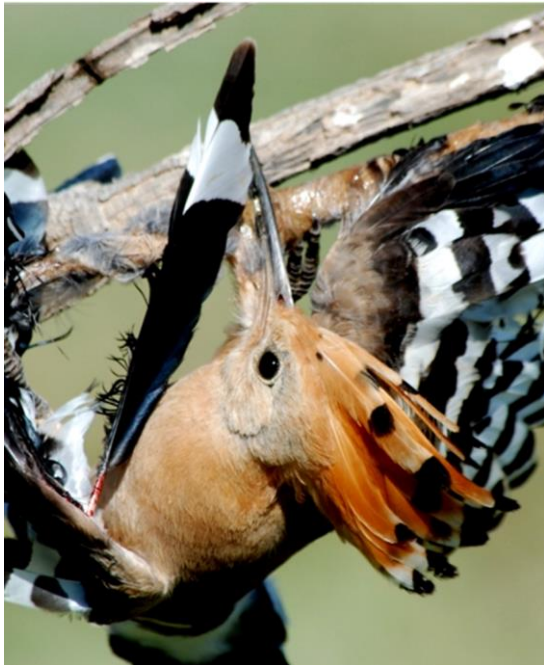




# Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)

## Joint Meeting update and agenda discussion

MIKT Consultative Group Meeting, 10 April 2024



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# Joint Meeting Bern Convention SFPs and CMS MIKT on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Wild Birds – Türkiye, October 2024

- Joint Meeting – name too long
- Suggest to use Joint Meeting of Bern Convention and MIKT
- Meeting will last 2.5 days, plus field trip

*Achievements since last meeting*

*Discussion on possible items for developing the agenda*

# MIKT Achievements since last meeting



The screenshot shows the CMS website header with the logo and navigation menu. The main content area features a photograph of a quail and a metadata table.

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Online Workshop on Monitoring Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade (IKB) of Migratory Birds

Dates	19 Sep 2022 09:00 to 19 Sep 2022 13:00
Organizer	CMS
Coorganizer	Bern Convention
CMS Instrument	CMS
Type	Workshop
Kind	Official
Status	Confirmed
Languages	English

- Online workshop on Monitoring IKB
- Held online in September 2022 to explore methodologies and approaches to monitoring IKB

# MIKT Achievements since last meeting



**14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14)**

**SIDE EVENT  
GLOBAL ILLEGAL TAKING OF BIRDS  
14 February 2024**

**CMS**  
المركز الوطني  
لتنمية الحياة الفطرية  
National Center for Wildlife  
المملكة العربية السعودية

**COP 14**  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
SAMARKAND  
13-17 FEBRUARY 2024

**BirdLife**  
INTERNATIONAL

- Co-organized with BirdLife International a side event at COP14
- Showcased the work of MIKT
- New report on bird hunting in Southeast Asia was launched by BirdLife International



# MIKT Achievements since last meeting

- Funding of MIKT, including coordination approved
- 1 January 2024 - 30 June 2028 from the European Union

