



Flyways Working Group

Online Meeting

28 Feb 2023



Flyways Working Group's Mandate



- Mandate: [CMS Res. 12.11 \(Rev. COP13\) Flyways](#)
- Global open-ended Working Group within the framework of the Scientific Council that acts as a thinktank on migratory bird flyways and frameworks
- Basis for WG's activities to influence future CMS policy on flyways:
 - [Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways \(2014-2023\) \(POW\)](#)
 - [CMS COP13 Dec. 13.43](#)
 - a) Facilitate and monitor the Americas Flyways Task Force's work
 - b) Review relevant scientific and technical initiatives and processes
 - c) Review and update the Programme of Work, as a basis for the continued prioritization of the CMS activities on flyways
 - d) Develop guidance for Parties on using their National Reports to provide information on contributions to implementation and outcomes of actions of the Programme of Work
 - e) Help to facilitate coordination between various CMS Working Groups and Task Forces (IKB, PPWG, AEMLAP, ETF, etc.) and enhance synergies in implementation
 - f) Report progress to the Scientific Council



Our goal: Flyways Strategic Review

- Review of the [CMS Res. 12.11 \(Rev. COP13\) Flyways](#)
- **Focus** on CMS instruments, Working Groups and Task Forces that implement activities compatible with a Flyway approach to the conservation of migratory species at global level
 - FWG
 - Americas Flyways Task Force
 - Central Asian Flyway
 - AEMLAP
 - ETF
 - MIKT
- **Goal:** assess effectivity and capacity of the CMS Flyways instruments

