



## Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia

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### NATIONAL AND COOPERATING PARTNER REPORTING

*Prepared by Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU*

#### Background

1. The MOU (paragraph 15) envisaged that actions under the MOU would be delivered by national strategies or equivalent measures, and that the first Meeting of Signatories (MOS1) would adopt a format for regular reports on implementation of these. Given the slow development of strategies, however, reporting processes were not addressed. The second Meeting of the Signatories<sup>1</sup> asked the TAG to develop a suitable format for reports, covering implementation of the MOU and its Action Plan as a whole.
2. At the Third Meeting of TAG (TAG3) in December 2018, members held an initial discussion on plans for developing a standard reporting format for (i) the regular progress reports by Signatories on implementing the national or regional strategies anticipated under Paragraph 15 of the MOU, and (ii) to enable the Coordinating Unit to prepare the overview of progress in implementation of the Action Plan before each MOS, as provided in Paragraphs 16 and 17 of the MOU.
3. To date there have been occasional *ad hoc* questionnaire enquiries on aspects of MOU implementation, but no systematic process of regular reporting has yet been adopted to enable the MOS to evaluate progress, discern trends and plan future priorities on a consistent basis. Participants at TAG3 noted that in common with analogous reporting processes in other instruments, there is a balance to strike between generating sufficient information to meet these needs, and keeping the burden of reporting work within reasonable bounds. The importance of efficiency and coherence between reporting systems within the CMS Family and other MEAs was also stressed.

#### Development of report formats, and review by TAG

4. During 2020 it became possible to address this further in the framework of a consultancy, and a proposed reporting format was developed. This was drafted in alignment with the revised versions of the MOU and Action Plan resulting from the Review<sup>2</sup> published in April 2020, and which form the basis of proposals for consideration and possible adoption by MOS3 (see Document 6.2a for the present meeting). The structure therefore matches the anticipated future structure of the MOU and Action Plan. Efforts have been made to keep it very brief and focused on a selection of key “headline” issues.
5. The content has also been constructed to follow a similar approach to that taken in the 2019 questionnaire survey that informed the Action Plan Review, thus taking into account the work that went into developing those questions, including advice given by TAG. As well as benefiting from the

<sup>1</sup> Report of MOS2, paragraph 109 [www.cms.int/raptors/sites/default/files/document/cms-raptors\\_mos2\\_report\\_e\\_0.pdf](http://www.cms.int/raptors/sites/default/files/document/cms-raptors_mos2_report_e_0.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [First Review of the Raptors MOU Action Plan \(April 2020\) | Raptors \(cms.int\)](https://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/first_review_of_the_raptors_mou_action_plan_april_2020.pdf)

thinking that went into that, this will ensure that the approach will already look somewhat familiar to Signatories, and it should allow a degree of comparability on various issues between the information provided for the 2019 survey and the information provided in due course for future MOS. It also draws on formulations used for questions in the most recent National Report Format for Parties to the CMS, which was developed with advice from a Working Group of CMS Parties and others. The work has further been informed by lessons learnt from the analyses of country responses to both the CMS Format and the Raptors Action Plan Review survey.

6. A matching format was developed at the same time for use by the MOU's Cooperating Partner organisations, with a few necessary variations in wording to reflect the difference in roles, but otherwise covering the same set of questions as the format for Signatories.

7. The two drafts were circulated to TAG in May 2021 for comments. The drafts were then revised in light of TAG members' responses, and in addition a few "guidance notes" were added to accompany some of the questions, to assist respondents in providing their answers. The drafts, which therefore now incorporate TAG inputs and the guidance notes, are appended as Annexes A and B to this document.

8. The drafts as they appear in these Annexes are provided as flat text documents. Operation of the reporting process in practice however will take place via the Online Reporting System (ORS) hosted by CMS. In that form, some of the features will have a different appearance (for example the location of the guidance notes and the spaces for free text) and there will be links to pre-filled tables and an upload facility for accompanying documents.

