

**THIRD MEETING OF SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS OF PREY IN
AFRICA AND EURASIA**

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**SUMMARY LIST OF KEY OUTCOMES
OF THE THIRD MEETING OF SIGNATORIES TO THE RAPTORS MOU (MOS3)**

1. The Meeting welcomed eight new Signatories since MOS2 - Croatia, Israel, India, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Ethiopia.
2. The Meeting adopted the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of Signatories to the Raptors MOU as revised in Annex 1 to document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.3](#), so that they apply to the present and all future Meetings of Signatories until such time new amendments or rules are adopted. The Rules of Procedure are provided as Annex II to the MOS3 report.
3. Signatories sincerely thanked the government of United Arab Emirates for hosting the meeting and the Environment Agency Abu Dhabi for its strong support to the Coordinating Unit.
4. The Meeting noted the contents of the Report of the Coordinating Unit provided in document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.9](#).
5. The Meeting urged Signatories to communicate to the Coordinating Unit any updates in their National Contact Points using the form available on the dedicated [webpage](#).
6. The Meeting encouraged Signatories, Range States, Cooperating Partners and other stakeholders to collaborate in the mobilization of resources, including through the provision of voluntary financial contributions to the Raptors MOU.
7. The Meeting encouraged Signatories, Cooperating Partners and other relevant stakeholders to invite non-Signatory Range States to join the Raptors MOU.
8. The Meeting noted the list of activities contained in paragraph 41 of document UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.9 on core activities and highlighted the need to integrate the following within the Coordinating Unit's Workplan 2024 – 2026: capacity building, especially in Africa; improving synergies with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements; facilitating collaboration between Signatories and Range States that are non-Signatories; and resource mobilization for implementation of the West African Vultures Conservation Action Plan.
9. The Meeting encouraged Signatories to support the Coordinating Unit in raising resources to

implement the Coordinating Unit Workplan 2024 - 2026.

10. The Meeting noted the contents of the Report of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) provided in document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.10](#).
11. The Meeting took note of the slow progress by Signatories in developing national or regional raptor conservation and management strategies. It also noted the guidance available to support Signatories in developing those documents, and the information on species occurrence per Range State mentioned in paragraph 12 of document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.12.4](#).
12. The Meeting agreed that developing raptor conservation and management strategies was key for ensuring the conservation of birds of prey and their habitats. Signatories agreed that this ambition should remain at the core of the Raptors MOU.
13. Signatories agreed that greater emphasis should be placed on promoting synergies, including the integration of plans into other frameworks, such as NBSAPs. Signatories further noted the importance of Single Species Action Plans, providing that these plans are implemented.
14. The Meeting recommended revision of Annex 2 of document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.12.4](#), especially to exclude the occurrence of vagrants for each country, where information is available.
15. The Meeting agreed on a mandate for the Coordinating Unit to develop a questionnaire on the interest in development of regional strategies and/or organizing capacity building to integrate raptor needs into NBSAPs.
16. The Meeting agreed that the Results of the Pilot Site Network Analysis (Annex 1 of document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.12.2](#)) provided valued insights towards the identification of major gaps in the network of the list of sites (Table 3 of Annex 3) and recommended that such analysis should be undertaken for all species listed under the MOU, pending availability of resources.
17. The Meeting endorsed the Conservation Status Assessment Report contained in Annex 1 to document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.12.3](#), and requested that the TAG produce an updated version of that report to submit to MOS4.
18. The Meeting took note of the Report of the CMS Secretariat provided in document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.11](#). The Meeting highlighted the need for the Preventing Poisoning Working Group to work closely with the Raptors MOU, especially in relation to vulture poisoning.
19. The Meeting took note of the contents reported in document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.12.1](#) concerning the synthesis of the submitted national reports.
20. The Meeting took note of the contents reported in document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.12.5](#) on strengthening the Monitoring of Listed Species and supported the development of a network of sites that would provide the opportunity to efficiently monitor Annex 1 species.
21. The Meeting requested the Coordinating Unit to further develop the network of sites, subject to availability of resources, and facilitate development of regional monitoring programmes.
22. The Meeting reviewed the proposed amendments to the MOU Text and its Annexes 1 to 3

(Document [UNEP/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.14.1](#)), and approved them with changes proposed during the Meeting. The revised MOU Text and Annexes are provided as Annexes III to VII to the MOS3 report.

