

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP TO THE RAPTORS MOU

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TAG Workplan 2023-2026 and comments received at MOS3

(prepared by the Coordinating Unit)

1. The table below includes (marked in 'False Track Changes') the amendments to the Mandate column based on the revised Term of reference of the TAG as approved by the Third Meeting of Signatories to the Raptors MOU (MOS3).

Mandate ¹	Action	Expected Output	Lead (L) & Contributor (C)	Priority Level	Funding Required (USD)
TOR 2 (iii) ROP 16(2)	1. Ensure changes in taxonomy and/or conservation status and knowledge of movement of migratory raptors are reflected in the Raptors MOU lists.	Amendments to Annexes 1, 2 and 3 (Table 1 and Table 3) proposed to MOS.	L: V. Jones C: R. Buij	Core activity	~30,000
ROP 16.3(c)	2. Review proposals submitted to MOS for the inclusion of species in Annex 1 of the MOU.	Written comments on each proposal tabled by Signatories.	L: O. Hatzofe C:	Core activity	~4,000
ROP 16.3(c)	3. Review proposals submitted to MOS for the inclusion of sites in Table 3 of the MOU's Action Plan.	Written comments on each proposal tabled by Signatories.	L: V. Jones C:	Core activity	~7,000

¹ **TOR** = Terms of Reference of the TAG; **ROP** = Rules of Procedure for Meetings of Signatories to the Raptors MOU; **Table 2** = Table 2 of the Raptors MOU Action Plan.

TOR 2(i)	4. Contribute scientific and technical advice on matters brought to the attention of the TAG by Signatories and relating to the following: conservation and management activities and promulgation of guidance; and capacity-building to develop guidance, good practice, and other activities.	To be determined (TBD) based on Signatories' requests.	L: A. Botha C:	Core activity	TBD
TOR 2(iv)	5. Report to MOS on TAG activities.	Report to MOS submitted by the deadline.	L: A. Botha C:	Core activity	-
Table 2 Act. (5.1), 7	6. Contribute technical expertise on raptors to the work of the CMS Task Forces.	TAG advice provided to Lead and MIKT Task Forces.	L: A . Botha C: M. Prommer	Core activity	-
		Outputs of CMS Task Force meetings shared with Signatories.	L: A . Botha C: M. Prommer	Core activity	-
TOR 2(i) Table 2 Act. 5.1	7. Contribute to the CMS Energy Task Force and ensure that the potential impact on raptors of energy production and distribution infrastructure is properly addressed.	TAG input into ETF documents, as required.	L: A . Botha C: M. Prommer	Core activity	-
TOR 2(iii) Table 2 Act. 1.1	8. Monitor consistency between the IUCN Red List status, Table 1 Category, and CMS Appendix listing of species.	List of species eligible for inclusion in CMS Appendix I or II.	L: D. Ogada C: V. Jones	Very high	~1,500
TOR 2 (iii)	9. Clarify the criteria for inclusion of a species in Category 2 of Table 1 of the MOU's Action Plan.	Discussion paper to lead the TAG discussion aimed at clarifying what should be considered as a "regional assessment".	L: V. Jones C: M. Shobrak, O. Hatzofe	Very high	~5,000
TOR 2(iii) Table 2 Act. 1.2 Table 2 Act. 1.2, 1.3	10. Support assessments of whether national legislation appropriately protects birds of prey.	Support the clarification of the definition of legal protection. Support the identification of the right format for legislative guidance for Signatories. Support the review of national species protection legislation (indicator).	L: A. Botha, M. Prommer C: all TAG	High	TBD
TOR 2(iii) Table 2 Act. 3.1	11. Support the assessment of the distribution, conservation, and protection status of habitats important for migratory raptors.	Inputs into the "Assessment of the State of principal birds' habitats" project.	L: all TAG C:	High	TBD