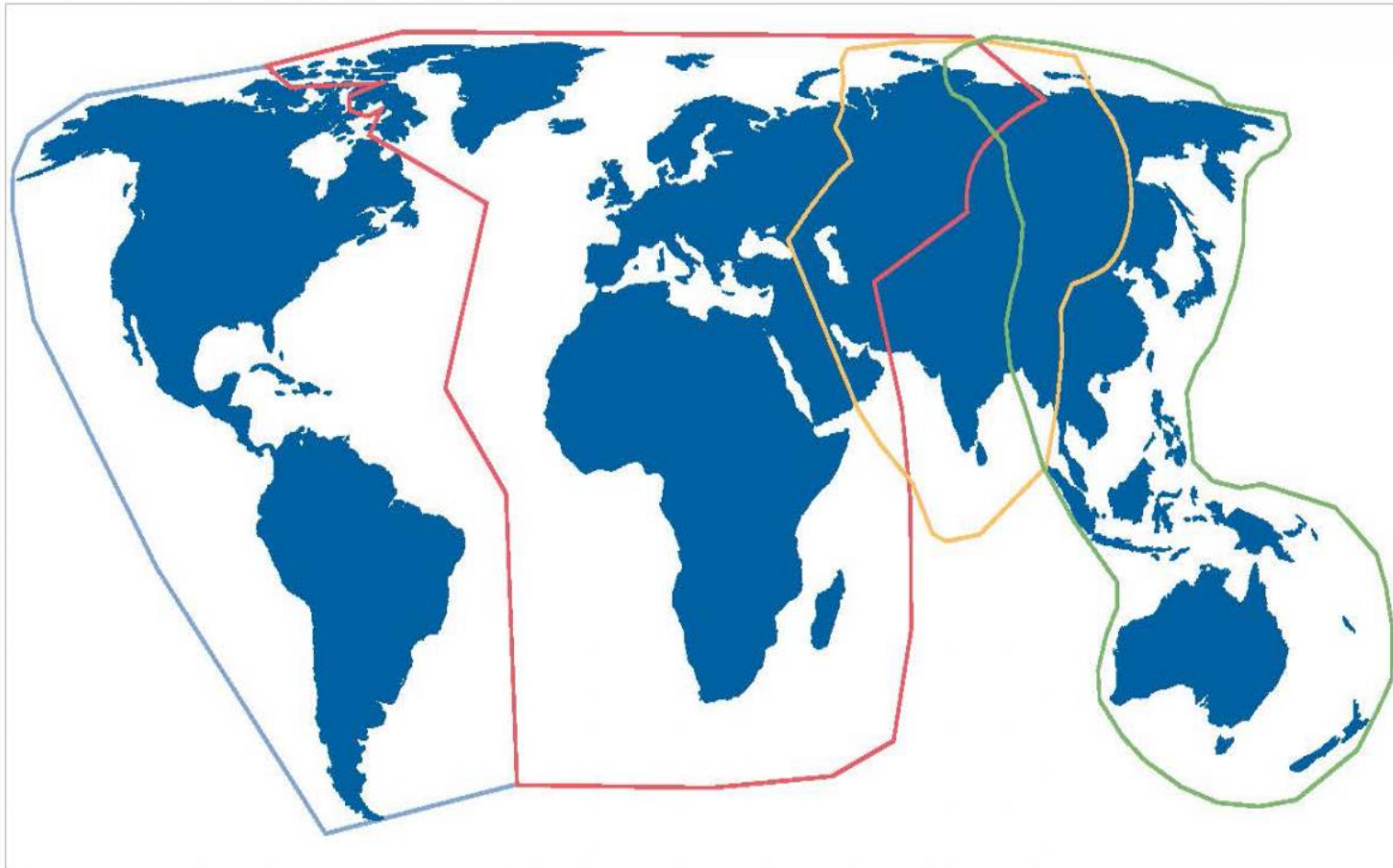




Flyways Strategic Review

- Since Dec 2022, the CMS Secretariat has carried out a strategic review of the Flyways mandates
- Steps taken so far:
 - Stakeholder analysis
 - SWOT analysis
 - Updating CMS Flyways Working Group's contacts
 - Problem Tree
- Upcoming steps:
 - Objectives Tree
 - Prioritisation analysis
 - Logframe

Flyways Stakeholder Analysis



Source: Map based on Stroud et al. 2006.

- Americas Flyways
- African-Eurasian Flyway
- Central Asian Flyway
- Asian-Pacific Flyway

Working Groups and Task Forces:

- Flyways WG
- Energy Task Force
- Task Force on Illegal Killing in the Mediterranean (MIKT)
- Preventing Poisoning WG
- Americas Flyways Task Force
- Afr.-Eurasian Migr. Landbirds WG
- CMS Task Force on Illegal Taking of Migr Birds in the EAAFP

Flyways Stakeholder Analysis

key findings



CMS Flyways instruments are often very broad, making prioritisation difficult

Often overlapping Flyways mandates

Flyways POW has a wide mandate, but no clear leader for implementation nor tracking tool

Issues-specific Task Forces (MIKT, ITTEA, Lead TF, ETF, etc) do not refer to Flyways

Insufficient financial resources and staff capacity in coordinating, implementing and monitoring the Flyways work



Flyways SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

- A worldwide mandate
- Convening power of CMS
- Migratory species by definition covered by Flyways
- Potential to work on any threat

WEAKNESSES

- Confusing and/or overlapping Flyways mandates
- Insufficient monitoring and reporting
- Inability to prove flyways conservation impact at population level
- Inability to connect Flyways to local issues

