

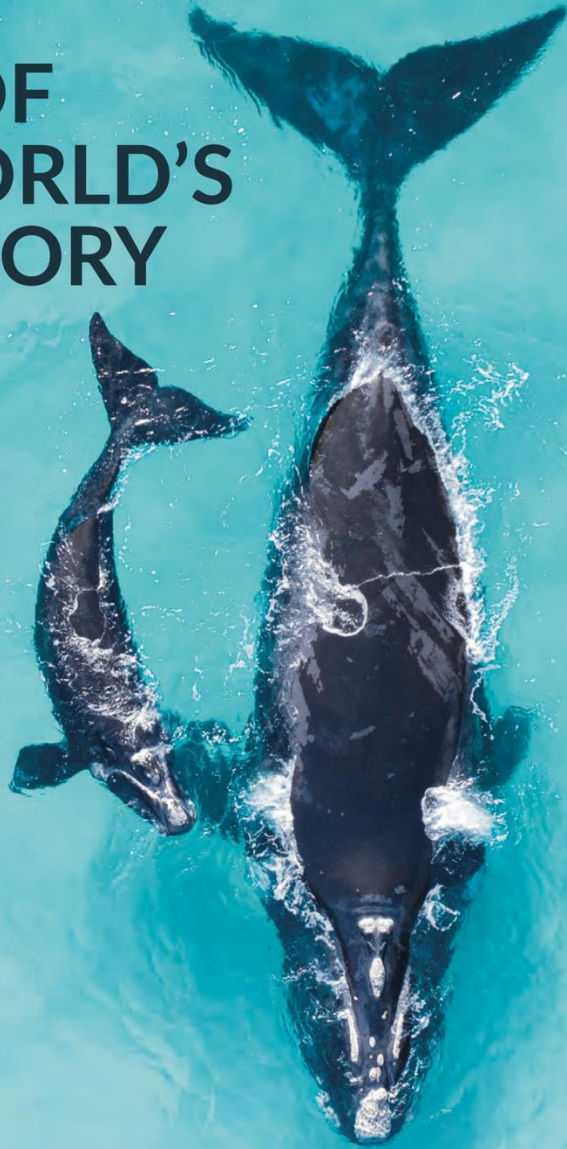
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**Resolutions and Decisions from COP14 in effect**  
8 October 2024



# STATE OF THE WORLD'S MIGRATORY SPECIES



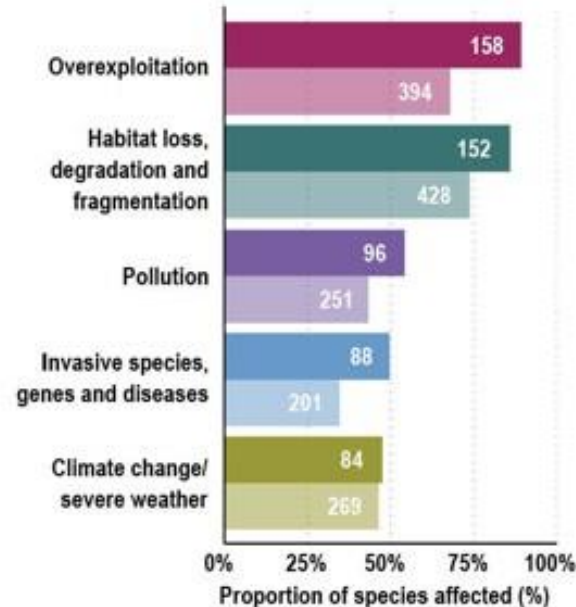
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

