



Overview of MIKT strategy and relevant guidance on IKB NAPs

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Workshop on National IKB Action Plans: North Africa

29 Sep - 1 Oct 2026, Tangier, Morocco

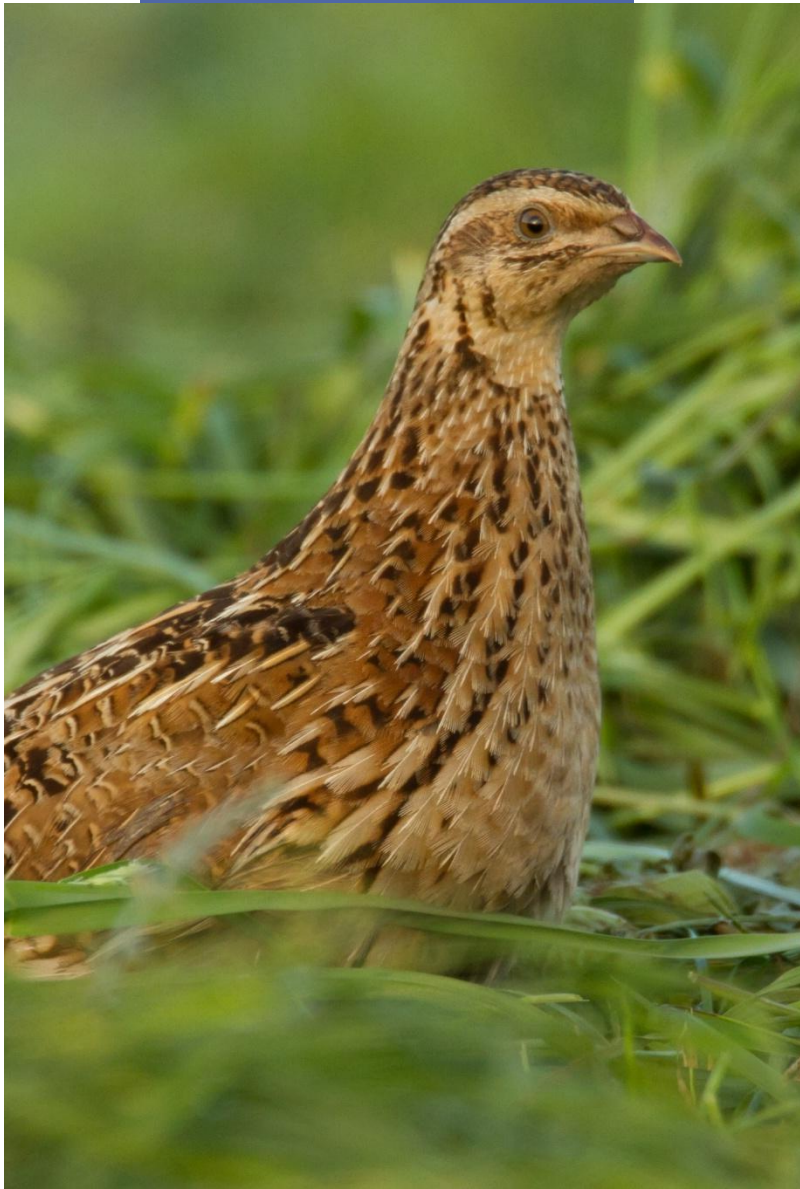


This talk:

- A brief history of MIKT and its mandate
- Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030
- Guidance on the development and implementation of National Action Plans against IKB
- Update on progress and next steps



Introduction to MIKT



TASK FOR ON ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (MIKT)



- Mandated through Resolution 11.16 (Rev. COP15) and established in 2014
- MIKT Coordination by CMS Secretariat since 2016
- 21 members with a Mediterranean coast and the European Union
- Observers: non parties with Med coast, MEAs, IGOs, Advisory Groups, NGOs

EU SUPPORT 2015-2028



- The EU has supported the work of MIKT since 2015 with continuous grants
- The last grant ends June 2028
- The EU is recognized as Champion Plus by CMS for this generous contribution