#### **Provisional trial of the system**

9. The report formats in their current form were made available via the ORS in early September 2021 to Signatories (in English and French) and to Cooperating Partners, inviting them to compile reports using the new formats on a provisional basis and to submit these by the end of October. This will have the twin benefits of generating an up to date implementation overview that can be considered at MOS3, and trialling the approach for refinements if necessary before it becomes formalised in due course. Analysis of responses will proceed over the coming months: the results will therefore not be available at the time of the TAG meeting, but it may be possible to provide a brief oral update on the state of progress.

#### **Action requested:**

TAG is requested (i) to review the revised versions of the report formats (as issued for the trial run) and (ii) to confirm their agreement to these as the versions which will be recommended to MOS3 for adoption. TAG members should note that if any final refinements are suggested at this stage, these will need to be consistent with the corresponding sections of the proposed revisions of the MOU and the Action Plan (and hence should be accompanied by proposals for any necessary consequential changes there), and will also need to be consistent between the two formats.

**Annex A**

**Memorandum of Understanding  
on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia**

**Format for National Reports**

**Introductory remarks**

This is the National Report form for the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia ([Raptors MOU](#)).

The purpose of the National Report is to provide information on your country's implementation of the Raptors MOU including the Action Plan (Annex 3). The format provided here has been developed by the MOU's Technical Advisory Group (TAG) at the request of the Signatories. It is designed to generate information that can be synthesised in a comparable way for each future Meeting of Signatories; to give a meaningful picture of progress and reflect the achievements of Signatories and other stakeholders, but also to be as streamlined as possible to keep the work involved in reporting to a necessary minimum.

**Reporting period**

To enable proper analysis, it is important that all respondents relate their answers (throughout this form) to the same reporting period. On this occasion we are asking you to report on the period *[to add]*.

**Instructions**

Please answer all questions as fully and as accurately as you can. Wherever possible, please indicate the source of information used to answer the question, particularly if a published reference or report is available. For each question there are blue icons that can be used to attach a document and/or provide a web link.

When working on the online version of the report, save your information by clicking on the "Save all" button inside each section. An auto-save feature also saves any changed responses every 30 seconds, and whenever you move between sections.

Guidance notes are provided throughout the format to assist you in answering the questions.

**Deadline for submission:** *[to add]*

## I ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Name of Signatory State:** ...

**Date of entry into effect of the MOU in your country (DDMMYY)** ...

**Any territories which are excluded from the application of the MOU** ...

**Report compiler**

Name and title ...

Full name of institution ...

Telephone ...

Email ...

**Designated Contact Point for the MOU**

Name and title of designated Contact Point ...

Full name of institution ...

Mailing address ...

Telephone ...

Email ...

## II HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY OF KEY MESSAGES

**GUIDANCE:**

*This section invites you to summarise briefly the most important positive aspects of Raptors MOU/Action Plan implementation in your country and the areas of greatest concern.*

*Your answers should be based on the information contained in the body of the report: the intention is for this section to distil the technical information in the report into some very brief and simple “high level” messages for decision-makers and for wider audiences.*

*Although keeping it brief, please try also to be specific where you can, e.g. “New wildlife legislation enacted in 2020 doubled penalties for poisoning birds of prey” is more informative than “stronger laws”; “50% shortfall in match-funding for GEF project on vultures” is more informative than “lack of funding”.*

**GUIDANCE:**

*Please limit this specifically to the current reporting period only. For this present round of reporting, the period is from July 2019 to the present.*

**In your country, in the reporting period, what does this report reveal about:**

**The most successful aspects of implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan?**  
(List up to five items)

**The greatest difficulties in implementing the MOU and/or Action Plan?**  
(List up to five items)

**The main priorities for future implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan?**  
(List up to five items)

### III RAPTOR CONSERVATION STRATEGIES AND EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS

**GUIDANCE:**

*A central provision of the MOU (paragraph 12) is for Signatories to prepare national or regional (e.g. EU) strategies or equivalent documents (e.g. Single Species Action Plans) for category 1 and, where appropriate, category 2 species in Table 1 in the Action Plan. The Action Plan itself foresees its listed actions being addressed by these strategies / equivalent documents.*

**Does a national and/or regional Raptor Conservation Strategy or equivalent document exist in relation to your country?**

- Yes   
 In preparation   
 No

If no:

Please state the reasons why a national and/or regional Raptor Conservation Strategy or equivalent document has not been developed

If “yes” or “in preparation”, please state the title and scope of the strategy or equivalent document, and summarise the current status of its implementation or preparation (as appropriate).