OPPORTUNITIES

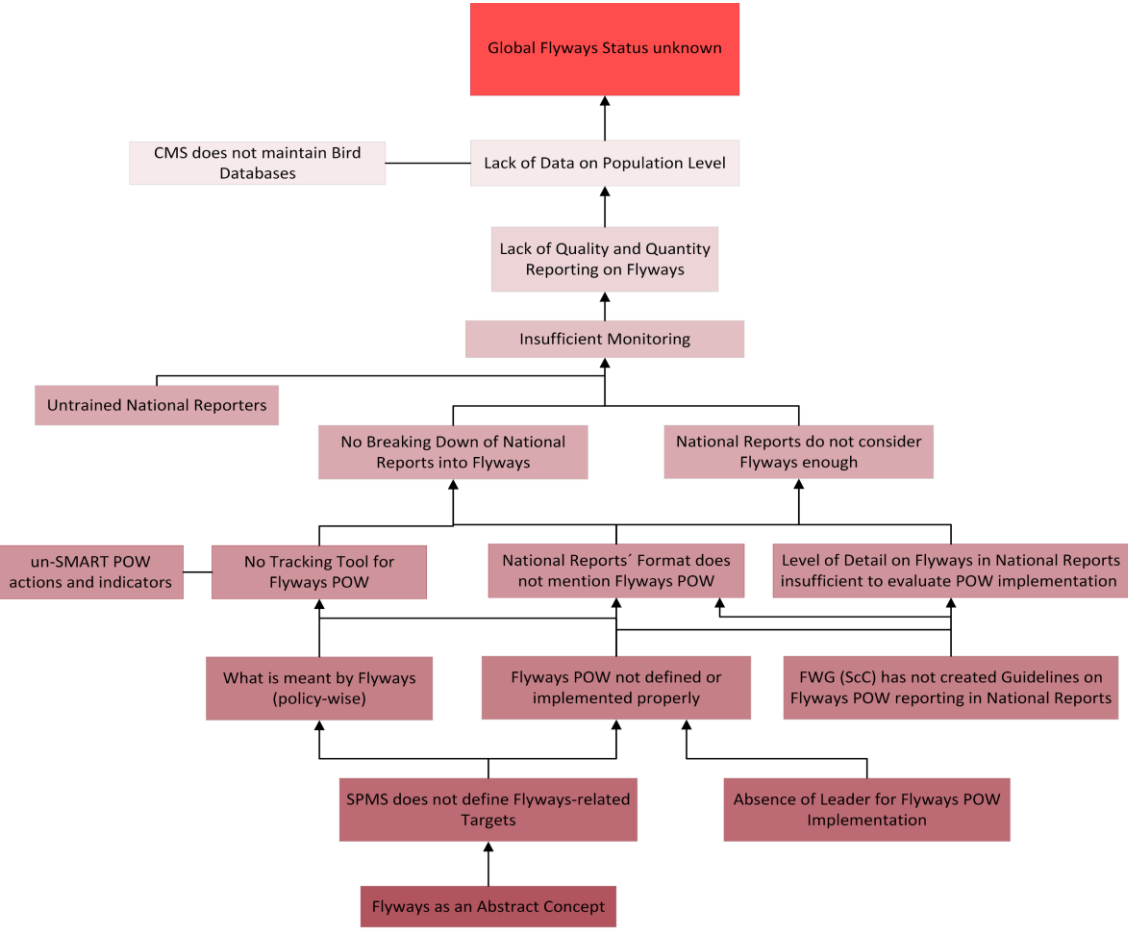
- COP14
- New Strategic Plan for CMS
- Central Asian Flyway
- Remote working possibilities