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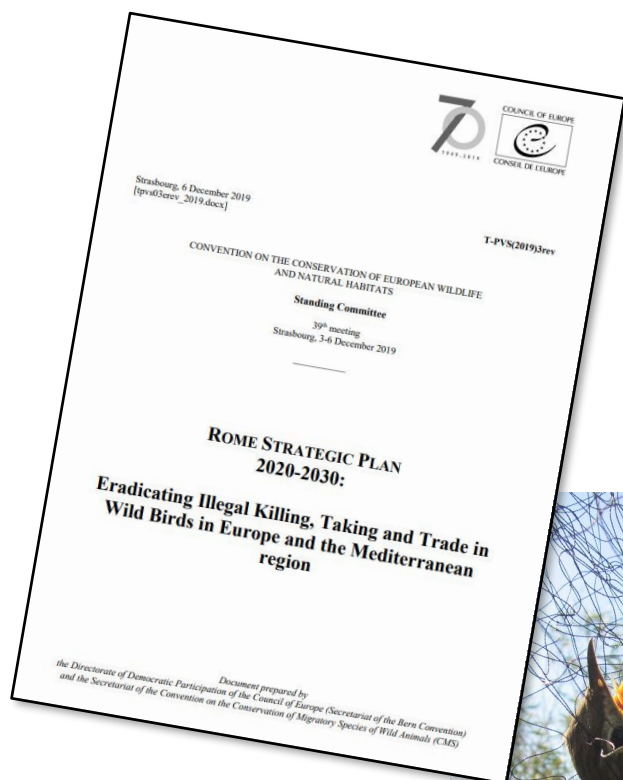
Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030

ROME STRATEGIC PLAN: 2020-2030

Eradicating Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds in Europe and the Mediterranean region

- Adopted in 2019 by Bern Convention
- Adopted in 2020 by MIKT

Overall Goal: *a 50% reduction of the scope and scale of IKB by 2030*



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Result oriented objectives:

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- 5. To ensure effective and efficient Justice for IKB-related offences

National Action Plans

Rome Strategic Plan Targets and Actions on National IKB Action Plans, pages 10-11.

National IKB Action Plans				
2030 Target	Indicator & means of verification	Actions	Main actors ¹	
National Action Plans are developed and adopted and are being implemented in all countries	Indicator (quantitative) i. Number of National IKB Action Plans or relevant document identifying priority actions to address IKB ii. Degree of implementation of National IKB Action Plans, as assessed by the corresponding country and other stakeholders Means of verification: Completion of Scoreboard to assess the progress in combating (IKB) Scoreboard indicator: C14. Indicator (qualitative): iii. Comprehensiveness of National IKB Action Plans in covering action to address all IKB issues in country, as assessed by the	a) By September 2021, provide a format including guidance for the development and implementation of National IKB Action Plans. ²	a) Bern Convention and MIKT Coordinator in consultation with countries and relevant stakeholders	
		b) By December 2021 based on the scoreboard or other relevant source of information, each Contracting Party assesses the need to develop and adopt a NAP, taking into consideration the recommendations made by the Bern Convention and CMS Secretariats	b) Range state governments and respective national stakeholders	
		c) By December 2022 develop and adopt National Action Plans on IKB and the mechanism for its implementation when assessed as necessary or develop and adopt other relevant document, implementation tools or mechanisms which includes actions to address IKB (<i>Cross-reference with Objective 1 of this Strategic Plan</i>)	Range state governments and respective national stakeholders	
		corresponding country and other stakeholders iv. Establishment of National Action Plan committee with appropriate multi-stakeholder structure and remit covering development of the NAP and guidance of its implementation v. Specific Funding is dedicated or/and secured by countries to address IKB by implementing the NAPs vi. The scale (number and severity) of species of wild birds impacted by IKB is identified in the National IKB Action Plans Means of verification: National Action Plans or relevant document including appropriate actions to address IKB adopted Completion of Scoreboard to assess the progress in combating (IKB)	d) Within the period 2020-2030, organize regional workshops to support the development (finished by 2024) and implementation of National Action Plans, where needed.	Bern Convention and CMS Secretariats in consultation with countries and relevant stakeholders

¹ The support from actors is expected to the extent that resources, work plans and funding allow.

² Work developed under the TAP by the Bern Convention will be taken into account, in particular Recommendation No. 171 (2014) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 5 December 2014, on the setting-up of national policing/investigation priorities to tackle illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds and Recommendation N° 177 (2015) on the gravity factors and sentencing principles for the evaluation of offences against birds, and in particular the illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds.

