

11th Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group of the Raptors MOU

TAG11, on line 25 August 2026



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TAG Report

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August

*Darcy: “threat posed by raptor
trade doesn't seem to appear”*

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TAG Workplan

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MOS4 is requested to:

Take note of the TAG Workplan 2027-2029 contained in Annex 1 to the present document, which has been approved by the TAG;

Invite the TAG to identify deliverables, suitable “leads” and “contributors” for implementing each action of the Workplan at its first meeting after MOS4 and where possible indicate the estimated costs.

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Mandate	Action	Priority Level
TOR 4(b) ROP 16(2)	1. Ensure changes in taxonomy and/or conservation status and knowledge of movement of migratory raptors are reflected in the Raptors MOU lists.	Core activity
ROP 16.3(c)	2. Review proposals submitted to MOS for the inclusion of species in Annex 1 of the MOU.	Core activity
ROP 16.3(c) CMS Resolution 15.10	3. Review proposals submitted to MOS for the inclusion of sites in Table 3 of the MOU's Action Plan.	Core activity
TOR 4(a)	4. Contribute scientific and technical advice on matters brought to the attention of the TAG by Signatories and relating to the following: conservation and management activities and promulgation of guidance; and capacity-building to develop guidance, good practice, and other activities.	Core activity
TOR 4(d)	5. Report to MOS on TAG activities.	Core activity
Table 2 Act. (5.1), 7	6. Contribute technical expertise on raptors to the work of the CMS Task Forces.	Core activity
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 5.1	7. Contribute to the CMS Energy Task Force and ensure that the potential impact on raptors of energy production and distribution infrastructure is properly addressed.	Core activity

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TOR 4(b) Table 2 Act. 1.1	8. Monitor consistency between the IUCN Red List status, Table 1 Category, and CMS Appendix listing of species.	Very high
Resolution 15.10 Decision 15.178	9. IIRAs: Development of protocol for handling for sensitive data 10. Coordinate with equivalent IIRAs identification processes in other flyways, with a view to establishing a mutually supported, science- and ecosystem-based approach to conservation and sustainability of IIRAs;	Very high
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 3.1	11. Support the assessment of the distribution, conservation, and protection status of habitats important for migratory raptors.	High
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 3.2	12. Provide guidance on the Migratory Raptor Safe Zones approach to Signatories.	Low
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 3.2	13. Identify information gaps on key breeding areas, stopovers, refuelling, bottleneck, and other congregational and non-breeding sites along raptor flyways.	Very high
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 3.2	14. Produce guidance on effective habitat and site protection.	Medium

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TOR 4(b) Table 2 Act. 3.2, 6.1	15. Assess the protection status of the sites listed in the Action Plan's Table 3 and their effectiveness in conserving migratory raptors.	Very high
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 4	16. Assess and provide recommendations on the value of new technologies, including satellite tracking, to: assess mortality; and identify mortality causes, important sites, distribution range, and migration pathways.	High
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 4.1	17. Study the impact on raptors of locust and <i>Quelea</i> control programmes.	High
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 4.1	18. Collate and disseminate information on the extent of climate change's impacts on raptors, their habitats and prey.	Very high
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 6.2	19. Support the development of guidance on national monitoring of raptors.	High

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TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 4.1, 6.1	20. Monitor the conservation status of migratory raptors listed in Annex 1.	Very high
TOR 4(b)	21. Collate best-practice guidance on the use of satellite tags and drones for monitoring raptors.	High
Table 2 Act. 6.3	22. Provide guidance and share information on how to identify conservation-related research needs.	Low
TOR 4(a)	23. Advise on matters pertaining to raptor conservation, including in response to the climate-biodiversity crisis.	High
TOR 4(b)	24. Collate and disseminate guidelines on raptor reintroduction programmes and promote their application.	High
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 6.2, 7.2, 8.1, 8.2	25. Contribute advice to the development of an East African-Eurasian Flyway bottleneck monitoring project.	High
TOR 4(a) Table 2 Act. 9.1	26. Develop mechanisms for sharing data on raptors that can contribute to the MOU's objectives.	Medium