THREATS

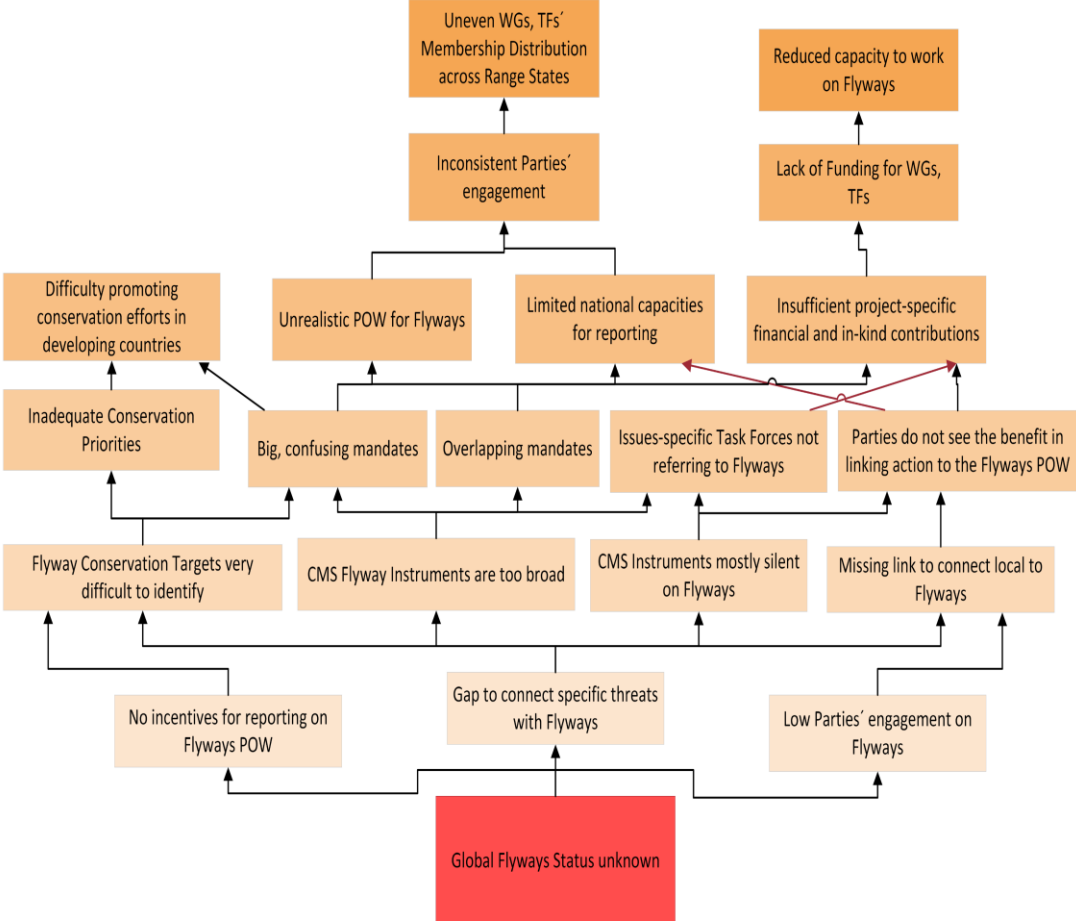
- Current economic crisis
- Dependence on political will
- Climate change