National Action Plans-Regional Workshop, Balkans

2-4 September 2024, Podgorica, Montenegro





Guidance for the Development and Implementation of National Action Plans against IKB



GUIDANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL ACTION PLANS AGAINST THE ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF BIRDS

(Based on a document prepared by Carmen Naves Muñoz and reviewed by the CMS Secretariat)

December 2022

Summary:

This document provides guidance for the development and implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) against the illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds (IKB). This activity implements Action a) under the objective *National IKB Action Plans* and the 2030 target "National Action Plans are developed and adopted and are being implemented in all countries" of the *Rome Strategic Plan on Eradicating Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds in Europe and the Mediterranean region 2020-2030*.

MIKT members and the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention endorsed this document.



The European Union was recognized as Champion Plus for their generous support and commitment towards addressing Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean for the period 2018 - 2023. This activity has been funded with the contribution granted by the European Commission under the Migratory Species Champion Programme and through the Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPCC Programme) Cooperation Agreements with UNEP.



Guidance endorsed December 2022

Mandate for Guidance comes from Rome Strategic Plan

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"Tackling the multi-faceted challenge that is IKB requires political commitment and an effective strategy"

Primary considerations: Need for plan and legal basis

- 1. Is a National Action Plan needed? *Could a Regional / Local or Thematic Plan suffice? Could another relevant policy document be sufficient, through including IKB provisions and actions in it?*

- 2. If an Action Plan is needed, then what is the legal basis for adopting it?

Consider the legislation ratifying the CMS and reference to Key Resolutions.



KEY CMS RESOLUTIONS, possibly relevant for legal basis

Resolution 11.15 (Rev. COP15) *Preventing Poisoning of Migratory Birds*

Resolution 11.16 (Rev. COP15) *Prevention of Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds*

Resolution 11.17 (Rev. COP15) *Action Plan for migratory landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region (AEMLAP)*

Resolution 11.18 (Rev. COP15) *Saker Falcon Global Action Plan*

Resolution 12.10 (Rev. COP14) *Conservation of African-Eurasian Vulture (Vulture MsAP)*

- Overarching principle: **Zero Tolerance to IKB**
- 1. **NAP Committee Set Up** To lead the development and oversee the implementation. Government to lead.
- 2. **Stakeholder analysis and engagement**
Conduct a stakeholder analysis, considering whether each will be supportive, opposing, a Champion. NGOs and other stakeholders essential for success.
- 3. **Action Planning Workshop(s)** Consider a neutral facilitator who will prepare agenda, structure, ensure participation and help the participants reach agreement



