



RAPTORS
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6.1 Review of TAG Work Programme

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TAG's Intersessional Work Plan (2016 – 2020)

Related MOU Activity	Task	
Improvement of legal protection	1. Amendments to the Species List (Annex 1 and Table 3 of Action Plan)	Green
	2. Consider changes to raptor taxonomy and nomenclature	Green
Protect and manage important sites and flyways	3. Assess threats to Annex 1 species and explore funding for international species action plans	Yellow
	4. Guidance on species re-introduction measures	Green
	5. Advise on info gaps in key breeding areas, stop-over, refuelling, bottleneck, other congregational and non-breeding sites along raptor flyways	Yellow
	6. Collision and electrocution from powerlines, engaging with power generation and distribution sectors	Yellow
	7. Exchange guidance and address impacts of renewable energy generation e.g. wind and solar	Red
	8. Tackling illegal persecution e.g. value of new technologies, conflict resolution, cultural aspects	Yellow

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Related MOU Activity	Task	
Habitat conservation and management	9. Advise on issues and good practices to support (a) conservation and management activities and guidance, and (b) capacity building to develop guidance, practices and other activities.	Green
Raising awareness of issues	10. Technical expertise on poisoning of raptors to CMS Preventing Poisoning Working Group and CMS Energy Task Force.	Green
	11. Priorities for raising awareness of raptor conservation needs in different regions.	Green
Guidance	12. Make recommendations for common standards for population estimates, monitoring, assessing threats, condition of habitats and management measures.	Yellow
	13. Sharing of data on raptors	Red

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Related MOU Activity	Task	
Supporting measures and horizon scanning	14. Advise MOS on vultures – V MsAP	Green
	15. Report on issues relating to conservation, management, science and awareness raising on the horizon	Green
	16. Develop an interim National Reporting Form linked to CMS ORS	Green
	17. Advise on the integration of national reporting with strategic planning processes.	Red
	18. Review the MoU's Action Plan (Annex 3 of the MoU)	Green
	19. Support and advise CMS Task Forces	Green
	20. Support scientific and technical actions for the Raptors MoU listed in the Programme of Work (PoW) on Migratory Birds and Flyways (CMS Resolution 11.14).	Green

Action requested from TAG



- Take note of the activity status
- Review and update workplan until MOS4 (Agenda 6.8)



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TAG WorkPlan

The main tasks of the TAG are to:

- a) Provide expert advice, information and make recommendations on the implementation of the Raptors MoU, to the Signatories and the CU, as requested;
- b) Analyse, as necessary, scientific advice and assessments and to make recommendations, particularly concerning the content of Annexes I, II and III, in the Action Plan of the Raptors MoU;
- c) Provide comments on any proposals to amend the MoU text which have a technical content;
- d) Prepare a written report of its activities to deliver its **work programme** for each session of the Meeting of Signatories to be submitted to the CU at least 60 days in advance of the meeting; and,
- e) Carry out any other tasks referred to it by the Meeting of Signatories (MoS).

MOS3 to approve Work Programme (based on the discussion at MOS1)

Re-writing required following changes in AP and Table 2

MoU – Activity 1: Improvement of legal protection

1. Consider amendments adopted by MoS2 to Annex 1 (species) and amend Table 2 (sites) of the Action Plan, and in particular:
 - a) consider further possible candidate Annex 1 species in light of changes to their status as placed under Categories 1, 2 and 3 on basis of global population trends, and categorisation of existing Annex 1 species;
 - b) consider further comments from the Signatories, make recommendations as to the updating of Table 3 of the Action Plan;
 - c) consider any further changes to the geographic coverage of Annex 2 of the MoU.

2. Consider any further changes on raptor taxonomy and nomenclature in relation to species listings within the MoU, having regard to CMS Resolution ~~11.19~~ 12.27

Threats – Activity 2: Protect and/or manage important sites and flyways

3. Assess and review threats to Annex 1 species and make recommendations on appropriate measures to alleviate these problems **Fact Sheets?** prioritising work on the most threatened species and exploring funding and other avenues to stimulate the development of international species action plans.
4. Consider the need for guidance on species re-introduction measures specific to raptors, and in particular:
 - a) advise on any **Recent success of the reintroduction of Saker in BG and the Spanish experiences may be the basis for a** programmes; and **reintroduction**
 - b) advise the **Saker Falcon Task Force ‘as appropriate’** **‘best practice guide’?**
5. Advise on gaps in current information on key breeding areas, stop-over, refuelling, bottleneck, other congregational and non-breeding sites along raptor flyways, and:
 - a) make recommendations on how these might be filled, and **Pilot Site Network Report for all Annex 1**
 - b) advise on appropriate approaches for the **species?** conservation and management of critical areas.

