



## The Bonn Convention (CMS)

As an environmental treaty under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Bonn Convention provides a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species and their habitats. The Convention brings together the States through which migrating animals pass and lays down the legal basis for conservation measures for the species' entire migration route.

## AEWA

The Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) is an international treaty for the protection of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in Africa, Europe, West Asia and Greenland as well as the Canadian Archipelago. AEWA came into being under the auspices of the Bonn Convention and is administered by UNEP. Within the framework of the Agreement, governments and conservationists from numerous countries decide on the protective steps to be taken for waterbirds throughout their entire migration range.

## World Migratory Bird Day

Every year the Bonn Convention and AEWA organize World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD). This is a global campaign aiming to protect migratory birds and their habitats. To this end, events take place across the world on or around 10 May. This year the operatic choir Corale Lirica San Rocco from Bologna will give a benefit concert on behalf of migratory birds threatened by poaching.

Illegal hunting and trade in endangered species violate national and international laws. Wildlife crime poses a serious threat to migratory birds. An estimated 25 million



migratory birds, including numerous songbirds, waterfowl and doves are killed illegally each year across the Mediterranean alone. They end up served as a delicacy on plates, many serve as targets for sports and recreational hunters. Exhausted migratory birds are caught at their stop-over sites in nets stretching for kilometres or die a painful death on lime sticks, both traps, from which they cannot escape. Vultures, essential health guardians, are killed when they eat poisoned carcasses. In Africa, half of the vulture species are threatened with extinction. Many birds die from ingesting pesticides. Exotic birds such as the Shoebill are a coveted object in illegal trade.

Education and raising awareness, adaption of national legislation, law enforcement and measures to combat poaching are urgently needed. Only in this way can the international community combat crime affecting endangered migratory birds.



For more information on World Migratory Bird Day, please visit:

[www.worldmigratorybirdday.org](http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org)



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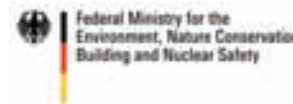


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# World Migratory Bird Day Benefit Concert

**Bologna Operatic Choir  
Lirica San Rocco presents:**

**“Flight through a decade”**

A musical journey through the world in ten stages

**Sunday, 8 May 2016**

**11.00 hrs**

**Auditorium/Aula of Bonn University**

Donations in lieu of entrance fees.

