



Memorandum of Understanding
on the Conservation of
Migratory Birds of Prey in
Africa and Eurasia

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TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF THE RAPTORS MOU

Prepared by Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU

1. Under the taxonomy adopted when the Raptors MOU was established, most species of birds of prey listed in Annex 1 were categorised in the Order *Falconiformes*. However, following adoption of CMS Resolution 11.19¹ (taxonomy and nomenclature of birds listed in the CMS Appendices) by CMS Parties at COP11, and subsequent endorsement at MOS2, a revised taxonomy was introduced, according to the Handbook of the Birds of the World / BirdLife International Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World, Volume 1: Non-passerines, by Josep del Hoyo, Nigel J. Collar, David A. Christie, Andrew Elliot and Lincoln D.C. Fishpool (2014). Under this newly adopted nomenclature, an additional Order *Accipitriformes* was established. Many species of migratory birds of prey now fall within this new classification.²

2. Accordingly, the following text in *Section 1 – Scope and Definitions* of the Raptors MOU³ should be amended from:

a) “Birds of Prey” means migratory populations of Falconiformes and Strigiformes species occurring in Africa and Eurasia, listed in Annex 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding;

to (amendment underlined):

a) “Birds of Prey” means migratory populations of Accipitriformes, Falconiformes and Strigiformes species occurring in Africa and Eurasia, listed in Annex 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding;

3. This amendment should also be reflected in Annex 1 (List of African-Eurasian Migratory Birds of Prey) to the Raptors MOU by reformatting the list to show the species that are categorized within each of the three Orders.

4. The Coordinating Unit invites TAG to endorse these straightforward revisions to the text of the Raptors MOU, which can then be considered by Signatories at the forthcoming third Meeting of Signatories.

Action requested

TAG is requested to review and endorse the amendment proposed to the text of the Raptors MOU.

¹ Res.11.19 was repealed at COP12.

² The CMS Resolution currently in effect is Res.12.27 <https://www.cms.int/en/document/taxonomy-and-nomenclature-0>.

³ https://www.cms.int/raptors/sites/default/files/basic_page_documents/raptors-mou_without-annexes_e.pdf