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1st MEETING OF THE SOUTH-WEST ASIA ILLEGAL TAKING OF MIGRATORY BIRDS INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE (SWA ITB TF)

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 20-21 May 2025

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)

(As of 17 April 2025)

MEETING SCHEDULE

All times quoted are AST (Arabia Standard Time)

Tuesday, 20 May 2025	
08.30	– Registration
09.00	– Opening of the meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcoming remarks and introduction of participants 2. Housekeeping and election of Chair for the meeting 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule 4. Setting the context of the meeting and reporting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. Mandates, initiatives and major opportunities in addressing illegal taking of migratory birds
10.30 – Break and Group Photo	
10.45	– 4. Setting the context of the meeting and reporting - <i>continuation from previous session:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.2. Reports from the countries 4.3. Reports from observers
12.15	– 5. Endorsement of the TF Terms of Reference
13.00 – Lunch Break	
14.15	– 6. Update on Raptors MOU actions in the Region
14.35	– 7. Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean
15.00	– 8. Agreement on Draft Action Plan for SWA ITB TF
17.00 – End of Day	

Wednesday, 21 May 2025

09.00 – Brief Summary of first day

09.15 – 8. Agreement on Draft Action Plan for SWA ITB TF (cont.)
Breakout Groups

10.45 – *Coffee Break*

11.00 – 8. Agreement on Draft Action Plan for SWA ITB TF (cont.)
Breakout Groups

12.15 – 8. Presentation of Draft Action Plan to Plenary

13.15 – *Lunch Break*

14.15 – 9.-10. Discussion on next steps and Any Other Business

15.15 – 11. Closure of the Meeting

15.30 – End of Day 2

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Time	Agenda Item	Documents/Expected Outcomes
8:30-9:00	Registration	
	1-3 Opening of the Meeting	
09.00 – 09.30	<p>1. Welcoming remarks and Introduction of Participants</p> <p>The CMS Secretariat and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) will welcome the participants and provide opening remarks.</p> <p>Participants will introduce themselves briefly.</p>	<p><i>Outcome: The meeting is opened. The participants are introduced to one another.</i></p>
09.30 – 09.45	<p>2. Housekeeping and election of Chair for the meeting</p> <p>The Secretariat introduces meeting objectives, the staff participating, the rules of participation and invites participants to appoint a Chair for the meeting.</p>	<p><i>Outcome: Participants understand meeting objectives, and elect meeting Chair.</i></p>
09.45 – 10.00	<p>3. Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule</p> <p>The Chair will introduce the Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule for adoption.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/SWAITB1/Doc.3.1 Provisional Agenda</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/SWAITB1/Doc.3.2 Annotated Agenda & meeting schedule</p> <p><i>Outcome: The documents are adopted</i></p>
	4. Setting the context of the meeting and reporting	
10.00 – 10.30	<p>4.1. Mandates, initiatives and major opportunities in addressing illegal taking of migratory birds</p> <p>Dr. Ivan Ramirez, Head of Avian Team (CMS Secretariat) introduces the outcomes of COP14 for the South-West Asia Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force (SWA ITB TF)</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP14)</p> <p>CMS Decisions 14.126-14.129</p> <p><i>Outcome: Participants are informed about the mandates and initiatives addressing illegal taking of migratory birds in the framework of CMS and are</i></p>

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		<i>reminded of the state of play since last meeting.</i>
10.30 – 10.45	Break – Group Photo	
10.45 – 11.45	<p>4.2. Reports from the countries: TF Range states report on their activities to combat illegal taking of birds in their countries focusing especially on any progress since January 2024</p> <p>Speakers from: Bahrain, Iraq, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.</p> <p>Countries invited to present their reports in 5 minute presentations.</p>	<p>Presentations</p> <p><i>Outcome: Participants are provided with an overview of the situation in range states of South-West Asia.</i></p>
11.45 – 12.15	<p>4.3. Reports from observers</p> <p>Representatives from observers will report on their activities to combat illegal taking of birds</p>	<p><i>Outcome: Participants are provided with an update on progress on the issue of illegal taking of migratory birds by Observers to the TF.</i></p>
	5. Endorsement of the TF Terms of Reference	
12.15 – 13.00	<p>5. In line with CMS Decision 14.128, the CMS Secretariat will introduce the TF Terms of Reference (TOR) as amended at the January 2024 working group meeting in Riyadh for discussion, endorsement and recommendation for approval to the CMS Standing Committee.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/SWAITB1/Doc.5 TF Terms of Reference</p> <p><i>Outcome: The SWA ITB Task Force endorses the Final Terms of the Reference of the TF and officially mandates the Asian representative to the Standing Committee to present them for approval at the Standing Committee.</i></p>
13.00 – 14.15	Lunch Break	
	6. Update on Raptors MOU actions in the Region	

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14.15 – 14.35	6. Update on Raptors MOU progress and work programme	<i>Outcome: Participants are informed about progress through the Raptors MoU actions in the region</i>
	7. Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)	
14.35 – 15.00	7. History and evolution of the MIKT Strategic Plan: <i>Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030: Eradicating Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds in Europe and the Mediterranean region</i> and reporting according to the Scoreboard	UNEP/CMS/SWAITB1/Inf.7.1 Rome Strategic Plan UNEP/CMS/SWAITB1/Inf.7.2 Scoreboard <i>Outcome: Participants are informed about the MIKT Strategic Plan and reporting method</i>
	8. Agreement on Draft Action Plan for SWA ITB TF	
15.00 – 17.00	8. Presentation by the CMS Secretariat to introduce the history of development of the Draft Action Plan for SWA ITB TF and the work that will take place in the Breakouts	UNEP/CMS/SWAITB1/Doc.8 Draft Action Plan for SWA ITB TF <i>Outcome: Participants are introduced to the history of development of the Draft Action Plan and the work that will take place in the Breakouts</i>
17:00	End of DAY 1	

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09:00	Brief summary of first day	
	Chair summarizes main conclusions from first day	
	8. Agreement on Draft Action Plan for SWA ITB TF (cont.)	
09.15 – 10.45	8.1. Breakouts Working in two breakout groups participants will work to agree on the Draft Action Plan which will be the strategic document of the Task Force until 2032. Each Breakout Group will treat 3-4 objectives.	UNEP/CMS/SWAITB1/Doc.8 Draft Action Plan for SWA ITB TF <i>Outcome: Participants discuss and finalise the Draft Action Plan in breakout groups</i>
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 12.15	8.1. Breakouts Working in two breakouts participants will work to agree on the Draft Action Plan which will be the strategic document of the Task Force until 2032. Each Breakout Group will treat 3-4 objectives.	<i>Outcome: Participants discuss and finalise the Draft Action Plan in breakout groups</i>
12.15 – 13.15	8.2 Presentation of Draft Action Plan to Plenary The Breakout groups will present their comments and recommendations for the Draft Action Plan to the Plenary	<i>Outcome: Participants will have the opportunity to comment on the work of the other groups and agree on a Draft Action Plan.</i>
13.15 – 14.15	Lunch Break	
	9-10. Discussion on next steps and AOB	
14.15 – 15.15	9. Discussion on next steps	<i>Outcome: Discussion and agreement on next steps.</i>

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	KSA and CMS will present the next steps for the Task Force, which will include engaging a Coordinator. 10. Any Other Business	
	11. Closure of the Meeting	
15.15 – 15.30	11. Closure of the meeting The CMS Secretariat and KSA will deliver closing remarks.	<i>Outcome: The meeting is closed</i>
15.30	End of DAY 2	