Problem and Objectives Trees

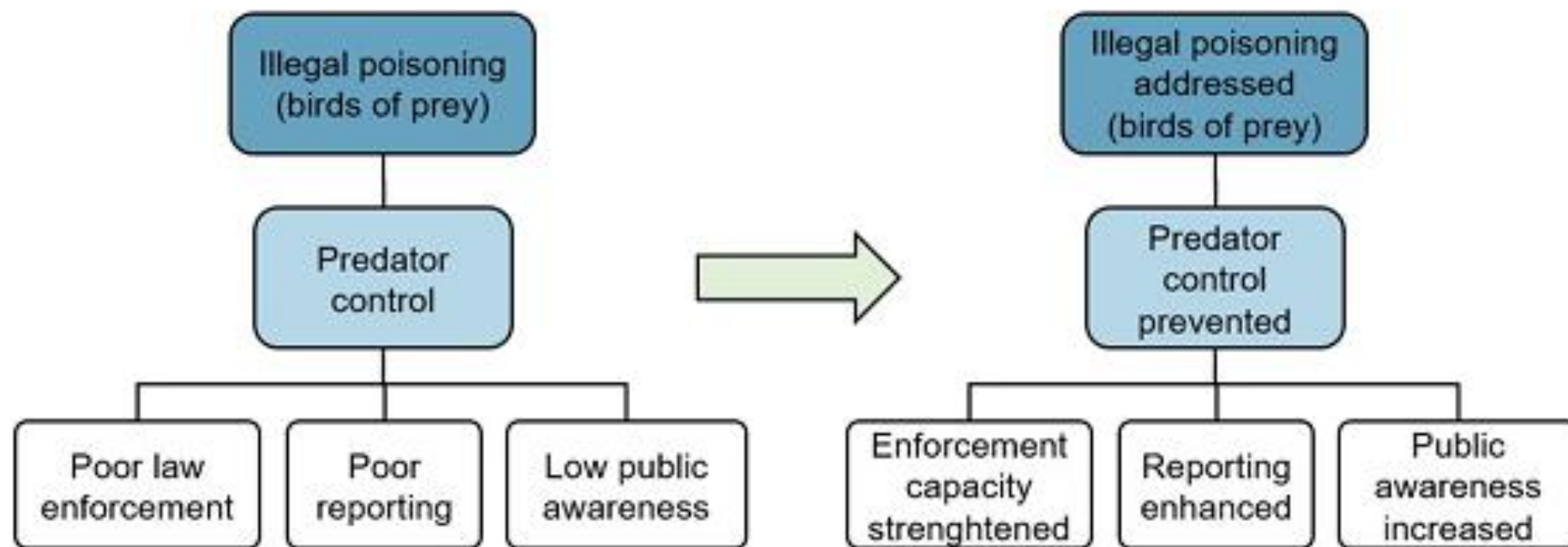


Figure 4 Example for developing an objectives tree (right) from a problem tree (left)

Logical Framework

- Objectives
- Actions
- Outcomes and Indicators
- Responsible
- Timeline
- Budget

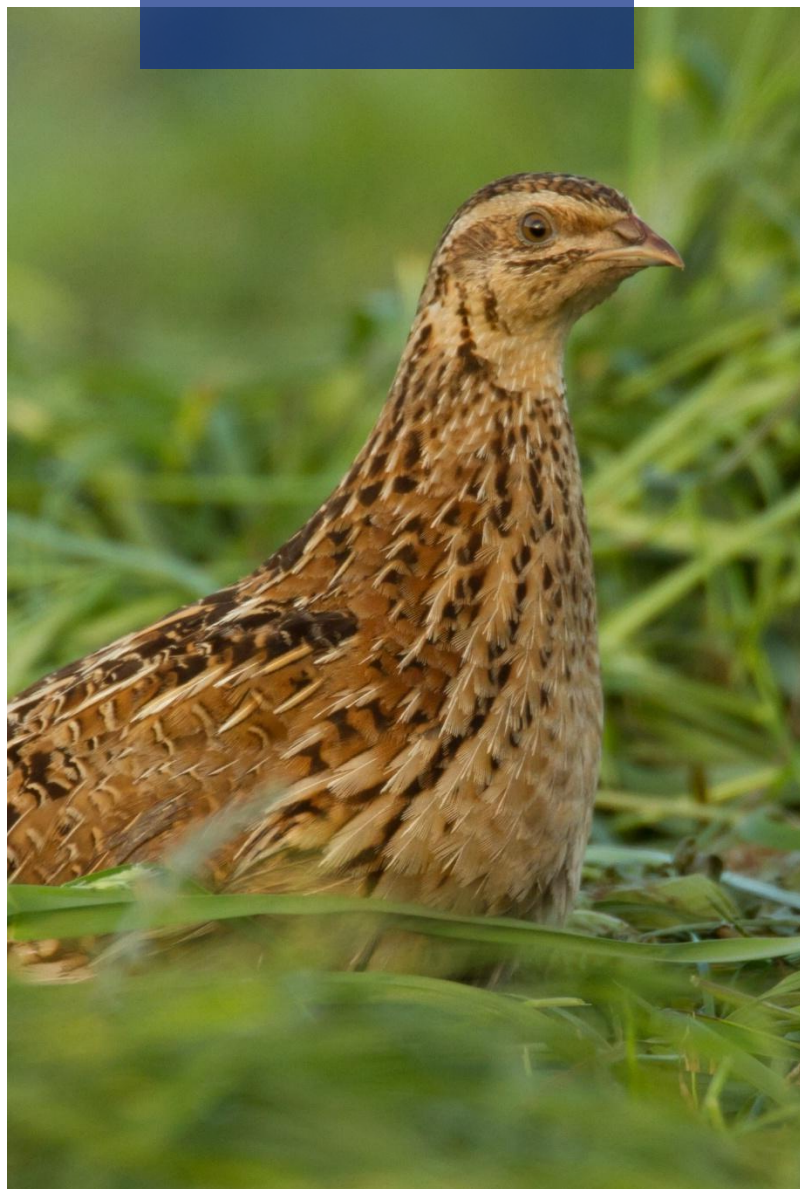
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ANNEX 5

TEMPLATE FOR A NAP LOGICAL FRAMEWORK National Action Plan to Combat the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds (Delete all text in blue)

PRIORITY 1: National monitoring of the scope, scale and motivations of IKB.