**GUIDANCE:**

*Please use the icons below to provide a copy of the document(s) concerned, and/or provide a website link that will give access to the relevant text.*

If “yes” or “in preparation”, does the strategy or equivalent document address all of the activities listed in Table 2 of the Action Plan?

- Yes   
 Partly   
 No

If “no” or “partly”, please state the reasons why all of the Table 2 activities are not addressed.

## IV LEGAL PROTECTION OF SPECIES AGAINST KILLING AND UNSUSTAINABLE EXPLOITATION

**Are all species of migratory birds of prey (present in your country) listed in Annex I of the Raptors MOU granted full legal protection from deliberate killing and taking from the wild?**

If “yes”, please indicate the statute(s) concerned, and summarise the provision.

If “no” or “only partly”, please state why all species are not (yet) fully covered.

(If not known, tick here )

**GUIDANCE:**

Follow this [link](#) to see the species listed in Annex 1.

If you are answering “yes, please make sure the statute(s) concerned is/are clearly identified by giving details of title, date, etc.

If you are answering “only partly”, please be clear whether this is because legal protection only applies to some aspects, or because only some species are covered (please identify the species) or because only some areas are covered - (or any combination of these types of partial coverage); and give the reasons for this.

**Is there legislation in place which bans the use of exposed poison baits and other toxic chemical methods of predator or pest control?**

If “yes”, please indicate the statute(s) concerned, and summarise the provision.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here )

**GUIDANCE:**

The CMS [Guidelines to prevent the risk of poisoning to migratory birds](#) provide further background on legislative (and other) means of reducing harm to migratory birds (including raptors) from toxic chemicals.

## V SPECIES POPULATION MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAMMES

**Have any Single or Multi-species Action Plans been published for any species of migratory bird of prey in your country?**

If “yes” or “in preparation”, please list the species involved and the status of each Plan.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here )

**GUIDANCE:**

Please use the icons below to provide a copy of the document(s) concerned, and/or provide a website link that will give access to the relevant text.

**Have any reintroduction or restocking projects been implemented involving migratory birds of prey in accordance with prevailing international guidelines?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, and indicate whether or not captive breeding is involved.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**GUIDANCE:**

*One of the most relevant international guidelines documents for this question is the IUCN publication “[Guidelines for reintroductions and other conservation translocations](#)”.*

**Have any supplementary feeding initiatives been established and maintained for necrophagous birds of prey?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**VI CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HABITATS AND SITES**

**Have any measures been implemented to improve or restore the habitats of species of birds of prey?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**GUIDANCE:**

*If you are answering “yes”, please indicate what habitat type, where, and (broadly) what type of measures were involved. Comments on success (or otherwise) would also be valuable.*

**Which sites in your country listed in Table 3 of the Action Plan are designated as protected areas, or are otherwise appropriately managed taking into account the conservation requirements of migratory birds of prey?**

Please indicate in this online excel file ([link](#)) for each of the relevant sites listed in Table 3 of Annex 3 of the MOU whether the site is (a) fully designated as a protected area or covered by an instrument ensuring proper management, (b) partially so designated/covered, or (c) not so designated/covered.

**GUIDANCE:**

*It is acknowledged that Table 3 is currently incomplete. A revised Table 3, following the inputs received at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Signatories, is being finalised, and following comments by the Technical Advisory Group it will be circulated alongside the ‘Form to propose internationally important sites for addition to Table 3 of the Raptors MoU’. Signatories will be asked to comment on the list and invited to propose new sites of international importance. The list, including any comments received as per the Rules of Procedure, will be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Group and circulated for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Signatories to consider.*  
*In the meantime, if your country is covered in the current Table, please answer this question in relation to the sites that are listed there. Please provide your answers in the excel file on google drive by following the link above. The file will automatically save your answers.*