23. The Meeting adopted the amendments to the Form for Proposing or Amending Sites Listed in Table 3 of the Raptors MOU Action Plan as presented in Annex I to document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.14.2\(Rev.1\)](#), including amendments proposed during MOS3. The final form is provided in Annex IX to the MOS3 report.
24. The Meeting adopted the amendments to the Form for Listing or Amending MOU Annex 1 (Listed Species), as presented in Annex 1 to document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.14.3](#). The final form is provided in Annex VIII to the MOS3 report.
25. The Meeting reviewed the Reporting Formats for Signatories and Cooperating Partners proposed in Annexes 1 and 2 to document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.14.4](#) and agreed to adopt them, and requested the Coordinating Unit to incorporate the amendments agreed to the Action Plan (Annex 3) in the forms.
26. The Meeting took note of document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.13.2](#) on implementation of the Vulture Multi-species Action Plan (Vulture MsAP), thanking the Coordination Team for its work carried out on a voluntary basis. Signatories agreed to participate in the Vulture MsAP Mid-Term Implementation Review, and West African Signatories agreed to contribute to the development of the West African Vulture Conservation Action Plan (WAVCAP) and its future implementation.
27. The Meeting took note of the progress reported in the ISSAP for Sooty Falcon (document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.13.3](#)) and urged its finalization. Signatories agreed to contribute to its future implementation.
28. The Meeting reviewed and took note of the information reported by the Government of India in Annex 1 to document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.13.4](#) on Amur Falcon conservation and commended the achievements. The Meeting suggested investigating impacts of climate change on Amur Falcons, especially linked to potential insect declines and in better understanding its status in Africa.
29. The Meeting took note of the key conservation and management issues reported in [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.13.1](#) on the Saker Falcon Global Action Plan (SakerGAP) and supported the submission to CMS COP14 of the draft Resolution. The Meeting also requested that the Saker Task Force continue to fully develop the Adaptive Management Framework for the species, and update the Global Action Plan, especially in light of the developing threat from electrocution, seeking cooperation with the energy sector.
30. The Meeting welcomed the generous offer from EAD, on behalf of the Government of the UAE to fund the work of the Coordinating Unit over the period 2024-2027, and took note of the information reported in document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.16.1](#). Signatories agreed to consider incorporating regular voluntary contributions into their annual financial planning mechanisms to ensure the continuity of the operation of the Coordinating Unit and the implementation of the workplans of the Coordinating Unit and the TAG. The Meeting adopted Scenario 3 regarding voluntary annual contributions by Signatories. The Estimated Voluntary Assessed Annual Contributions by Signatories as approved by the Meeting is provided in Annex X to the MOS3 report.
31. The Meeting took note of the revised TOR of the TAG, as presented in Annex 1 to document

[UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.15.1](#). The TOR of the TAG is also provided as Annex XI to the MOS3 report.

32. The Meeting appointed the proposed members of the TAG as per the recommendation contained in document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.15.2\(Rev.1\)](#), and welcomed the improved gender balance of the group. The list of members of TAG is provided as Annex XII to the MOS3 report.
33. The Meeting took note of the TAG Workplan 2023-2026 contained in Annex 1 to document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.15.3](#). The Meeting invited the TAG to identify suitable “leads” and “contributors” for implementing each action of the Workplan, and requested the Coordinating Unit to align the Mandates with the outcomes adopted at MOS3. Signatories requested the TAG to address capacity building and awareness, especially in Africa, as well as HPAI and air safety.
34. The Meeting took note of the contents relating to the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) reported in document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.11](#), and highlighted the importance of socio-economic analysis and capacity building.
35. The Meeting took note of the contents relating to the CMS Energy Task Force (ETF) reported in document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.11](#). The Meeting urged CMS to strengthen integration of priorities for raptor and biodiversity conservation with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), especially at COP28.
36. The Meeting took note of the contents of document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.13.7](#) on Identifying Priorities for the Conservation and Management of Migratory Bird Habitats in Africa, Europe and Asia and encouraged Signatories, Range States, Cooperating Partners and others to collaborate to mobilise resources, including through voluntary financial contributions, to enable implementation of the key initiatives highlighted.