Objective	Group of Actions (Add or delete rows as needed)	Actions (Add or delete rows as needed)	Outcomes and Indicators (Add or delete rows as needed)	Responsible	Timeline	Budget
To ensure availability at national level of comprehensive data on the status and scale of IKB.	1.	A1:				
		A2:				
	2.	A1:				
		A2:				
To increase the knowledge of the number, the seasonal and geographic distribution and trend of illegally killed, taken or traded birds at national level including overseas territories.	1.	A1:				
		A2:				
	2.	A1:				
		A2:				
To ensure availability of data on IKB cases known to justice at national level.	1.	A1:				
		A2:				
	2.	A1:				
		A2:				
To increase the knowledge of the number of IKB cases prosecuted.	1.	A1:				
		A2:				
	2.	A1:				
		A2:				



Timeline and budget



Timeline: Recommended to start with 5-year initial period and revisit



Budget: Costing and budgeting (human, equipment, technical resources, financial, etc)

MIKT Resources

Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean



The Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) has been convened by the CMS Secretariat in conjunction with the Secretariat of AEWA, the Raptors MOU Coordinating Unit and the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP) Working Group. It brings together governmental representatives of CMS Parties from the Mediterranean region, including European Union Member States, and other interested Parties. Representatives from non-CMS Parties as well as relevant international organizations and networks are also part of MIKT as observers..

As of September 2022, the Membership of the Task Force consists of 22 CMS Parties. Additionally, three Interested Parties (CMS Parties which do not have a Mediterranean coast), and one Non-Party are Observers to the MIKT. Twelve multilateral environmental agreements (represented by their Secretariats), organizations and networks, and nine non-governmental

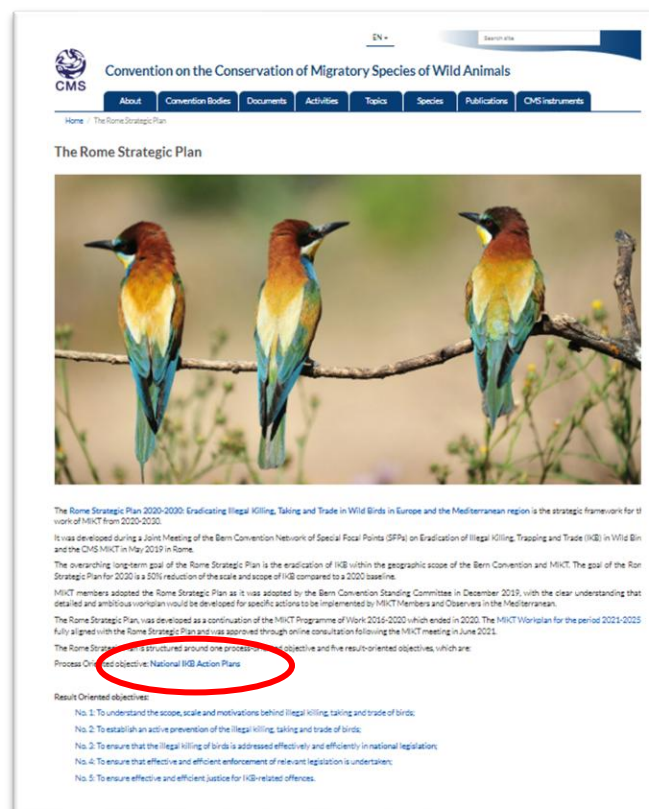
Useful Links

[MEETINGS](#)
[IKB SCOREBOARD](#)
[Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030](#)
[National IKB Action Plans](#)

