

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS IN THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN REGION,  
ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO SUSTAINABLE LANDUSE IN AFRICA**  
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**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- It was suggested to retain the original title of the document "ACTION PLAN FOR MIGRATORY LAND BIRDS IN THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN REGION (AEMLAP) and delete "ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO SUSTAINABLE LAND USE IN AFRICA".
- The scope of the action plan is all of Africa-Eurasia and all issues affecting African-Eurasian landbirds. The current program of work covers a wide variety of issues from sustainable land use (which is undoubtedly important) to addressing issues related with poisoning and energy infrastructure, conservation of site networks, etc. The new title indicates a focus on one particular region and one particular issue so could be interpreted as reducing the scope of the resolution. While the new draft resolution is doubtless improved by the addition of new information in relation to the important issue of sustainable land use and the inputs from the Abuja meeting, it is suggested to retain the broader scope of the original title.

**COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION**

- Page 6, paragraph 5.  
Retain reference to the Terms of Reference of the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group and the mandate for its establishment.
- Page 6 last paragraph.  
Keep Friends of Landbirds Action Plan (FLAP) and Migratory Landbirds Working Group (MLSG) in separate paragraphs.
- Page 9, last bullet.  
Add or adapt a point to include the need to undertake research to determine for which declining European landbird migrants, declines cannot be explained by conditions in the breeding grounds.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

- The Resolution is recommended for adoption.