I have added the relevant information for my country’s sites

My country does not have sites listed

## VII ASSESSING AND RESPONDING TO THREATS AND PRESSURES

**Have any assessments been made of the nature, likelihood, severity or potential consequences of threats facing birds of prey, and measures identified to maintain their Favourable Conservation Status?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here )

**GUIDANCE:**

*“Favourable Conservation Status” should be interpreted for this question in accordance with the definition provided in Article I (1) (c) of the Convention on Migratory Species. (Link to text [here](#)).*

Based on the assessment referred to above (or if none, on your own knowledge and judgement) please identify (tick) the **three most important** categories of threat affecting birds of prey in your country:

- Direct killing and taking
- Collisions and electrocution
- Other mortality
- Alien and/or invasive species
- Disturbance and disruption
- Habitat destruction/degradation
- Climate change
- Levels of knowledge, awareness, legislation, management etc.
- Other (please specify)

**GUIDANCE:**

*This question asks you to identify the important pressures that are reliably known to be having an actual adverse impact on migratory birds of prey at present. Please avoid including speculative information about pressures that may be of some potential concern but whose impacts have not yet been demonstrated.*

Add comments here on any particular actions in response to these threats:

**GUIDANCE:**

*You may find it helpful here to refer to actions assisted by relevant existing response tools and initiatives in the framework of mechanisms such as the CMS. Examples could include the [Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean \(MIKT\)](#), the [CMS Energy Task Force](#), and the adopted [Guidelines to Prevent the Risk of Poisoning to Migratory Birds](#).*

**Are requirements in place to ensure that proposals for activities that may have significant effects on birds of prey or their habitats are subject to Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) or Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary of the requirements and their implementation, including the extent to which the results of these assessments are used to inform relevant consent decisions and associated mitigation measures.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here )



**GUIDANCE:**

Helpful pointers on this subject (and reference to sources of further guidance) are given in [CMS Resolution 7.2 \(Rev.COP12\)](#) on “Impact assessment and migratory species”. Comments on the general standard and quality of EIAs/SEAs that are undertaken would be valuable. Any use that has been made of “sensitivity mapping” techniques in this context should be mentioned here.

**VIII ACTION / INTEGRATION ACROSS SECTORS**

**Is the conservation of migratory birds of prey integrated within the policies of sectors such as agriculture, forestry, energy, transport, waste, tourism and others?**

If “yes” or “partly”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**Have any programmes been implemented during the reporting period among government departments (other than the department that has lead responsibility for the Raptors MOU) to inform decision makers of the conservation needs of migratory birds of prey?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**IX RESEARCH, MONITORING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

**GUIDANCE:**

Please use the icons below each question to provide a copy of any relevant documents, and/or provide a website link that will give access to relevant material

**Have any overall assessments been made of the status and trends of any populations of migratory birds of prey in your country, during the reporting period?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, and highlight any particularly significant declines or increases that have been revealed for relevant species.

If “no”, please state why no such assessments have been made.

(If not known, tick here  )

**Are any systematic and coordinated monitoring programmes operated in your country in relation to breeding populations, reproductive success or migration counts of birds of prey?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here )

**Have any guidelines or protocols been published concerning systematic or coordinated monitoring programmes for migratory birds of prey?**

If “yes”, please give the source reference(s) and a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here )

**Does any process exist for establishing multi-stakeholder agreement about priorities for research on issues of relevance to the conservation of birds of prey?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here )

**Are suitable platforms in place in your country to exchange knowledge, experience and information about the conservation of birds of prey?**

If “yes”, please identify the relevant platform(s) and summarise its/their scope and function

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here )

**X RAISING AWARENESS**

**Have any public awareness programmes been implemented during the reporting period to promote the importance of birds of prey, their migrations and their conservation needs?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary including comments on the impact and success (or otherwise) of these programmes:

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here )

**Have any education programmes or teaching resources been provided during the reporting period to inform young people and students about migratory birds of prey and their conservation needs?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here )

## XI STRENGTHENING CAPACITY

**Have any training or other support programmes been implemented during the reporting period to strengthen the capacity of agencies responsible for the application of relevant laws and regulations?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**Have any training or other initiatives been implemented during the reporting period to support activities undertaken by local communities or voluntary groups in relation to birds of prey surveys, monitoring, site protection work or related outreach?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**During the reporting period, has your country *provided* any new financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory birds of prey?**