MIKT Website: <https://www.cms.int/taskforce/mikt>

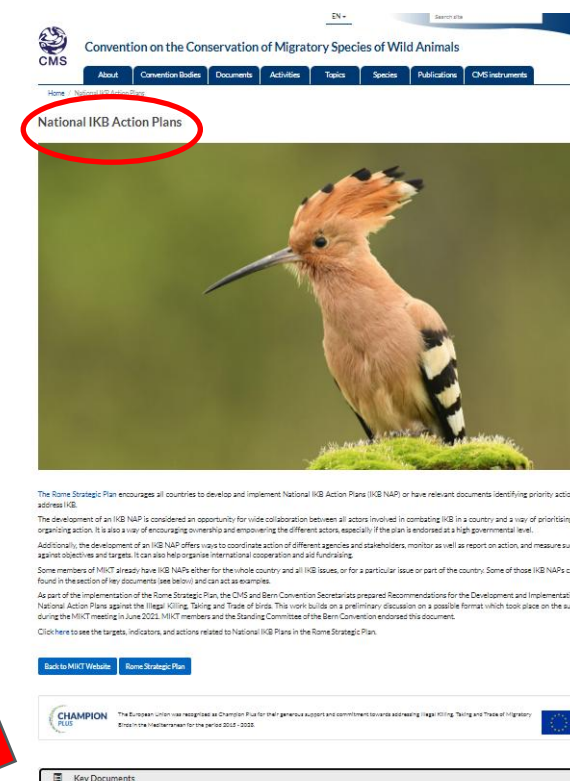
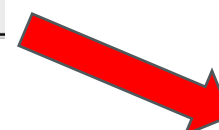
MIKT Website: Section on Rome Strategic Plan

<https://www.cms.int/en/taskforce/mikt/rome-strategic-plan-2020-2023>



Page on National Action Plans and resources: documents, guidance from CMS and other partners

Key Documents





Outreach materials

Achievements Joint Meeting 2025

- *5th Joint Meeting on IKB in May 2025 in the UN Campus, Bonn, Germany*
- *Survey on IKB Motivations & Drivers*
- *Mid-term assessment Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030*
- *Outreach Materials*
 - Generic IKB Brochure (EN, ES, FR, AR)*
 - Animation with Voice Over (EN, ES, FR, AR)*
 - Brochure on the Scoreboard (Assessment method-EN)*
 - Brochure on Monitoring data (EN)*
 - Brochure on Legislative Guidance (EN)*

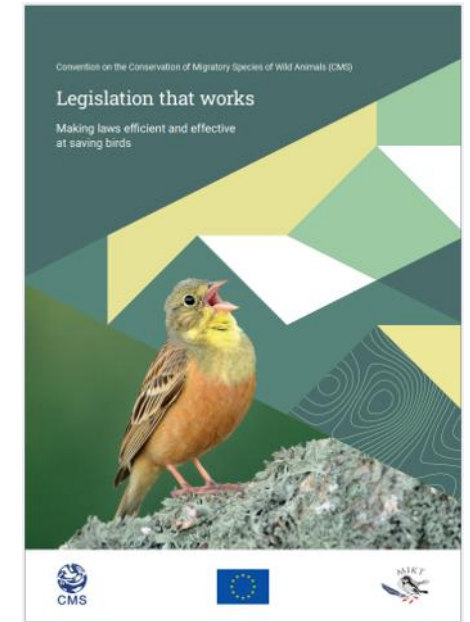
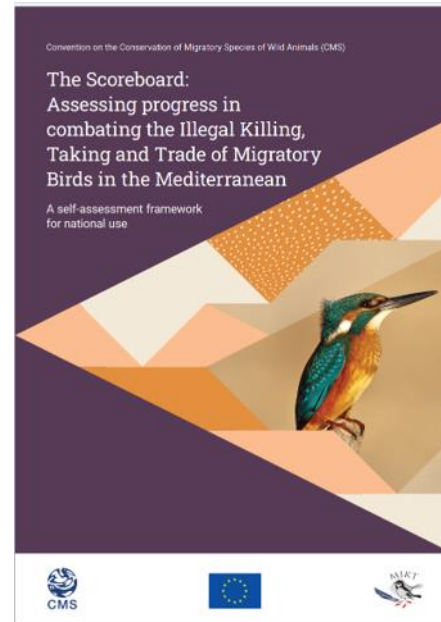


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