## Res. 14.4. State of the World's Migratory Species

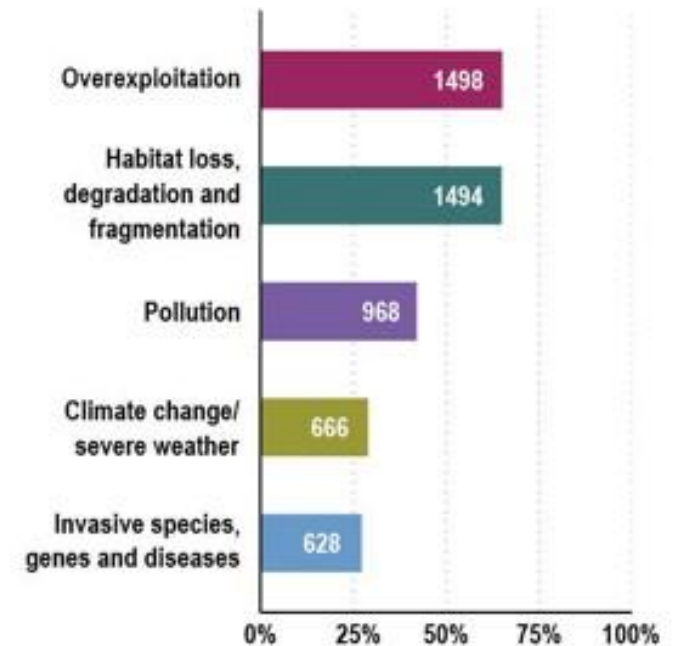


- State of the World report: <https://www.cms.int/en/publication/state-worlds-migratory-species-report>
- Overexploitation is a top threat to migratory species

b) CMS-listed species, by Appendix



c) All migratory species, including CMS species

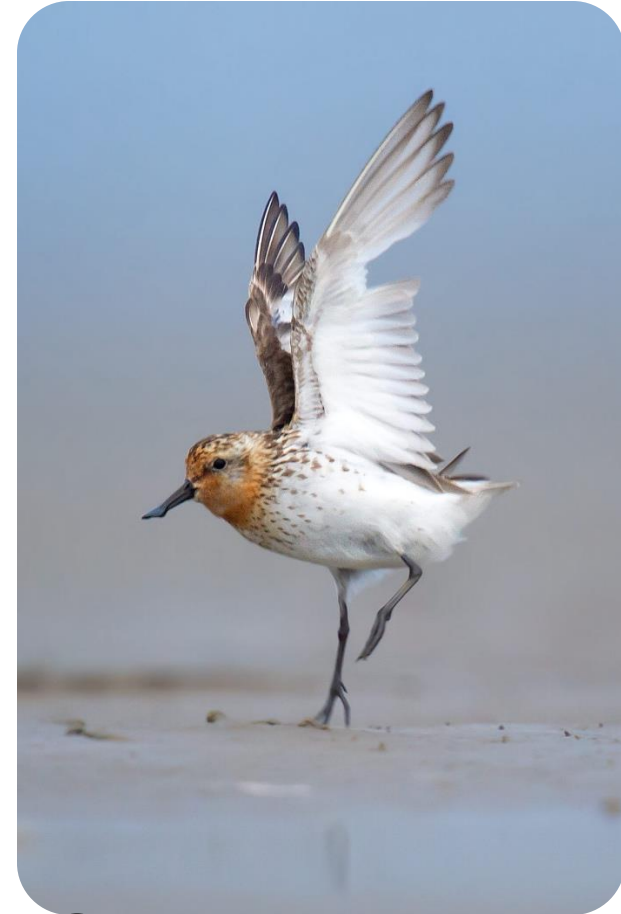


# Res. 11.31 Illegal and Unsustainable Taking of Wildlife

## Dec. 14.182-185



- New initiative underway in the frame of CMS, will include:
  - Working Group under the Scientific Council
  - Coordinator to assist with implementation and support synergies among existing initiatives
- Will enhance cooperation among institutions, securing resources, awareness raising and implementing priority actions
- Analyses of drivers, scale and impacts of illegal and unsustainable take of CMS-listed species, measures and practices in place to ensure that take is legal and sustainable
- Development of guidance materials, case studies e.g. regarding adaptive harvest management



