

### Work Plan for the TAG until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Signatories

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<b>MoU – Activity 1: Improvement of legal protection</b>
1. Consider amendments adopted by MoS2 to Annex 1 (species) and amend Table 3 (sites) of the Action Plan, and in particular:
a) consider further possible candidate Annex 1 species in light of changes to their status as placed under Categories 1, 2 and 3 on basis of global population trends;
b) consider further comments from the Signatories, make recommendations as to the updating of Table 3 of the Action Plan;
c) consider any further changes to the geographic coverage of Annex 2 of the MoU.
2. Consider any further changes on raptor taxonomy and nomenclature in relation to species listings within the MoU, having regard to CMS Resolution 11.19.
<b>Threats – Activity 2: Protect and/or manage important sites and flyways</b>
3. Assess and review threats to Annex 1 species and make recommendations on appropriate measures to alleviate these problems prioritising work on the most threatened species and exploring funding and other avenues to stimulate the development of international species action plans.
4. Consider the need for guidance on species re-introduction measures specific to raptors, and in particular:
a) advise on any opportunities for international co-operation related to possible re-introduction programmes; and,
b) advise the Saker Falcon Task Force, as appropriate.
5. Advise on gaps in current information on key breeding areas, stop-over, refuelling, bottleneck, other congregational and non-breeding sites along raptor flyways, and:
a) make recommendations on how these might be filled, and
b) advise on appropriate approaches for the conservation and management of these critical areas.
6. Building on existing reviews and exchanges of information with Signatories concerning the negative impacts on raptors arising from collision and

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<p>electrocution from power-lines. Make recommendations to Signatories as to the best means of engaging with the power generation and distribution sectors to address these impacts.</p>
7. Exchange guidance related to the mitigation of negative impacts of other energy generation sectors (e.g. wind and solar), and make recommendations to Signatories to address impacts.
8. Provide recommendations on approaches to tackling the issue of illegal persecution including:
a) the value of technologies such as electronic tracking methods as means of assessing the extent and location of persecution hotspots, x-ray monitoring, and DNA techniques;
b) possible approaches to conflict resolution – where conflicts with other interests may be an ultimate driver for illegal killing; and,
c) possible approaches to addressing persecution where illegal killing may be a long-standing practice with cultural elements.
<b>Habitat conservation and management – Activity 3: Raise awareness of issues and guidance</b>
9. Contribute scientific and technical advice on issues and good practice brought to attention of TAG by Signatories to support conservation and management activities and promulgation of guidance.
<b>Poisoning – Activity 4: Raise awareness of problems faced by birds of prey and measures needed to conserve them</b>
10. Contribute technical expertise on raptors and their poisoning to the work of the CMS Preventing Poisoning Working Group and CMS Energy Task Force.
11. Make recommendations on priorities for raising awareness of raptor conservation needs in different regions.
<b>Guidance – Activity 5: Monitor bird of prey populations, carry out conservation research and take appropriate remedial measures</b>
12. Make recommendations as to the crucial needs for common standards for methods, drawing from a review of national experiences and good practices, to:
a) estimate the size of raptor populations;
b) undertake monitoring of populations and migratory patterns; and,

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c) assess the threats, current conservation actions (including existing protective designations at sites), condition of habitats, and thus consequent need for further management and protection measures at important sites.
13. Develop further appropriate mechanisms for the sharing of data on raptors for the better implementation of the MoU's objectives.
<b>Reporting – Activity 6: Supporting measures and horizon scanning</b>
14. Advise the MoS and CU on the perilous state of vultures, noting MoS2 concerns, and provide inputs to multi-species action planning.
15. Report on issues of concern and for action relating to conservation, management, science and awareness-raising on the horizon.
16. Develop an interim National Reporting Form, linked to the CMS Online Reporting System.
17. Advise on the integration of national reporting with strategic planning processes.
18. Review the MoU's Action Plan (Annex 3 of the MoU) in advance of MoS3.
19. Support the various CMS Task Forces, as appropriate.
20. Support other relevant scientific and technical actions for the Raptors MOU listed in the Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways (CMS Resolution 11.14).