



RAPTORS
MOU

Role of TAG in proposing amendments to the Raptors MOU and its Annexes

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Provisions

- Raptors MOS Rules of Procedure, Rule 16: Role of TAG is to...
 - a) Make proposals for amendment of the MOU
 - b) Circulate its proposals, via the CU, to Signatories
 - c) Comment on proposed amendments from Signatories
- TAG Terms of Reference, paragraph 4: One of the main tasks of TAG is to...
 - a) Make recommendations, particularly concerning the content of Annexes 1, 2 and 3 of the Raptors MOU
 - b) Provide comments on proposals to amend the MOU text which have a technical content

Process in proposing amendments

- Signatory: proposal for species to be added (or removed) from Annex 1 should be sent to CU <150 days before MOS
 - Proposal letter with supporting scientific rationale
- CU to share proposal to TAG (and all Signatories) within 2 weeks
- TAG to comment <60 days before MOS (same deadline for Signatories)
 - Any comments to be shared by CU with all Signatories

Currently not specified in ROP for MOS

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Annex 1:

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR MEETINGS OF SIGNATORIES TO THE RAPTORS MOU**

(Adopted at MoS2)

Rule 1 – Purpose

1. These Rules of Procedure shall apply to the Meeting of Signatories to the Memorandum on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in African and Eurasia, hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”, convened in accordance with Paragraph 13 of the MoU.
2. Insofar as they are applicable, these Rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any other meeting held in the framework of the MoU that does not have its own terms of reference or rules of procedure.

Rule 2 – Meetings of the Signatories

1. Meetings of the Signatories (MoS) shall take place once every three years, unless the MoS decides otherwise.
2. At each meeting, the MoS shall decide on the date, venue and duration of its next meeting.
3. Unless there is an offer from a Signatory, the MoS shall take place at the seat of the Coordinating Unit or another United Nations duty station taking into consideration cost-effectiveness.
4. The Coordinating Unit shall notify the venue and the dates of each MoS at least six months before the meeting is due to commence. The notification shall include a deadline for submission of proposals to be discussed at the meeting.
5. Documents for MoS shall be made available at least thirty days before the start of the meeting.

Rule 3 – Signatories

1. Each Signatory to the MoU, hereinafter referred to as a “Signatory”, shall be entitled to be represented at the meeting by a delegation consisting of a Head of Delegation and such Alternative Representative(s) and Advisers as the Signatory may deem necessary.
2. The Representative of a Signatory shall exercise the voting rights of that Signatory. In their absence, an Alternative Representative of that Signatory shall act in their place over the full range of

- If TAG does not support the proposal, CU will communicate this to all Signatories
- CU to approach proponent asking whether or not they wish to withdraw proposal – if they reaffirm, CU to action, with advice from TAG published alongside the proposal

Considerations

- TAG to...
 - a) Consider how best they can deploy their expertise in supporting the development and assessment of proposals to amend technical aspects of the Raptors MOU and its Annexes
 - b) Suggest whether or not any changes should be made to the Rules of Procedure (MOS) and/or the Terms of Reference (TAG)
- TAG is requested to consider & agree **outline mechanisms** to effectively implement its role in proposing and assessing proposals to amend technical aspects of the Raptors MOU and its Annexes

Thank you for your attention!