Flyways Problem Tree



Causes of the main problem



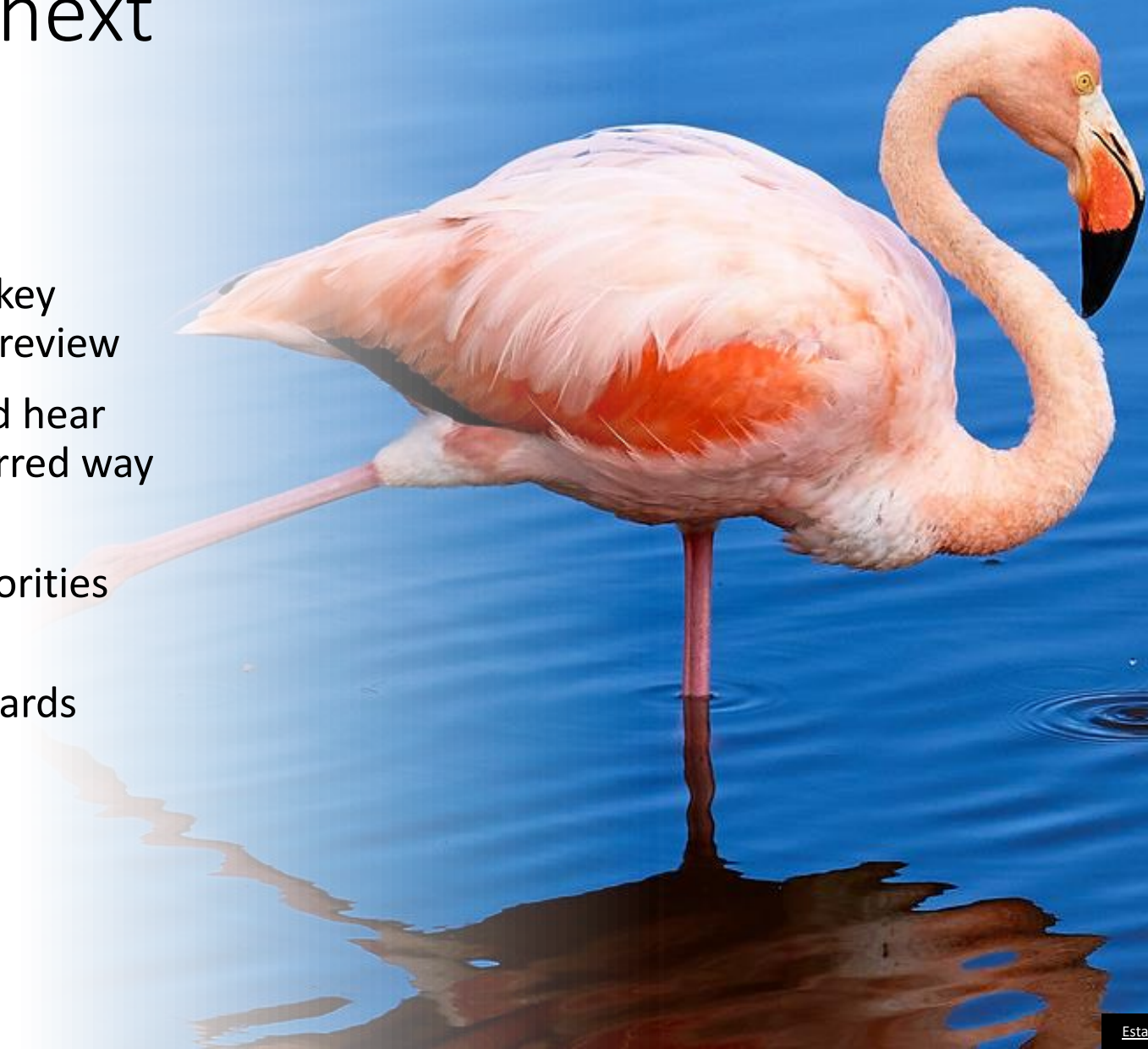
Effects of the main problem

Flyways Problem Tree – Main Takeaways

- Main identified problem: the unknown status of the global flyways
- Causes:
 - Insufficient data on population level
 - Insufficient data from national or specific reporting
 - Actions and indicators in the POW un-SMART
 - Insufficient guidance on what needs to be monitored and reported
 - Difficulty defining Flyways policy-wise

Our planned next steps

- Finalise document with key findings of the strategic review
- Re-activate the FWG and hear from members on preferred way forward
- Jointly work on draft priorities document
- Agree on next steps towards COP14



Proposed timeline

- CMS Secretariat to circulate formal call for feedback on the Annex 1 of the Meeting Document (Situation analysis on Flyways mandates under CMS) during week of 27th of Feb.
- FWG Members are kindly requested to provide suggestions on the problems identified and the key questions raised until Friday 31st March
 - Please email the feedback to:
nikola.besek@cms.int
- CMS Secretariat to prepare an Outcome Document and agree with Chair on next steps



Key questions

- Where do you see FWG's opportunity to address the problems raised?
- What are your ideas for COP – what do we need to address in the Flyways Resolution and Decisions?



COP14 PREPARATION



1

Revise mandate

- FWG
- Flyways resolution & decisions

2

Support the Secretariat in reporting progress to date

3

Discuss potential amendments to existing mandate



Resolution 11.6 (Rev.COP12)

RESOLUTIONS	DECISIONS
Represent a decision of Parties, adopted at a COP	Represent a decision of Parties, adopted at a COP
Long-Standing Guidance	In effect for a short period only, usually until a particular task has been completed
Interpretation and application of the Convention	Recommendations to Parties or instructions to a specific committee or the Secretariat
Establishment of permanent committees, long-term processes, and the budgets of the Secretariat	E.g. Request a report to be submitted to the following COP
A new resolution may repeal an existing resolution	Renew (continuity to the next period)
Amend an existing resolution – (Rev.COP14)	Delete
Resolution 14.1 (new) / Resolution 12.9 (Rev.COP14)	Decision 14.11

Upcoming Flyways meetings

- EAAFP & ITTEA
- MIKT
- AEMLAP Steering Group
- CAF
- Raptors MOS
- ETF
- COP14