



## CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

UNEP/CMS/Resolution 12.12 (Rev.COP15)

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### ACTION PLANS FOR BIRDS

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Campo Grande, March 2026)

*Recalling* Resolution 11.14<sup>1</sup> *Programme of Work for Migratory Birds and Flyways*, which recommended the development, adoption and implementation of species action plans for priority species in line with CMS priorities for Concerted and Cooperative Action, including the Yellow-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza aureola*), Baer's Pochard (*Aythya baeri*) and Far Eastern Curlew (*Numenius madagascariensis*),

*Further recalling* Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP12)<sup>2</sup> *Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region*, which requests the Landbirds Working Group and the Scientific Council, with the support of the CMS Secretariat, to develop as an emerging issue Action Plans for the Yellow-breasted Bunting, European Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) and European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*),

*Also recalling* Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP15) *Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region*, which further calls on Parties to urgently take practical measures to address threats to migratory bustards, a highly threatened and declining group of migratory landbird species under particular pressure from agricultural intensification, collision with energy infrastructure, illegal and unsustainable take, and habitat loss,

*Further noting* that the Baer's Pochard Action Plan was adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Partners of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) in Japan in 2015; that the Far Eastern Curlew Action Plan was adopted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Partners of EAAFP in Singapore in 2017, that the Dalmatian Pelican Action Plan was adopted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Partners (MOP10) of EAAFP in Changjiang, China in 2018, that the Action Plans for the White-headed Duck and for the Dalmatian Pelican were adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) in Durban, South Africa, in 2018, and that the Christmas Island Frigatebird Action Plan was adopted by EAAFP MOP11, in Brisbane, Australia, in 2023,

*Further noting* that in 2008 the 9th Conference of the Parties endorsed the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Action Plan<sup>3</sup> and revised version of which was adopted in 2025 by the 12th Meeting of Partners of the EAAFP,

*Acknowledging* that the CMS Standing Committee adopted the Action Plans for the European Turtle Dove, White-headed Duck and Dalmatian Pelican at its 48<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Action Plan for the Yellow-breasted Bunting via correspondence in November 2023, and the International Single Species Action Plan for the Sooty Falcon and the West Africa Vulture Conservation Action Plan at its 56<sup>th</sup> meeting,

<sup>1</sup> The Resolution was repealed and consolidated into Resolution 12.11 *Flyways*, which was amended at COP15.

<sup>2</sup> The Resolution was amended by COP15.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cms.int/publication/conference-parties-proceedings-9th-meeting>.

*Concerned* about the conservation status of the Indian Skimmer (*Rynchops albicollis*) and its riverine and coastal habitats and noting the possible extinction of the species in South-East Asia as well as the severe population decline in South Asia detected in early 2020, and welcoming the initiative of the Governments of India and Bangladesh to develop a proposal for listing of the species under CMS as well as to lead on the development of an international single species action plan for the species together with other relevant Range States and stakeholders,

*Recognizing* the financial and in-kind support by multiple governments, organizations and stakeholders in supporting the implementation of Target 1.1 of the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024-2032 through the development of species action plans as tools for effective cooperative conservation and management actions, and

*Noting* the importance of species action plans to contribute to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to halt and reverse biodiversity loss and in particular halt human-induced extinctions and significantly reduce species extinction risk, as well as to maintain and restore genetic diversity within and between populations of wild species,

*The Conference of the Parties to the  
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Adopts* the following species action plans as submitted to COP12:  
UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.7.- *Action Plan for the Far Eastern Curlew*;  
UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.8.- *Action Plan for the Baer's Pochard*;  
UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.9.- *Action Plan for the European Roller*;
2. *Adopts* the following species action plans as submitted to COP14:  
UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.28.5.2/Rev.1 - *International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Christmas Island Frigatebird*;  
UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.28.5.3/Rev.1 - *Action Plan for the Great Bustard in Asia*;
3. *Adopts* the following species action plans as submitted to COP15:  
UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.4.2 - *Multi-species Action Plan to conserve African, Eurasian and Australian Bustards (Bustard MsAP)*, as it relates to CMS-listed bustard species;  
UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.4.3 - *Steppe Eagle Global Action Plan*;
4. *Welcomes* UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC8/Inf.9.4.1 - *International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper (Calidris pygmaea)* as adopted on 14 November by the 12th Meeting of Partners of the East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership;
5. *Decides* to extend the validity of the International Species Action Plan (ISSAP) for the Dalmatian Pelican and of the ISSAP for the White-headed Duck, both adopted by the CMS Standing Committee at its 48th meeting, to allow continuation of the implementation over the full species' ranges, coordinated by the relevant International Working Groups, until a further decision is made by the Conference of the Parties regarding the potential extension, revision, update or retirement of these ISSAPs in coordination with AEWA and, for the Dalmatian Pelican, the EAAFP;

6. *Urges* Parties and *invites* non-Party Range States to implement relevant provisions of all of the action plans for birds that have been adopted by the Conference of the Parties to date;
7. *Encourages* other Parties to provide technical and/or financial support to activities outlined in the action plans; and
8. *Requests* Parties to report on progress in the implementation of the action plans at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties via their national reports.