Eurasian region through the international coordination of action for these species, and catalysing action at the national level.
- To develop an ***initial overarching, strategic framework for action*** at the international level to conserve, restore and sustainably manage populations of migratory landbird species and their habitats.
- To complement pre-existing action of CMS Instruments (AEWA and Raptors MOU)

Species Covered

- 34 globally threatened
- 124 Least Concern with decreasing population trends
- 346 Least Concern species with increasing, unknown, or stable populations
- Blue Swallow (*Hirundo atrocaerulea*), Aquatic Warbler (*Acrocephalus paludicola*), Spotted Ground Thrush (*Zoothera guttata*), Basra Reed-Warbler (*Acrocephalus Griseldis*), Northern Bald Ibis (*Geronticus eremita*)



Map of the Area included in the Action Plan



Threats

- Habitat loss and degradation
- Taking and trade
- Disease
- Risk of collision
- Climate Change



Action Plan – Legislation

- Promote habitat conservation by reduction of risks from agriculture, timber extraction, water management, energy, re-vegetation, and climate change
- Regulations on legal taking
- Promotion of international regulations against illegal hunting, taking and trade
- Restrictions against toxic substances



Action Plan – Improved knowledge

- Encourages further research on
 - human disturbances and human-wildlife conflict
 - migratory patterns and connectivity within flyways
- Monitoring of population trends
- Building capacity to encourage exchange of information, collaboration, and coordination between researchers
- Improve public awareness



Classification System

To organize the numerous actions, each was ranked through a classification scheme designating the timeline and relative priority of the action:

- S – results expected in the short term and actions are already ongoing (3 years or less)
- M –Medium term
- L – Long term (9 years or more)
- 1 – High Priority (activities needed to prevent extinction etc.)
- 2 – Medium (to prevent or reverse
- 3 – Low

Tools to Promote the Action Plan

Migratory Landbird Species Study Group:

- International Network of Specialists and Organizations
- Run on a voluntary basis
- Collects, consolidates and distributes relevant research and monitoring information

Friends of the Landbird Action Plan

- An initiative to use online social media to provide a forum on Landbirds
- Encourages public awareness and information sharing

Draft Resolution

- Incorporates recommendations from the Action Plan
- Calls for national parties to address major threats: illegal and unsustainable hunting and taking, pesticides etc.
- Request continued cooperation and research to address key gaps in knowledge and future research directions, including working group meetings
- Adopts the Action Plan

Future Action

- Review the Action Plan and Draft Resolution
- Consider national position in light of:
 - Pre-existing national regulations
 - Stakeholder input