TOR 2(i) Table 2 Act. 3.2	12. Provide guidance on the Migratory Raptor Safe Zones approach to Signatories.	Guidance document on Migratory Raptor Safe Zones.	L: C. Murn, F. Matsvimbo C: André Botha	Low	-
TOR 2 (iii) Table 2 Act. 3.2	13. Identify information gaps on key breeding areas, stopovers, refuelling, bottleneck, and other congregational and non-breeding sites along raptor flyways.	Site Network Analysis covering all relevant Annex I spp. (taking into consideration satellite tracking data).	L: V. Jones C: D. Thompson	Very high	~60,000
TOR 2(i) Table 2 Act. 3.2	14. Produce guidance on effective habitat and site protection.	Guidance on assessing the effectiveness of legal protection of sites and habitat (indicator).	L: V. Jones C:	Medium	TBD
TOR 2(iii) Table 2 Act. 3.2, 6.1	15. Assess the protection status of the sites listed in the Action Plan's Table 3 and their effectiveness in conserving migratory raptors.	Contribute to the Conservation Status Assessment Report to MOS4 an overview regarding protection of sites of international importance for raptors and a measure of their effectiveness.	L: V. Jones C: A. Aradis	Very high	~9,000, depending on data sources used
TOR 2(i) Table 2 Act. 4	16. Assess and provide recommendations on the value of new technologies, including satellite tracking, to: assess mortality; and identify mortality causes, important sites, distribution range, and migration pathways.	Collate information on the value of satellite tagging and the use of drones.	L: O. Hatzofe C: R. Buij, A. Botha, M. Virani, A. Aradis	High	TBD
		Information on mortality included periodically (i.e., when new significant information becomes available) in the Conservation Status Assessment Report.	L: O. Hatzofe C: R. Buij, A. Botha, V. Jones, M. Virani, A. Aradis	Very High	~5.000
TOR 2(i) Table 2 Act. 4.1	17. Provide guidance on national threat assessment methodologies.	Guidance on how to assess threats at the national level (indicator).	L: A. Botha. M. Prommer C:	Medium	TBD

TOR 2(i) Table 2 Act. 4.1	18. Study the impact on raptors of locust and Quelea control programmes.	Information material on locust and/or Quelea control programmes. Collaborate with FAO to promote access to data that may be used for impact assessments.	L: N. Deacon C: O. Hatzofe, R. Buij	High	TBD
TOR 2(i) Table 2 Act. 4.1	19. Collate and disseminate information on the extent of climate change's impacts on raptors, their habitats and prey.	Information material on the impact of climate change on raptors, their habitat, and prey. Consider JNCC's work on climate change and migration, as well as the outcomes of the workshop on "Bird Migration and Climate Change" organized by Navarra Environmental Management on 31 March 2022, and any work being undertaken by CMS on climate change.	L: M. Prommer C: M. Virani, D. Thompson	Very high	TBD
TOR 2(i) Table 2 Act. 6.2	20. Support the development of guidance on national monitoring of raptors.	Support the review of existing national monitoring protocols and programmes (indicator) with a focus on Asia.	L: CU C: D. Thompson, K. Aghababayan, A. Aradis, M. Shobrak	High	TBD
TOR 2(iii) Table 2 Act. 4.1, 6.1	21. Monitor the conservation status of migratory raptors listed in Annex 1.	Conservation Status Assessment Report at each MOS.	L: V. Jones C: D. Thompson, K. Aghababayan, A. Aradis, M. Shobrak	Very high	~18,000
TOR 2(i)	22. Collate best-practice guidance on the use of satellite tags and drones for monitoring raptors.	Guidance material on the field use of satellite tracking and other technologies for raptor conservation.	L: O. Hatzofe C:	High	TBD

Table 2 Act. 6.3	23. Provide guidance and share information on how to identify conservation-related research needs.	Review of existing relevant research priority frameworks and platforms (indicator).	L: C. Murn C: A. Botha, V. Jones	Low	TBD
TOR 2(i)	24. Advise on matters pertaining to raptor conservation, including in response to the climate-biodiversity crisis.	Horizon scanning paper.	L: D. Thompson C: All TAG	High	~15,000
TOR 2(i)	25. Collate and disseminate guidelines on raptor reintroduction programmes and promote their application.	Consider any relevant work already published by IUCN and Cambridge Press.	L: C. Murn C: I. Cherkaoui, O. Hatzofe, K. Aghababayan, N. Deacon, M. Shobrak	High	-
Table 2 Act. 7.1	26. Contribute to monitoring of awareness-raising activities related to raptors' migration and threats.	Develop a raptor-specific sub-indicator for the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership Biodiversity Barometer (indicator).	L: M. Shobrak C:	Low	TBD
Table 2 Act. 7.2	27. Contribute to monitoring of awareness-raising activities at bottleneck sites for raptors' migration.	Support development of TORs for surveys on awareness-raising activities (indicator).	L: F. Matsvimbo C: K. Aghababayan, M. Shobrak, A. Botha	Low	-
TOR 2(i) Table 2 Act. 6.2, 7.2, 8.1, 8.2	28. Contribute advice to the development of an East African-Eurasian Flyway bottleneck monitoring project.	Advise on rationale and draft concept for monitoring and building capacity and awareness along the Flyway.	L: CU C: V Jones, I. Cherkaoui	High	-
TOR 2(i) Table 2 Act. 9.1	29. Develop mechanisms for sharing data on raptors that can contribute to the MOU's objectives.	Guidance on good practice on data sharing that takes into account any synergies with BirdLife's work.	L: CU C: All TAG	Medium	TBD