If yes, please state the beneficiary/ies concerned and the activities supported.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**GUIDANCE:**

*“Other resources” in this context could include, for example, “in-kind” forms of support such as staff time or administrative infrastructure, loan of equipment, provision of data processing facilities or technology transfer. (Do not include training or mentoring schemes and other initiatives for capacity building however, as these are covered separately in the preceding two questions).*

**During the reporting period, has your country *received* any new financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory birds of prey?**

If yes, please state the source(s) concerned and the activities supported.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**GUIDANCE:**

*See guidance on interpretation of “other resources” provided in relation to the preceding question.*

**XI INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

**During the reporting period, has your country participated in any international cooperation activities as provided by paragraph 8 of the MOU?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**During the reporting period, has your country taken any steps to support or encourage any other Range State(s) to sign the Raptors MOU?**

If “yes”, please identify the Range State(s) concerned, and the nature of the support or encouragement given.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**Annex B****Memorandum of Understanding  
on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia****Format for Reports from Cooperating Partners****Introductory remarks**

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**Deadline for submission:** *[to add]*

## I ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Name of Cooperating Partner:** ...

**Date of signature of the MOU (DDMMYY)** ...

**Report compiler**

Name and title ...

Department/office ...

Telephone ...

Email ...

**Designated Contact Point for the MOU**

Name and title of designated Contact Point ...

Department/office ...

Mailing address ...

Telephone ...

Email ...

## II HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY OF KEY MESSAGES

**GUIDANCE:**

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**GUIDANCE:**

*Please limit this specifically to the current reporting period only. For this present round of reporting, the period is from July 2019 to the present.*

**In the reporting period, what has your experience of involvement with the Raptors MOU revealed about:**

**The most successful aspects of implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan?**

(List up to five items)

**The greatest difficulties in implementing the MOU and/or Action Plan?**

(List up to five items)

**The main priorities for future implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan?**

(List up to five items)

### III RAPTOR CONSERVATION STRATEGIES AND EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS

**GUIDANCE:**

*A central provision of the MOU (paragraph 12) is for Signatories to prepare national or regional (e.g. EU) strategies or equivalent documents (e.g. Single Species Action Plans) for category 1 and, where appropriate, category 2 species in Table 1 in the Action Plan. The Action Plan itself foresees its listed actions being addressed by these strategies / equivalent documents.*

**Has your organisation cooperated in specific ways with the development of any national and/or regional Raptor Conservation Strategy or equivalent document?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please state the title, scope and country/ies covered by the strategy/ies or equivalent document/s, and summarise the current status of preparation.

**GUIDANCE:**

*Please use the icons below to provide a copy of the document(s) concerned, and/or provide a website link that will give access to the relevant text.*

**Has your organisation cooperated in specific ways with the implementation of any national and/or regional Raptor Conservation Strategy or equivalent document?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please state the title, scope and country/ies covered by the strategy/ies or equivalent document/s, and summarise the contribution made to implementation.

If you have answered “yes” to either of the two questions above, what is your overall view of the completeness (by reference to the activities listed in Table 2 of the Action Plan) of the strategy/ies or equivalent document/s to which your answers refer?

Fully complete   
 Partly complete/some gaps   
 Incomplete/serious deficiencies

If “partly” or “inadequate”, please state the nature of the gaps/deficiencies.

### IV LEGAL PROTECTION OF SPECIES AGAINST KILLING AND UNSUSTAINABLE EXPLOITATION

**Has your organisation assisted in specific ways with measures to apply legal protection against deliberate killing, taking, trade or other forms of exploitation that may impact negatively on the conservation status of species listed in Annex I of the Raptors MOU?**

**GUIDANCE:**

*Follow this [link](#) to see the species listed in Annex 1. If you are answering “yes, please make sure the statute(s) concerned is/are clearly identified by giving details of title, date, etc.*

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please

- (a) indicate the country/ies concerned;
- (b) summarise the scope of the statute/s involved; and
- (c) summarise the nature of the assistance provided.

