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History and evolution of the MIKT Strategic Plan and reporting according to the Scoreboard

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Resolution 11.16 Rev.COP14 Prevention of Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds. Adopted in 2014



CMS



**CONVENTION ON
MIGRATORY
SPECIES**

UNEP/CMS/Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP14)
Original: English

**THE PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY
BIRDS**

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 14th Meeting (Samarkand, February 2014)

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



21 MEMBERS - Government officials of CMS contracting Parties and the European Union

36 OBSERVERS:

- Non **CMS Parties** and other interested **countries**.
- **Other stakeholders** include Secretariats of the participating MEAs, UNEP, UNODC and other UN organizations, INTERPOL, Europol, EUFJE, ENPE, IMPEL, the hunting community and NGOs, like BirdLife International.

TRAFFIC



European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law



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MIKT *Modus operandi*

Adopted 1st Meeting Cairo 2016

Defining Goal, role, scope, remit, membership, governance,
operation and Consultative Group
Foresees a Coordinator



**Convention on the Conservation of
Migratory Species of Wild Animals**

Secretariat provided by the United Nations Environment Programme



**1st Meeting of the Intergovernmental Task Force on
Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean**

Cairo, Egypt, 12 – 15 July 2016

15 July 2016

UNEP/CMS/MIKT1/Doc.3/Rev.1

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

Prepared by the Secretariat

Working Jointly with the Bern Convention



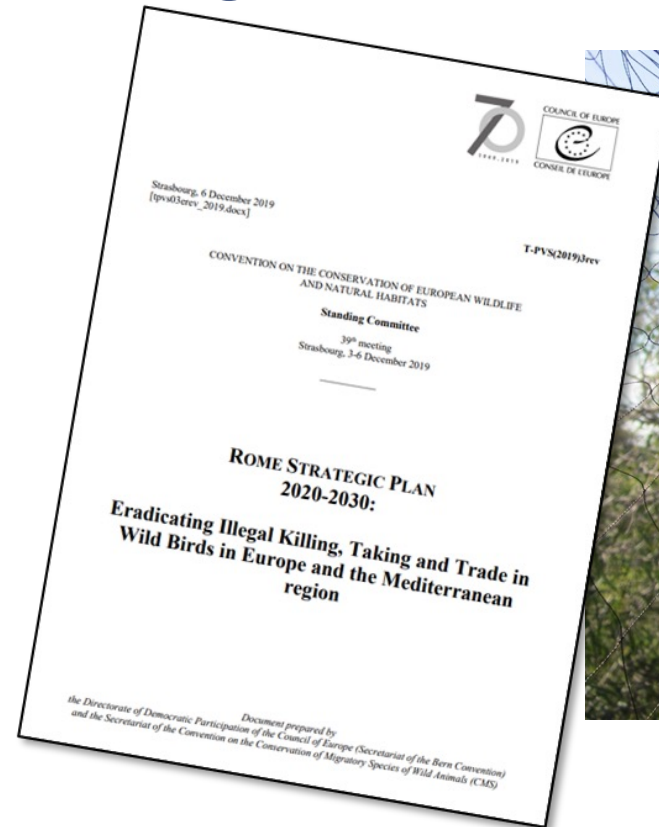
Since 2017 MIKT meets jointly with the Bern Convention Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds

Geographic Scope: Mediterranean and Europe (Bern Convention reach)

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



Rome Strategic Plan: Objectives

Overarching objective: National IKB Action Plans

- 1. To **understand the extent scale and scope of IKB** and the **motivations** behind illegal killing of birds
- 2. To establish and **active prevention** of the illegal killing of birds
- 3. To ensure that the illegal killing of birds is incorporated **effectively and efficiently in national legislation**
- 4. To ensure that **effective and efficient enforcement** of relevant legislation is undertaken
- 5. To ensure **effective and efficient justice** for IKB-related offence

Recognition of the EU support to CMS for MIKT

EU has been a significant donor for MIKT since 2015, the latest grant covers the period 2024-2028



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 2015 - 2028.