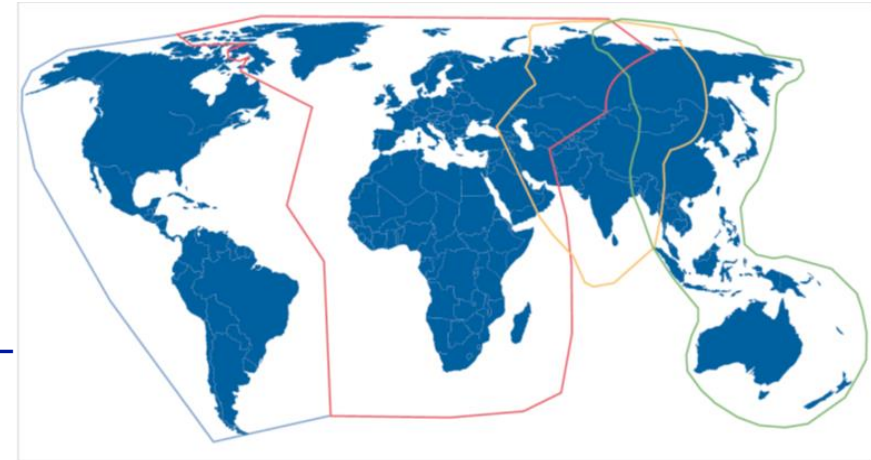
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# Res. 12.11 (Rev.COP14) Flyways

## Dec. 14.137-14.142



- A new approach agreed to global flyways coordination under the CMS umbrella for CMS and non-CMS Parties and partners
- Flyways Working Group
  - Task Groups established on
    - Review of global POW & Gaps and Priorities
    - Working with other instruments & Platforms and Hubs
    - Seabirds
  - Recruiting from lesser represented regions (e.g. Asia Pacific) –  
-> contact Chair ([Dr. Rob Clay, Manomet](#)) or CMS Secretariat



- To determine way forward for revision of the *Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways 2014-2023*,  
in alignment with the priorities and targets of the  
CMS Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (SPMS)

# Res. 14.13. Initiative for Central Asian Flyway



CAF Situation Analysis:

[https://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/cms\\_cop14\\_inf.28.4.2\\_central-asian-flyway-situation-analysis-2023\\_e.pdf](https://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/cms_cop14_inf.28.4.2_central-asian-flyway-situation-analysis-2023_e.pdf)

## • Range States (**ITTEA/EAAPF overlap**)

- Afghanistan
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- **Bangladesh**
- Bhutan
- **China**
- Georgia
- India
- Iran
- Iraq
- Kazakhstan
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Maldives
- **Mongolia**
- **Myanmar**
- Nepal
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Qatar
- **Russian Federation**
- Saudi Arabia
- Sri Lanka
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- Uzbekistan
- Yemen



Res.14.13: <https://www.cms.int/en/document/initiative-central-asian-flyway-2>

CAF Website: <https://www.cms.int/en/legalinstrument/central-asian-flyway>

# Res. 12.12 (Rev.COP14) Action plans for birds



- Action Plan for Christmas Island Frigate Bird
  - <https://www.cms.int/en/document/action-plan-christmas-island-frigatebird>
- Action Plan for Great Bustard in Asia
  - <https://www.cms.int/en/document/revised-action-plan-great-bustard-asia>
- Action Plan for Yellow Breasted Bunting
  - <https://www.cms.int/en/publication/international-single-species-action-plan-conservation-yellow-breasted-bunting-emberiza>



# Dec. 14.148-156 Conservation of African-Eurasian Vultures



- Asia Regional Coordinator: [Chris Bowden](#)
- Parties, non-Party Range States and stakeholders are encouraged to:
  - develop partnerships with anti-poaching initiatives and conservation groups concerned with poisoning of other taxonomic groups
  - actively engage with the Energy Task Force, CMS regional task forces on illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds and the Intergovernmental Task Force on Phasing Out the Use of Lead Ammunition and Lead Fishing Weights
- Parties, IGOs and NGOs are encouraged to provide Secretariat with information on the activities carried out towards the implementation of Vulture MsAP

