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Birds of Prey in Africa and
Eurasia (Raptors MoU)**

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(as on 07 December 2012)

Prepared by the Interim Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MoU

The timetable is subject to amendment in order to allow Signatories the opportunity to fully consider the issues to be discussed during the meeting.

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Saturday 8 December 2012

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Expected Outcomes
All day	Arrival of participants		
1500 - 1900	Registration Meeting badges and delegate packs are provided to the participants upon presenting appropriate photo ID at the Registration Desk.		Registration Desk is located at the top of the escalator leading to the Pearl Ballroom (signposted from Reception).
1800 - 2200	Welcome Reception hosted by the Interim Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MoU		Centro Yas Island - outside pool area

Sunday 9 December 2012

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Expected Outcomes
0800 - 0930	Registration Meeting badges and delegate packs are provided to the participants upon presenting appropriate photo ID at the registration desk.		Registration desk is located at the top of the escalator leading to the Pearl Ballroom (signposted from Reception).
0930 onwards	1. Opening of the Meeting The Meeting will be formally opened by HE Mohammad Ahmad Al Bowardi, Managing Director, Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi (EAD).		
	2. Signing Ceremony The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be opened for signature by duly accredited representatives of Range States.		
	4. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure The draft Rules of Procedure (RoP) will be proposed for adoption. The adoption may be provisional as the RoP may be subject to change in the course of the meeting depending on the outcome of discussions under Agenda Items 7, 13.2 and 13.3.	Doc.4/Rev.2 Inf.4/Rev.1	RoP adopted – subject to amendments later in the meeting.
	Tea break		

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	5. Election of Officers In accordance with Rule 6 of the RoP, the Meeting will be invited to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among the representatives of the Signatories in attendance.			Chair and Vice-Chair elected.
	3. Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule 3.1 Provisional Agenda and list of documents 3.2 Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule The Meeting will be invited to review the Provisional Agenda and Schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.		Doc.3.1/Rev.1 Annex I Doc.3.2/Rev.1	Agenda and Schedule adopted, including any changes agreed by the meeting. Tasks and objectives of the Meeting noted.
	6. Credentials Committee In accordance with Rule 4 of the RoP, the Meeting will be invited to elect a Credentials Committee			Credentials Committee established.
1200 - 1400	Lunch at Choices Restaurant			
	Lunch break (continued)	1300 - 1330	Side-event 1: The value of ring recovery data for implementing the goals of the “Action Plan for the Conservation of Birds of Prey”: A case study of the Black and Red Kite. Organised by EURING.	Venue - to be confirmed
		1330 - 1400	Side-event 2: Minimizing the Risk of Poisoning for Migratory Birds. Organised by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat.	Venue - to be confirmed
1400 onwards	7. Admission of Observers The Meeting will be invited to admit representatives from non-Signatory Range States, IGOs, and international and national NGOs as Observers, in line with paragraph 13 of the MoU.		Doc.7 Annex I	Observers admitted.
	8. Statements from Signatories and Observers It is <u>not</u> envisaged to have presentations of national activities. Signatories may wish to submit written statements to the ICU prior the start of the Meeting, which will be appended to the Meeting Report. Observers will be given the opportunity to make brief announcements particularly regarding plans to sign the MoU		Inf.8	Statements noted.
	9. Report of the Interim Coordinating Unit The ICU will report on developments since the MoU entered into effect on 1 Nov 2008.		Doc.9 Annex I, II, III, IV	Report noted. National Contact Points from all Signatories nominated.
	Tea break			
	10. CMS COP10: outcomes relevant to Raptors MoU The CMS Secretariat will present matters relevant to the Raptors MoU arising from the 10 th Conference of Parties to CMS.		Doc.10 Annex I	Report noted.

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1730 close	<p>11. Conservation initiatives by ICU under the Raptors MoU The ICU will introduce key conservation initiatives where the ICU has either led or is engaged.</p> <p>11.1. Species: Presentations will be given on the following species-related initiatives: Saker Falcon Task Force; Egyptian Vulture Project; and Sooty Falcon ISSAP.</p> <p>11.2. Threats: Presentations will be given on the following threats-related initiatives: Minimising the risk of poisoning to migratory birds; and, Power grids</p> <p>11.3. Other initiatives: Presentations will be given on the following additional initiatives: Migratory Soaring Birds Project; EURAPMON; and, EURING.</p>	<p>Doc.11</p> <p>Doc.11.1 Inf.11.1 Annex I, II Doc.11.2 Annex I, II, III Inf.11.2</p>	Reports noted and activities endorsed.
1930 - 2130	<p>Gala Dinner hosted by the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi Venue: Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital (www.falconhospital.com).</p>		Bus transfer for delegates departs from Yas Island Rotana at 1815 hrs and from Falcon Hospital at 2200 hrs.