Scoreboard 2023

Scoreboard: to assess progress in combating IKB

UNEP/CMS/Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP13)/Annex 1



Annex 1 to Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP13)

Scoreboard to assess the progress in combating illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds (IKB)

A self-assessment framework for national use

17 July 2017

Prepared by the Secretariats of the Bern Convention and of CMS with the support of Umberto Gallo-Orsi and Sergei Golovkin

This document was extensively discussed at the Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds (Bern SFPs Network) and the UN Environment/CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT), held in Siema (Malta), the 22nd and 23rd June 2017

- 1st – 2018
- 2nd – 2020
- 3rd – 2023
- 4th – 2026

UNEP/CMS/Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP13)/Annex 1

A. National monitoring of IKB – data management of scope and scale of IKB.

1. Status and scale of IKB

The extent to which data and information on illegal activities at national level are available.

Question: What is the quality of national data about IKB?

Measurement:

| 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data and information on number of totals of birds illegally killed or taken due to IKB are not available. | <input type="checkbox"/> National estimate of birds illegally killed or taken due to IKB is based on expert opinion ⁷ and anecdotal information. | <input type="checkbox"/> National estimate of birds illegally killed or taken due to IKB is based partially on quantitative data and records and partially on estimates and extrapolation. | <input type="checkbox"/> National estimates of birds illegally killed or taken due to IKB is based largely on quantitative data and records. |

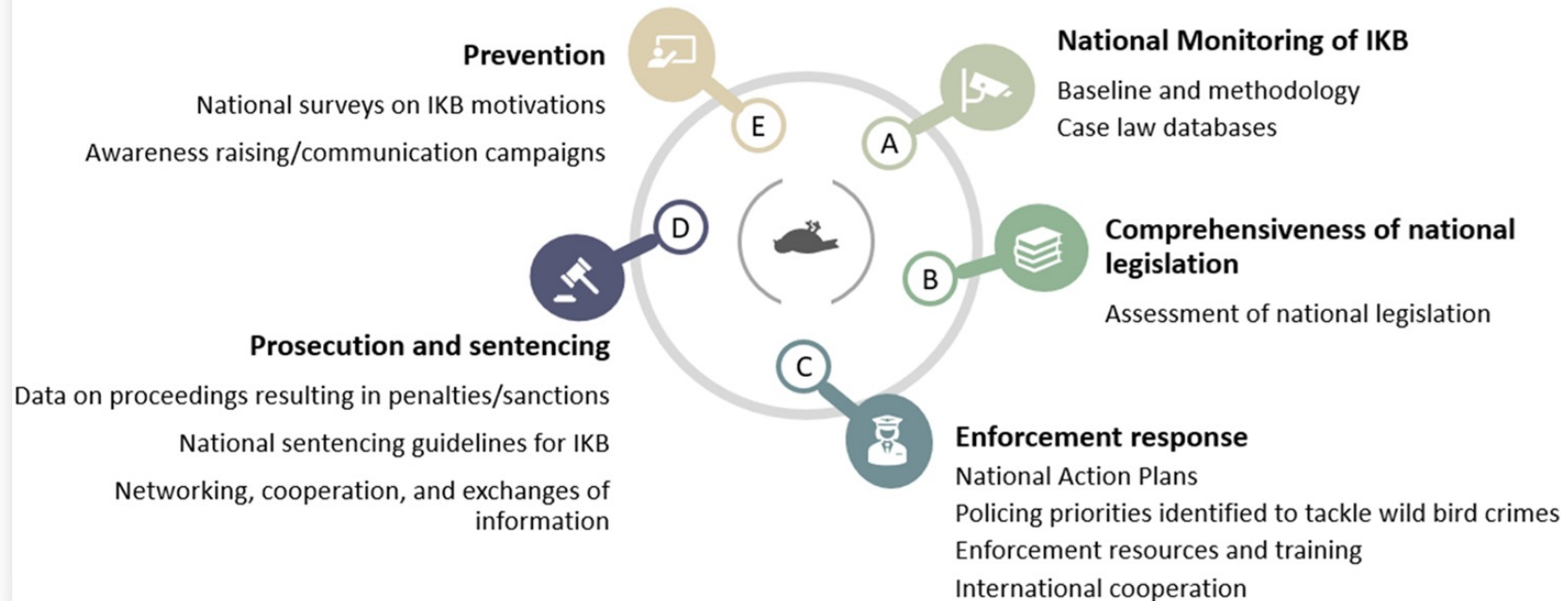
Comments:

A self-assessment tool

Scoreboard: a self-assessment tool

An introduction to the Scoreboard

..adopted in 2017, amended in 2022



Examples of questions in Scoreboard

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Examples of questions in Scoreboard

2. Number, distribution and trend of illegally killed, trapped or traded birds

The extent, trend, seasonal and geographic distribution of illegally killed, trapped or traded birds in your country including relevant overseas territories⁸.

Question: How many birds and in which season are estimated to be illegally killed, trapped or traded every year in your country including relevant overseas territories? What is the trend?

Measurement: Number of birds estimated to be illegally killed, trapped or traded every year

| | March / May | June / August | September / November | December / February | Total |
|---|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| National level (region/area/territory) | | | | | |

Examples of questions in Scoreboard

5. National wildlife legislation¹⁴

The comprehensiveness of national legislative provisions in force for wildlife conservation, management and use, including prohibition of IKB

Question: Does comprehensive national legislation¹⁵ for wildlife conservation exist, including provisions to regulate international trade in wildlife or its products?

Measurement:

| 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
|--|---|--|--|
| <p>National wildlife legislation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has not been enacted</p> | <p>National wildlife legislation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not have adequate provisions to deter and combat IKB</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is not supported by suitable legislation framework and/or regulations</p> | <p>National wildlife legislation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has adequate provisions to deter and combat IKB.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is not supported by suitable legislation framework and/or regulations</p> | <p>National wildlife legislation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Has adequate provisions to deter and combat IKB</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is supported by suitable legislation framework and/or regulations</p> |

Examples of questions in Scoreboard

C. Enforcement response: preparedness of law enforcement bodies and coordination of national institutions

14. National Action Plan to combat IKB²⁸

The existence of a national strategy or action plan for IKB.

Question: *Is there a national action plan or equivalent document to tackle IKB?*

Measurement:

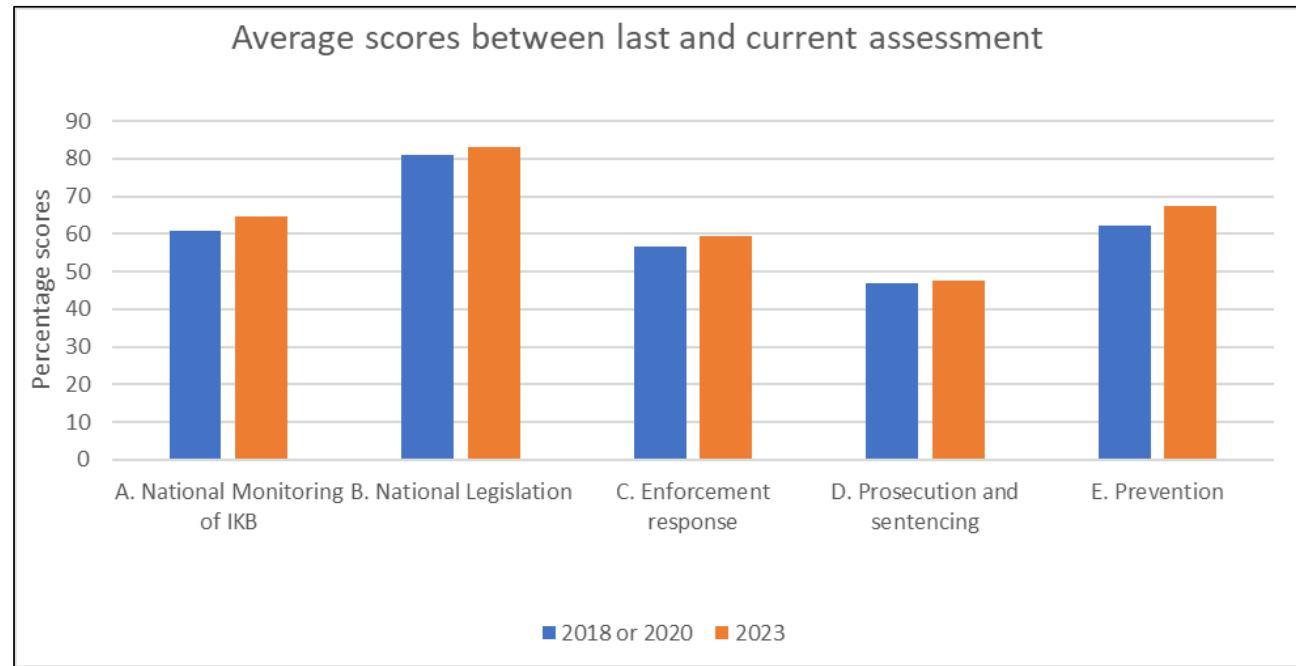
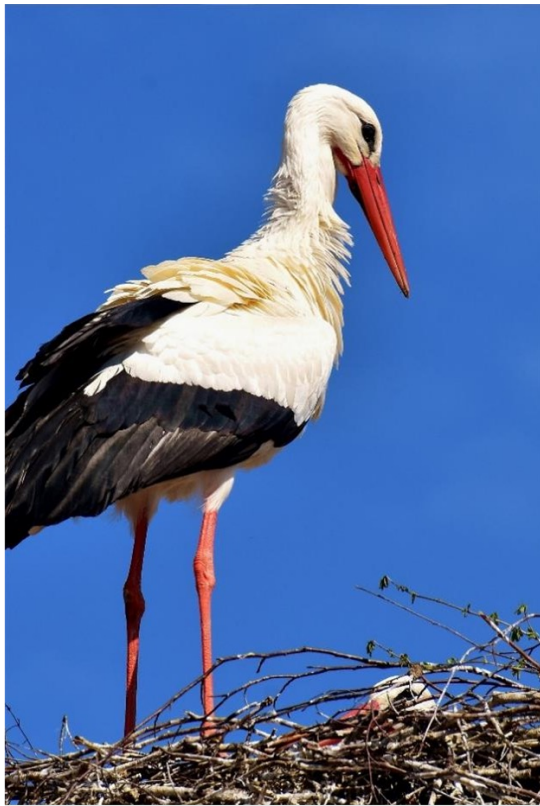
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Scoreboard 2023



- 2023: the 3rd Scoreboard (2018 & 2020)
- April to July 2023
- 22 countries by July 2023
- Another three after deadline
- Total 25/54 countries
- 39 countries at least once

Scoreboard average results 2023



Results and Conclusions



- Legislation is the best scoring area

Results and Conclusions



- Monitoring IKB: Difficult but not impossible. Opportunity for sharing between countries.
- Only 6/54 countries with Baseline
- Only 3 with clear methodology
- Very few with clear motivations surveys

Results and Conclusions



- Prevention is the area showing most improvement from last Scoreboard



- Funding related. Access to funding more difficult for north African and Middle Eastern countries
- NGOs important role

Results and Conclusions



- Enforcement and penalties and sanctions are the lowest scoring areas



- Small improvement over time
- They require investment, training, capacity building, commitment



Thank you for
your attention