Threats – Activity 2: Protect and/or manage important sites and flyways

6. Building on existing reviews and exchanges of information with Signatories concerning the negative impacts on raptors arising from collisions and electrocution from power-lines, make recommendations to Signatories as to the best means of engaging cooperation sectors to address these impacts.

Cooperation with the Energy Task Force and the Electrocution Discussion Group ?
7. Exchange guidance related to the mitigation of negative impacts of other energy generation sectors (e.g. wind and solar), and make recommendations to Signatories to address impacts.

Cooperation with the Energy Task Force ?
8. Provide recommendations **Cooperation with MIKT and Arabia, Iran & Iraq IKB initiative ?**
 - a) the value of technologies such as electronic tracking methods as means of assessing the extent and location of persecution hotspots, x-ray monitoring, and DNA techniques;
 - b) possible approaches to conflict resolution – where conflicts with other interests may be an ultimate driver for illegal killing; and,

Insights from Prof. Amar contribution ?
 - c) possible approaches to addressing persecution where illegal killing may be a long-standing practice with cultural elements.

Habitat conservation and management – Activity 3: Raise awareness of issues and guidance

9. Contribute scientific and technical advice on issues and good practice brought to attention of TAG by Signatories to support
- (a) conservation and management activities and promulgation of guidance, and
 - (b) capacity building to develop guidance, practices and other activities.

Airspace as habitat?

Fill knowledge gaps identified through the African Eurasian Atlas?

Poisoning – Activity 4: Raise awareness of problems faced by birds of prey and measures needed to conserve them

10. Contribute technical expertise on raptors and their poisoning to the work of the ~~CMS Preventing Poisoning Working Group~~ and CMS Energy Task Force.

CMS Lead Task Force

11. Make recommendations on priorities for raising awareness of raptor conservation needs in different regions.

Impact of Locusts and Quelea control programmes on raptors ?

Guidance – Activity 5: Monitor bird of prey populations, carry out conservation research and take appropriate remedial measures

12. Make recommendations as to the crucial needs for common standards for methods, drawing from a review of national experiences and good practices, to:

- a) estimate the size of raptor populations;
- b) undertake monitoring of populations and migratory patterns; and,
- c) assess the threats, current conservation actions (including existing protective designations at sites), condition of habitats, and their consequent need for further management and protection measures at important sites.

East Africa Eurasian Flyway Initiative?:

- Defining monitoring standards

- Capacity building

- Awareness raising

- Sharing data

- Monitoring populations

13. Develop further appropriate mechanisms for the sharing of data on raptors for the better implementation of the MoU's objectives.

Reporting – Activity 6: Supporting measures and horizon scanning

14. Advise the MoS and Coordinating Unit on the perilous state of vultures, noting MoS2 concerns, and provide inputs to multi-species action planning. **Completed**

15. Report on issues of concern and for action relating to conservation, management, science and awareness-raising on the horizon, and advise on new conservation practices. **CORE ACTIVITY**

16. Develop an interim National Reporting Form, linked to the CMS Online Reporting System. **Completed**

Reporting – Activity 6: Supporting measures and horizon scanning

17. Advise on the integration of national reporting with strategic planning processes.

18. Review the MoU's Action Plan (Annex 3 of the MoU) in advance of MoS3.

19 Support and advise the various CMS Task Forces, as appropriate.

20. Support other relevant scientific and technical actions for the Raptors MoU listed in the Programme of Work (PoW) on Migratory Birds and Flyways (CMS Resolution 11.14).

CORE ACTIVITIES

Expected outcomes of this session



- Identify potentials contents of the Work Plan MoS3 – MoS4 (2023 – 2025)
- Define process and milestones for its development