## V SPECIES POPULATION MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAMMES

**Has your organisation been involved with the development or implementation of any Single or Multi-species Action Plans for any species of migratory bird of prey in the geographical area covered by the MOU?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please

- (a) give the title, species and geographical area covered by the plan/s; and
- (b) summarise the nature of your organisation’s involvement.

**GUIDANCE:**

*Please use the icons below to provide a copy of the document(s) concerned, and/or provide a website link that will give access to the relevant text.*

**Has your organisation been involved with any reintroduction or restocking projects involving migratory birds of prey in accordance with prevailing international guidelines?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please identify the country or countries concerned, give a brief summary and indicate whether or not captive breeding is involved.

**GUIDANCE:**

*One of the most relevant international guidelines documents for this question is the IUCN publication [“Guidelines for reintroductions and other conservation translocations”](#).*

**Has your organisation been involved with any supplementary feeding initiatives for necrophagous birds of prey?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please identify the country or countries concerned, and give a brief summary.



## VI CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HABITATS AND SITES

**Has your organisation assisted in specific ways with measures to improve or restore the habitat of species of birds of prey?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates.

**GUIDANCE:**

*If you are answering “yes”, please identify what habitat type, where, and (broadly) what type of measures were involved. Comments on success (or otherwise) would also be valuable.*

**Has your organisation been involved in identifying, protecting or managing nationally and internationally important sites for birds of prey (including any of the sites listed in Table 3 of the [Action Plan](#))?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please

- (a) give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates; and
- (b) add any comments on your overall view of the adequacy of protection and management of the important sites to which your answer to (a) relates, taking into account the conservation requirements of migratory birds of prey, and specifying any particularly notable gaps or deficiencies.

**GUIDANCE:**

*It is acknowledged that Table 3 is currently incomplete. A revised Table 3, following the inputs received at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Signatories, is being finalised, and following comments by the Technical Advisory Group it will be circulated alongside the ‘Form to propose internationally important sites for addition to Table 3 of the Raptors MoU’. Signatories will be asked to comment on the list and invited to propose new sites of international importance. The list, including any comments received as per the Rules of Procedure, will be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Group and circulated for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Signatories to consider. In the meantime, if you have information relating to countries included in the current Table, please refer to the sites that are listed there.*

## VII ASSESSING AND RESPONDING TO THREATS AND PRESSURES

**Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any assessments of the nature, likelihood, severity or potential consequences of threats facing birds of prey, and measures identified to maintain their Favourable Conservation Status?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

**GUIDANCE:**

*“Favourable Conservation Status” should be interpreted for this question in accordance with the definition provided in Article I (1) (c) of the Convention on Migratory Species. ([Link to text here](#)).*

Please identify (tick) the **three most important** categories of threat which, according to your assessment (or informed judgement), are affecting birds of prey in the area(s) you work in:

- Direct killing and taking
- Collisions and electrocution
- Other mortality
- Alien and/or invasive species
- Disturbance and disruption
- Habitat destruction/degradation
- Climate change
- Levels of knowledge, awareness, legislation, management etc.
- Other (please specify)

**GUIDANCE:**

*This question asks you to identify the important pressures that are reliably known to be having an actual adverse impact on migratory birds of prey at present. Please avoid including speculative information about pressures that may be of some potential concern but whose impacts have not yet been demonstrated.*

Add comments here on any particular actions in response to these threats:

**GUIDANCE:**

*You may find it helpful here to refer to actions assisted by relevant existing response tools and initiatives in the framework of mechanisms such as the CMS. Examples could include the [Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean \(MIKT\)](#), the [CMS Energy Task Force](#), and the adopted [Guidelines to Prevent the Risk of Poisoning to Migratory Birds](#).*

**Has your organisation assisted in specific ways with measures to ensure that proposals for activities that may have significant effects on birds of prey or their habitats are subject to Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) or Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)?**

- Yes
- No

If “yes”, please

- (a) indicate the country/ies concerned;
- (b) summarise the nature of the measures involved;
- (c) summarise the nature of the assistance provided;
- (d) add any comments on the extent to which the results of these assessments are used to inform relevant decisions (e.g. permission for a development project) and associated mitigation measures.

