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**SAKER FALCON ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK:
INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 2026 - 2029**

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

The indicative budget for the establishment of the adaptive Management Framework for the period 2026- 2029.

Saker Falcon Adaptive Management Framework (SF AMF)

Indicative Budget for the period 2026 - 2029

1. Objective and justification

Objective: To establish an operational Adaptive Management Framework (AMF) for the sustainable use and conservation of the Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*) under the CMS Raptors MoU and Saker Falcon Task Force (STF).

Justification: The Saker Falcon remains globally Endangered, with major threats including electrocution, illegal and unsustainable trapping, and habitat degradation. In addition to existing CMS and CITES frameworks, there is a need to ensure coordinated, flyway-level sustainable use and conservation. A structured Adaptive Management Framework (AMF), combining harvest management, quota allocation, and adaptive decision-making, is planned to reduce illegal offtake and support population recovery. In a parallel initiative, AEWA's (African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement) European Goose Management Platform (EGMP) demonstrates the effectiveness of such coordinated international platforms integrating data management, harvest modelling, and governance.

2. Governance Structure and Decision-Making

The AMF governance structure includes:

- **Saker Falcon Task Force (STF)** as the central implementation and decision-making body. The STF reports to the CMS Conference of the Parties (COP), the CMS Scientific Council, and the Meeting of Signatories to the Raptors MoU.
- **Saker Falcon Global Data Centre** (Integrating the Saker Data Management system and the Global Quota Management System /SDMS + GQMS/¹) for data collation, modelling, and annual quota allocation recommendations. It implements the annual adaptive management cycle: data gathering, model updates, quota adjustments, and implementation.
- **National Working Groups and Range States** to implement monitoring, conservation, and quota management actions in the relevant Range States.

3. Required Additional Capacity

Component	Required Capacity
STF and Raptors MoU CU	1 Chair, 1 Coordinator; 0.5 Administrative support

¹ Described in the Decision Making document as “**Independent scientific process**”

Component	Required Capacity
Saker Falcon Global Data Centre (SDMS + GQMS)	1 Data/Quota system coordinator (1 FTE); 0.5 FTE Population modelling expert; 0.2 FTE Technical IT support
Range States	National AMF focal points; part-time monitoring staff (in-kind or funded as needed)
Additional/External	Legal/policy advisors (short-term contracts)

4. Budget (Indicative, USD)

Component	Annual Cost (USD)	Notes
STF and Raptors MoU CU	100,000	Coordination (80k), Admin 0.5 FTE (15k), Policy/legal consultancy (5k).
Saker Falcon Global Data Centre (SDMS + GQMS)	100,000	Data/Quota Coordinator (55k), Population Modelling Expert 0.5 FTE (25k), IT Support 0.5 FTE (15k), Compliance/verification tools (5k). Ensures data flow, modelling, and basic compliance monitoring.
Range States support	75,000	National monitoring co-funding for 5–7 Range States (~60k total); Training workshops and stakeholder engagement (15k). Moderate coverage, enabling key states to participate.
Additional/external tasks	25,000	Modelling consultancy (10k), Legal/policy advice (7.5k), Peer review of models/scenarios (7.5k).
Total per year	300,000	