

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

(Victoria Falls, 30 November- 2 December 2026)

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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE SITE PROPOSAL AND AMENDMENT FORM

(Prepared by the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU)

Summary:

The Site Proposal and Amendment Form enables Signatories to propose the addition of sites to the list contained in Table 3 of the Raptors MOU Action Plan and to propose amendments to information relating to sites already listed.

Following the amendments to the text of the Raptors MOU adopted by the Third Meeting of Signatories (MOS3), several consequential and administrative revisions to the form are required.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the revised form contained in Annex 1 to the present document.

1. Table 3 of the [Action Plan](#) for the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Birds of Prey, contained in Annex 3 to Raptors MOU, identifies sites of international importance for migratory birds of prey in Africa and Eurasia. These include sites important for globally threatened species and for internationally significant congregations of migratory birds of prey.
2. At its third session (Dubai, July 2023), the Meeting of Signatories adopted amendments to the text and annexes of the Raptors MOU and endorsed the Site Proposal and Amendment Form for use by Signatories.
3. The form enables Signatories to propose the addition of sites to Table 3 and amendments to information relating to sites already listed. Its introductory section refers to the provision of the MOU text concerning the identification and conservation of important areas, significant routes, breeding sites and congregatory sites for birds of prey.
4. Following the amendments adopted at MOS3, the form requires several consequential and administrative revisions. These include updating the reference from paragraph 8(a) to paragraph 8(d) of the MOU text, correcting the associated hyperlink so that it leads to the MOU text rather than the Action Plan, and updating the email address of the Coordinating Unit.
5. Other proposed amendments improve the explanatory notes and add a session relating to the required supporting documentation. The proposed revised form is contained in Annex 1 to the present document.

Action requested

6. The Meeting is invited to adopt the revised Form for proposal of amendments to table 3 annex 3 (list of sites) contained in Annex 1 to the present document.

ANNEX I

Site Proposal and Amendment Form **FORM FOR PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO TABLE 3 ANNEX 3 (LIST OF SITES)** **OF THE RAPTORS MOU**

1. Paragraph 8.a) d) of the Raptors MOU [Agreement Text](#) calls for upon Signatories to endeavour to “~~identify important habitats areas, significant routes breeding and congregatory sites for birds of prey occurring within their territory and encourage~~ promote their protection, and/or appropriate management, ~~assessment, rehabilitation and/or restoration~~”.
2. Table 3 of the Raptors MOU [Action Plan](#) lists ~~Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs) sites~~ of international importance for migratory birds of prey that are currently known to be important congregatory bird of prey sites in Africa and Eurasia.
3. The present ~~Site Proposal and Amendment~~ Form is to be used by Signatories for proposing new sites or proposing amendments to or removal of sites under Table 3 of the Raptors MOU Action Plan.
4. Sites proposed for addition to Table 3 should meet criteria for international importance such as those used for identification of Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas¹ or European Community Birds Directive ([Directive 2009/147/EC](#)) Special Protection Areas². Signatories ~~considering proposing wishing to identify~~ sites of national ~~(as opposed to rather than~~ international) importance should do so in their National or Regional Raptor Conservation Strategies or contact the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU for advice.
5. Completed forms ~~(including together with supporting information and associated maps)~~ should be returned electronically to the Coordinating Unit at: cmsoffice.ae@cms.int cmsoffice.ae@un.org.

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¹ <http://datazone.birdlife.org/site/ibacriteria> BirdLife International, “Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas” <https://datazone.birdlife.org/about-our-science/ibas>.

² http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/sites_birds/index_en.htm Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds, in particular article 4 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2009/147/oj/eng>.

Site(s) proposed for addition to, or amendment of Table 3

Site Name (International) ^a	New Site (N), Amendment (A) or Removal (R) ^b	Site Type(s) ^c	Site Code ^d	Geographic Coordinates ^e	Site Boundary Provided? ^f	Raptors MOU Annex 1 Species ^g for which Site is Important	Season ^h	Supporting Count Data ⁱ	International Criteria Met ^j	Comments/ Reason for Amendment ^k

Explanatory notes

- a) **Site Name (International)** - Indicate the internationally used site name.
- b) **New site or Amendment** - Indicate whether the submission concerns a site is a new proposed site (N) or an amendment (A) to, or a removal (R) of an existing a site already listed in Table 3-site.
- c) **Site Type(s)** - Indicate any statutory and non-statutory designations (e.g., National Park, Nature Reserve, Community Management Area, Important Bird Area ~~with international importance for raptors~~, Key Biodiversity Area, Ramsar Site or Special Protection Area, etc).
- d) **Site Code(s)** - ~~Indicate which sites codes apply, if any. If multiple site types apply, specify which site type relates to which code.~~ Provide any applicable official site code. Where several designations apply, indicate which designation corresponds to each code.
- e) **Geographic Coordinates** - Provide the coordinates of the approximate centre of the site expressed in degrees, minutes, and seconds of latitude and longitude (e.g., in the format: 01°24'15"S 104°16'12"E or 010°30'15"N 084°51'28"W). Coordinates may alternatively be provided in decimal degrees using the WGS 84 coordinate reference system. Indicate clearly the reference system used.
- f) **Site Boundary Provided?** - Indicate "Y" for yes or "N" for no. Where available, provide the site boundary as georeferenced spatial data, preferably in GeoPackage, GeoJSON, KML or shapefile format. A clearly marked map may be provided where spatial data are unavailable. Identify the files accompanying the submission. ~~If available, provide site boundary in electronic format (e.g. JPEG), GIS file with attribute table, or scanned hard copy of boundary on map. Specify in this column Y yes or N no, and if Y, describe how it has been provided (e.g. e-mailed to Coordination Unit in X form).~~
- g) **Species listed in Annex 1 of the Raptors MOU for which the site is important** - ~~Provide the list of those species. List the species included in Annex 1 to the Raptors MOU for which the site is internationally important.~~ For multiple species, use a separate row for each, repeating the site name/code in each row.

- h) **Season** - Indicate if ~~each~~ whether the species is breeding/non-breeding/passage/ uses the site during the breeding, non-breeding or passage period, or is resident at the site. Where, for example, a resident and passage population of the same species is present, use a separate row for each season and provide the corresponding count data ~~repeat the species' name in another row and fill in separate season and count data.~~
- i) **Supporting Count Data** - Please provide count data (no. of individuals) for Raptors MOU Annex 1 species at the site and date of count.
- j) **International Criteria Met** - Specify which international criteria are met by Raptors MOU Annex 1 species at the site. Provide the source used to establish that the criterion and threshold have been met.
- k) **Comments/ Reason for Amendment** - For an existing site, describe precisely the proposed amendment and its justification. This may include a change to the site name, code, designation, boundary, coordinates, qualifying species, season, count data or applicable international criterion.

Supporting information

Please list or attach the sources supporting the proposal or amendment, including survey reports, scientific publications, national inventories, official designation documents, maps and spatial datasets.

List of supporting documents and files:

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- 2.
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