Monday 10 December 2012

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0530 - 0830	Field trip (optional) – Birdwatching visit to Al Wathba Lake (EAD Reserve)		Observations of wild raptors. Bus transfer departs from Yas Island Rotana at 0530hrs and from the site at 0745hrs.
0900 onwards	<p>12. Review of the MoU and Action Plan implementation</p> <p>12.1. National and Regional Strategies: The ICU will give a presentation covering the Guidelines for Preparing National or Regional Raptor Conservation Strategies and a summary report on the updates received from the Signatories.</p>	<p>Doc.12.1 Annex I/Rev.1 Inf.12.1</p>	<p>Guidelines noted.</p> <p>Ways to promote effective strategic planning by Signatories identified.</p>
	Tea break		
	<p>12.2. National Reporting by Signatories</p> <p>The ICU will introduce the topic of National Reporting, followed by a presentation by the Secretariat of the UNEP African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement on their experience of the process, with specific reference to the CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS). The Meeting will be invited to agree a regular schedule and the basis principles on which National Reporting for the Raptors MoU should be based, including a timeframe for adoption of the ORS. The Meeting will also be invited to consider</p>	<p>Doc.12.2 Annex I, II, III, IV</p>	Basic principles and schedule of National Reporting agreed.

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	tasking the TAG (if established) to work intersessionally to develop the format for National Reporting.			
1200 - 1400	Lunch at Choices Restaurant			Venue - to be confirmed
	Lunch break (continued)	1300 - 1400	Side-event 3: Protecting Raptors along the Rift Valley/Red Sea Flyway: The Migratory Soaring Birds (MSB) Project. Organised by the BirdLife International.	
1400 onwards	Continuation of Agenda Item 6: Report of the Credentials Committee The Chair of the Credentials Committee will report its findings to the Meeting.			
	13. Institutional arrangements/matters 13.1. Establishment of the Coordinating Unit The ICU will introduce the topic and the Meeting will be invited to discuss and agree on the establishment of the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MoU. 13.2. Establishment of a Technical Advisory Group for the Raptors MoU The ICU will introduce the topic and the Meeting will be invited to discuss and consider the establishment of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to support and assist Signatories in the effective and timely implementation of the Raptors MoU. The Meeting will also be invited to consider electing representatives to serve in the TAG and to identify specific tasks for the TAG.		Doc.13.1/Rev.1 Doc.13.2 Annex I	Coordinating Unit established. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) established and ToR adopted. Representatives of the TAG elected. Tasks for the TAG identified.
	Tea break			
1730 close	13.3. Procedures for amending the MoU text and its Annexes The ICU will introduce the topic and the Meeting will be invited to discuss and agree amendment procedures. BirdLife International will give a presentation on the Update Review of the Annexes to the Raptors MoU (Inf.13.3).		Doc.13.3 Inf.13.3	Procedures adopted. TAG asked to consider tasks intersessionally and to provide recommendations.
1830 - 1930	Side-event 4: Conservation of the Egyptian Vulture along the Eastern Mediterranean migration flyway: challenges at trans-continental level. Organised by Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds.	1830 - 2030	Saker Falcon Meeting	Venues - to be confirmed

Tuesday 11 December 2012

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0530 - 0830	Field trip (optional) – Birdwatching visit – to be confirmed.		Observations of wild raptors.

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0900 onwards	13.4. Cooperating Partners The ICU will introduce the topic and the Meeting will be invited to discuss and agree on the procedure for the admission of additional organisations as Cooperating Partners to the Raptors MoU.		Doc.13.4	Authorization process for and role of the Cooperating Partners agreed.
	14. Financial and administrative matters 14.1. Current financial status and future funding The ICU will introduce the topic and the Meeting will be invited to note the statement in paragraph 20 of the Raptors MoU and to consider additional resourcing options to enable enhanced implementation of the Action Plan. The Meeting will also be invited to agree mechanisms to support certain Signatories with the development of their National Strategies, and to consider establishing and resourcing a Small Grants Programme under the Raptors MoU.		Doc.14.1 Annex I, II, III, IV	Paragraph 20 of the Raptors MoU noted. Additional resourcing options adopted. Mechanisms to support certain Signatories with the development of their National Strategies agreed. Small Grants Programme established.
	Tea break			
	14.2. Arrangements for convening Meetings of Signatories The ICU will introduce the topic and the Meeting will be invited to review and discuss the proposed arrangements for convening future sessions of the Meeting of Signatories.		Doc.14.2	Arrangements for convening future MoSs adopted.
	15. Adoption of Outcomes Summary of outcomes and adoption of all outstanding issues.			Outstanding issues adopted.
1200 - 1400	Lunch at Choices Restaurant			
	Lunch break (continued)	1300 - 1330	Side-event 5: The Network for birds of prey in Europe. Organised by EURAPMON	Venue - to be confirmed
		1330 - 1400	Side-event 6: Falconry and birds of prey conservation. Organised by the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF)	Venue - to be confirmed
1400 onwards	Continuation of Agenda Item 15: Adoption of Outcomes			
	16. Date and venue of the 2nd Meeting of Signatories The Chairman will introduce the topic and the Meeting will be invited to agree on the preliminary date and venue of the next MoS. Expressions of interest to host the next MoS will be considered.			Preliminary date and venue for the next MoS agreed.
1700 close	17. Any Other Business Any other matters relevant to the Meeting may be raised under this agenda item.			
	18. Closure of the Meeting			
	Tea			