**GUIDANCE:**

*Helpful pointers on this subject (and reference to sources of further guidance) are given in [CMS Resolution 7.2 \(Rev.COP12\)](#) on “Impact assessment and migratory species”. Comments on the general standard and quality of EIAs/SEAs that are undertaken would be valuable. Any use that has been made of “sensitivity mapping” techniques in this context should be mentioned here.*

## VIII ACTION / INTEGRATION ACROSS SECTORS

**Has your organisation been involved in any efforts to ensure that the conservation of migratory birds of prey is integrated within the policies of sectors such as agriculture, forestry, energy, transport, waste, tourism and others?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please

(a) give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies and sector/s to which this relates; and

(b) add any comments on your assessment of the effectiveness or otherwise of the integration instances to which your answer to (a) relates.

**Has your organisation cooperated in any programmes that have been implemented during the reporting period among government departments (other than the department that has lead responsibility for the Raptors MOU) to inform decision makers of the conservation needs of migratory birds of prey?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates.

## IX RESEARCH, MONITORING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

### **GUIDANCE:**

*Please use the icons below each question to provide a copy of any relevant documents, and/or provide a website link that will give access to relevant material*

**Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any overall assessments of the status and trends of any populations of migratory birds of prey in the geographical area of the MOU, during the reporting period?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, specify the geographical scope, and highlight any particularly significant declines or increases that have been revealed for relevant species.

**Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any systematic and coordinated monitoring programmes in relation to breeding populations, reproductive success or migration counts of any of the birds of prey that are covered by the taxonomic and geographical scope of the MOU?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates.

**Has your organisation assisted with or otherwise been involved with publishing any guidelines or protocols concerning systematic or coordinated monitoring programmes for migratory birds of prey?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give the source reference(s) and a brief summary, including the nature of your organisation’s involvement.

**Has your organisation assisted with any process for establishing multi-stakeholder agreements about priorities for research on issues of relevance to the conservation of birds of prey?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates.

**Has your organisation cooperated in any platforms for exchanging knowledge, experience and information about the conservation of birds of prey?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please  
 (a) identify the relevant platform(s);  
 (b) summarise its/their scope and function, including the country/ies involved; and  
 (c) summarise the nature of your organisation’s involvement.

## X RAISING AWARENESS

**Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any public awareness programmes during the reporting period specifically to promote the importance of birds of prey, their migrations and their conservation needs?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates.

**GUIDANCE:**

*If you are answering “yes”, comments on the impact and success (or otherwise) of these programmes would also be valuable.*

**Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any education programmes during the reporting period specifically to inform young people and students about migratory birds of prey and their conservation needs?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates.

## XI STRENGTHENING CAPACITY

**Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any training or other support programmes during the reporting period to strengthen the capacity of agencies responsible for the application of relevant laws and regulations?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates.

**Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any training or other initiatives during the reporting period to support activities undertaken by local communities or voluntary groups in relation to birds of prey surveys, monitoring, site protection work or related outreach?**

Yes   
 No

If “yes”, please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates.

**During the reporting period, has your organisation *provided* any new financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory birds of prey?**

If yes, please state the beneficiary/ies concerned and the activities supported.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**GUIDANCE:**

*“Other resources” in this context could include, for example, “in-kind” forms of support such as staff time or administrative infrastructure, loan of equipment, provision of data processing facilities or technology transfer. (Do not include training or mentoring schemes and other initiatives for capacity building however, as these are covered separately in the preceding two questions).*

**During the reporting period, has your organisation *received* any new financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory birds of prey?**

If yes, please state the source(s) concerned and the activities supported.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**GUIDANCE:**

*See guidance on interpretation of “other resources” provided in relation to the preceding question.*

## XI INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

**During the reporting period, has your organisation participated in any international cooperation activities as provided by paragraph 8 of the MOU?**

If “yes”, please give a brief summary.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )

**During the reporting period, has your organisation taken any steps to support or encourage any Range State(s) to sign the Raptors MOU?**

If “yes”, please identify the Range State(s) concerned, and the nature of the support or encouragement given.

If “no”, please state why not.

(If not known, tick here  )