

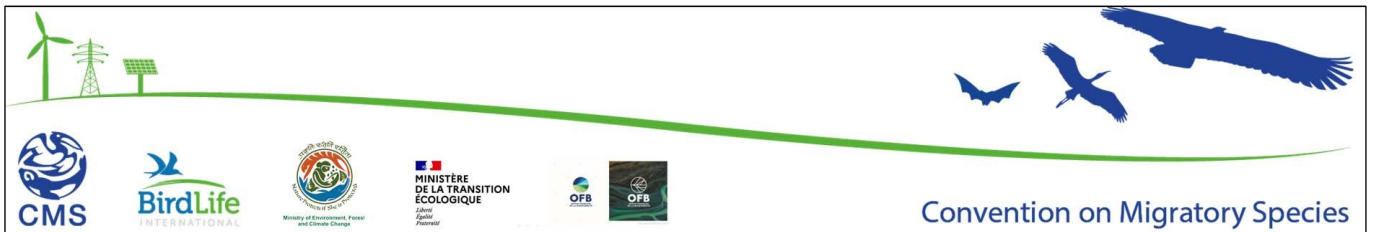
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Powerline Working Group Update for 2021

1. In accordance with the interest shown by Members of the ETF at the 5th meeting of the ETF (ETF5), 2021 saw the establishment of the ETF's Powerline Working Group (PWG).
2. At its first meeting in February 2021, Catherine Numa of the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation was elected as co-chair of the Working Group, along with the ETF Coordination Team from BirdLife International. Currently, the Working Group consists of nine active members.
3. Three additional meetings have been conducted in March, May and September 2021. The Working Group has prepared and adopted both a Terms of Reference and a Workplan for 2021.
4. The most significant deliverable of the Working Group in 2021 has been the ongoing Stakeholder Mapping exercise, which will be carried through into 2022. A key events calendar for 2021 was also prepared.
5. A working group space for members interaction is planned in 2022.

Raptors MOU Electrocution Discussion Group Update for 2021

6. The Saker Falcon Task Force (STF) was established by the CMS in 2011 in accordance with Resolution 10.28 under the auspices of the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU. The STF seeks to conserve the Saker Falcon by *inter alia* bringing together Range States, Partners and interested Parties and developing a coordinated Global Action Plan, including a management and monitoring system.
7. With Resolution 11.18 (Rev.COP12), CMS Parties endorsed the Saker Global Action Plan (SakerGAP) and decided to continue the STF to actively promote the implementation of the SakerGAP, including the continued facilitation of engagement, communication, cooperation, and collaboration between the stakeholders.
8. **Objective 1** of the SakerGAP is to 'Ensure that the impact of electrocution on the Saker Falcon is reduced significantly; enabling a stable or increasing population trend of the Saker Falcon in key breeding range countries of Central Asia and Europe.'
9. In 2020, the STF decided to establish the Electrocution Discussion Group (EDG) to focus on the remediation of dangerous powerlines as one of the key areas to take forward as a priority.
10. The STF agreed in December 2020 to the following Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Electrocution Discussion Group:
 - a. **Information collation and management**
 - i. To propose a **data management method** and establish a data storage system for collated data on Sakers and electrocution
 - ii. To collate information on **current activities and effective mitigation techniques**, and identify knowledge gaps:
 1. Develop a bibliography of key publications
 2. Compile a list of relevant CMS and IUCN Resolutions

3. Compile other legal and policy relevant materials
- iii. Summarise key raptor electrocution related information from the **questionnaire** responses of Raptor MOU Signatories in 2018 and assess whether an update to the questionnaire is needed
- iv. Review synergies with the proposed **BirdLife questionnaire** on bird electrocution and collisions in the Mediterranean and Global Review of mitigation effectiveness for power lines
- v. Explore synergies with the **CMS Energy Task Force**.

b. Initiating Conservation Action

- i. **Identify and prioritise key geographic areas** and regions of electrocution risk for Sakers, including information on the different types of dangerous power poles
- ii. **Review existing** risk assessment, survey and **monitoring protocols and best practice guidelines** for mitigation and remediation, and/or promote new guidelines, noting that the Raptors MOU website could be used as a forum to link to various information sources
- iii. Identify and **engage key stakeholders** e.g., governments, NGOs, developers, financiers, electricity companies
- iv. **Raise awareness** of the issue with the general public, share and communicate information to the right audiences e.g., webinars
- v. Follow-up on previous related resolutions and **propose a possible resolution to the next meeting of the CMS Conference of the Parties (CMS COP14, 2023)** on electrocution of raptors.

c. Immediate actions

- i. Request information from all STF members on ongoing and recent (from 2018 on) activities relating to electrocution, effective mitigation techniques and key publications.
- ii. Review the main principles of best practices and technologies across different geographies.
- iii. Collate information and identify gaps in knowledge, implementation gaps, stakeholder engagement and communications.
- iv. Engage and cooperate with key groups such as the CMS Energy Task Force.

11. Activities of the STF in 2021 were constrained by resource limitations, but in the first quarter of 2022 the STF and the Electrocution Discussion Group will meet again and further discuss progress on the implementation of the ToR and associated activities.