

Threats assessment (Doc 4.2)

- Threats to Annex 1 species (IUCN Red List data) have been analysed
- Graphs are presented of threats to all Annex 1 species at global level split into Table 1 categories
- TAG is asked to split into regional groupings – Europe, N Africa/ Middle East, Africa and Asia
- Review the information on threats (paper copy) and the info on threats, conservation actions existing and proposed provided in Doc 4.2a annex A
- Draw also on their own experience
- And discuss which measures are most urgently needed within their region to address key threats to Category 1 species focusing on
- Choose someone to feed back to the plenary

Selection of pilot species for sites based analysis (4.2b)

- As part of two Activities identified in the TAG WorkPlan (Activity 2, Task 2.5 and Activity 5, Task 5.12c) sample analysis was envisaged of the draft Table 3 list of sites
- TAG is invited to assist with selection of the pilot species for these two tasks, which form a representative sample covering a variety of different taxa, geographic ranges, Table 1 Categories and strategies in terms of migratory movements / spatial distribution.

Analysing comprehensiveness of the draft Table 3 (List of Sites) in covering Annex 1 species during their entire annual cycle

Activity 2, Task 2.5 'Advise on gaps in current information on key breeding areas, stop-over, refuelling, bottleneck, other congregational and non-breeding sites along raptor flyways, and:

a) make recommendations on how these might be filled; and,

b) advise on appropriate approaches for the conservation and management of critical areas.

- Identify a sub-set (c.10) of Annex 1 species (including species with different ecologies and migration strategies) with inputs from TAG concerning an initial analysis of the comprehensiveness of the site network.
- Characterise movement pattern / degree of congregation / dispersion for sp in different seasons
- Analyse coverage of each species' range in Africa-Eurasia by the network of proposed Table 3 List of Sites in relation to the different annual cycle stages (breeding, passage, non-breeding)
- Identify species and annual cycle stages / geographic areas which constitute gaps regarding identification of the Table 3 List of Sites (i.e. species / annual cycle stages where the species is likely to congregate at sites in sufficient numbers to qualify the site as internationally important).

Analysing the degree of protection afforded to the draft Table 3 (List of Sites) network for Annex 1 species

Activity 5, Task 5.12 c) is to 'Assess the threats, current conservation actions (including existing protective designations at sites), condition of habitats, and thus consequent need for further management and protection measures at important sites'.

- Potentially using the same sub-set (c10) of Annex 1 species as for Activity 2, Task 2.5, carry out sample analysis of the degree of protection of the draft Table 3 (List of Sites) network to test methods.
- Carry out spatial analysis overlaying protected planet data with a spatial layer of relevant draft Table 3 (List of Sites) to assess protection status of these sites for the selected sub-set of species.
- If TAG considers that this pilot species approach has yielded useful results, and if the proposed draft Table 3 (List of Sites) is adopted by Signatories, a subsequent phase of work could involve extending the analysis to cover all of the Table 3 (List of Sites)

Doc 4.2 Selection of pilot species for sites based analysis

- Annex 1 to this document contains the latest draft of Annex 3, Table 1 (Categorisation of species listed on the Raptors MOU) to aid selection across a range of categories and species
- Annex 2 contains, for 21 candidate pilot species selected from Annex 1 to the Raptors MOU (List of Species), information on their distribution within the African-Eurasian region and their aggregatory behaviour (at different stages of their annual cycle) derived from a literature review
- TAG are invited to review this information and select approximately 10 pilot species for further site network analysis (preferably but not necessarily those already coded!) that represent a variety of taxa, geographic ranges, Annex 3, Table 1 Categories (i.e. IUCN threat status) and spatial distribution / migratory behaviour.