# Res. 11.16 (Rev.COP14) The prevention of illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds



- Dec. 14.125 Asia Pacific Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force
  - Directed to Parties, non-Parties, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs, and others
    - a) Support the operations and the coordination of the Asia Pacific Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force (ITTEA)
    - b) Contribute with relevant data and expertise on the Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds in their territories and cooperate in the implementation of the Programme of Work of the ITTEA
- Dec. 14.126-129 South-West Asia Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force
  - Directed to Parties and non-Parties
    - a) Investigate current levels of illegal taking of birds and contribute to operation of South-West Asia Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force
    - b) Set up structures required for active collaboration between stakeholders to address this threat
    - c) Support the establishment, operations and the coordination of the Task Force
  - Coordinator, to be hired soon, may present opportunities for cooperation

# Res. 11.16 (Rev.COP14) The prevention of illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds



- Dec. 14.123 Global analysis on production, sale, use and regulation of mist nets
  - Directed to Scientific Council in cooperation with relevant bodies of other appropriate multilateral environmental agreements, and subject to the availability of resources
  - Donor secured, will begin analysis soon
  - Contributes to ITTEA POW:
    - Objective 1 for understanding the scale and motivation behind illegal taking
      - Action 1.1.4 - survey mistnets and other traps
    - Objective 2 for understanding and developing national legislative frameworks
      - Action 2.2.1 - independent review on status of hunting regulations

# Dec. 14.123 Global analysis on production, sale, use and regulation of mist nets



- a) Compile data on global **scale of use of nets** for illegal taking of birds
- b) Identify **where mist nets are produced and sold**
- c) Produce an **overview of national legislation** regulating production, sale, possession, and use of mist nets and other sorts of nets
- d) Produce guidance on undertaking national assessments of production, sale, use and regulation of mist nets and other nets
- e) Produce guidance for governments and enforcement authorities
- f) Produce guidance on legal aspects of trade of mist nets and other nets



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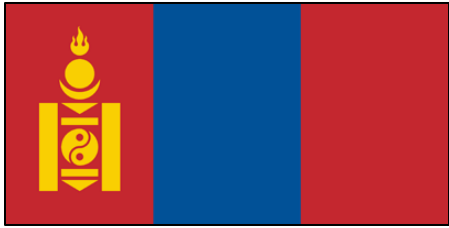
## Updates and upcoming activities of the ITTEA 8 October 2024



# Updates



- New members



Mongolia



Philippines



Viet Nam



Indonesia



Papua New Guinea

- Upcoming Activities

- Scoreboard development
- Guidance document for market surveys
- Expansion of surveys for baseline assessments

# ITTEA Scoreboard Development Timeline



- Early-2025: Self-assessment scoreboard will begin development
  - BirdLife will liaise with regional experts and ITTEA Coordinator for consultation on the indicator framework
- Q3 2025: At least one online meeting held to receive feedback on draft scoreboard from ITTEA and EAAFP Task Force members
- November 2025: In-person presentation at EAAFP MOP12 in the Philippines
- End of 2025: Guidance document and final version of scoreboard completed

# Guidance Document for Market Surveys



- Provide practical guidance on standardized protocols and best practices for market surveys covering, but not limited to:
  - Reconnaissance surveys
  - Sampling
  - Structured questionnaires
  - Interviewing
  - Analysis of data
  - Strategic approaches accounting for cultural or legal sensitivities
- Q3 2025: Draft disseminated for comment
- Nov 2025: Present finalized version at EAAFP MOP12 for approval by Task Force

# Expansion of surveys for baseline assessments



- 2025
  - Malaysian Nature Society - Kuching Branch
    - Sarawak, Malaysian Borneo
- Late-2025 to 2026
  - BirdLife International
    - Sulawesi and Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia
    - Philippines
    - Lao PDR



- Use combined data on populations, hunting, market prevalence, and ecological modeling to inform creation of a baseline
- Aim for completion by end of 2026

# Upcoming Meeting Preparation

- EAAFP MOP12, Philippines, November 2025



- Near the final CMS Scientific Council Sessional Committee meeting before CMS COP15 -> Technical review of relevant COP15 documents
- ITTEA and EAAFP Task Forces can convene to review any documents of the CMS COP15 agenda

# Thank you!

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