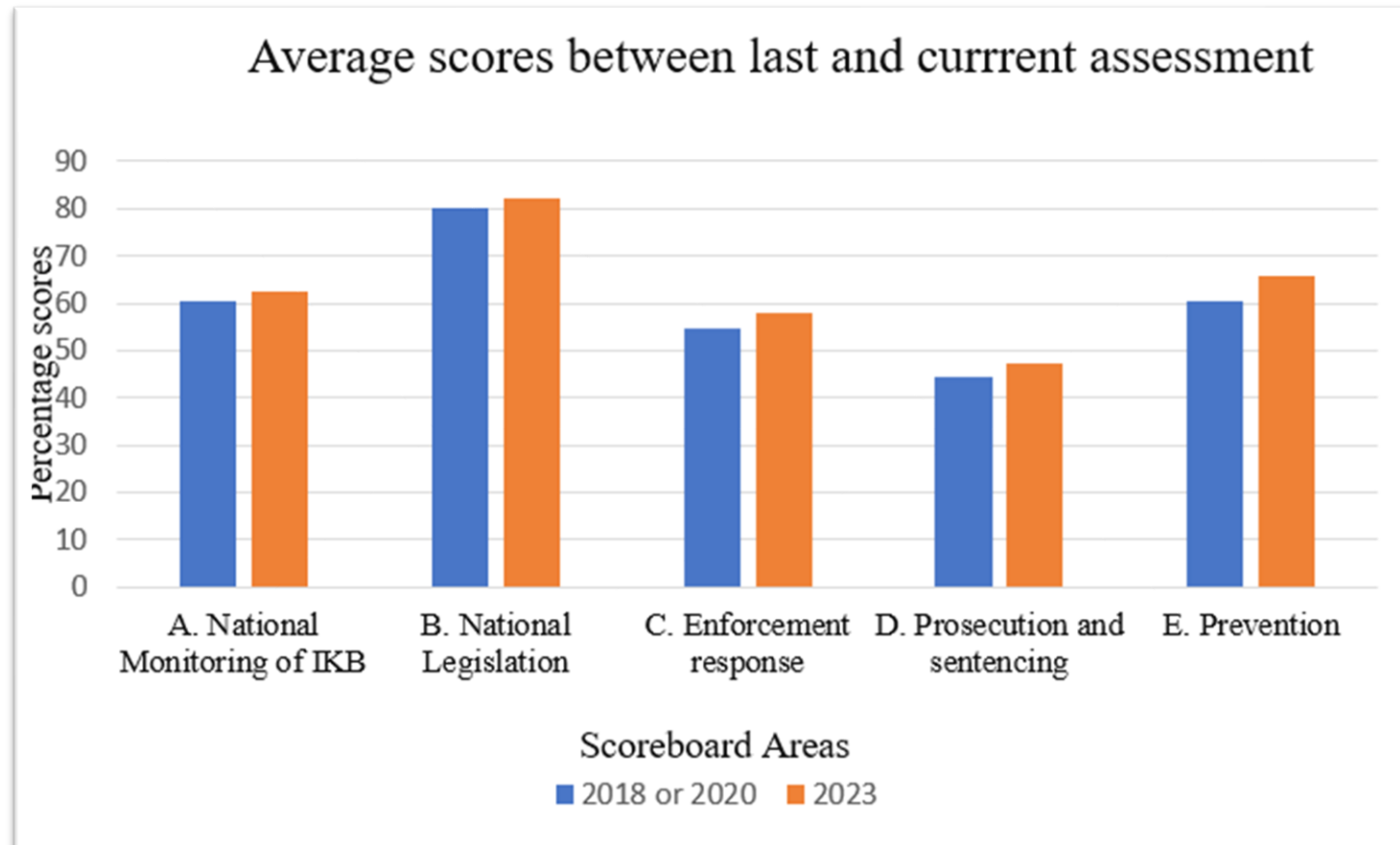


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# MIKT Achievements since last meeting

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Scoreboard exercise run in 2023: 22+1 countries replied**
- **Updated analysis will be submitted to Joint Meeting**



# MIKT Achievements since last meeting

## Main conclusions from Scoreboard

- *National legislation in general assessed as adequate, but some challenges still exist*
- *Monitoring IKB remains a challenge but overall feasible*
- *Enforcement & Prosecution remain a challenge in most countries*
- *Prevention: a lot more needs to be done*

# MIKT Achievements since last meeting

The table below features the information concerning the original data and answers to the Scoreboard submitted per country. Those countries which to date have explicitly agreed to have their data shared on a public website have their reports linked below.

Country / Pays	Scoreboard	Country / Pays	Scoreboard
Albania/Albanie	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd Scoreboard</a>	Lebanon/Liban	<a href="#">1st Scoreboard</a>
Algeria / Algérie	<a href="#">3rd Scoreboard</a>	Liechtenstein	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>
Andorra/Andorre	<a href="#">1st Scoreboard</a>	Malta/Malte	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>
Belarus/Bélarus	<a href="#">2nd Scoreboard</a>	Monaco	<a href="#">1st Scoreboard</a>
Belgium/Belgique (Wallonia)	<a href="#">1st &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>	Montenegro/Monténégro	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>
Bosnia-Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine	<a href="#">3rd Scoreboard</a>		
Bulgaria/Bulgarie	<a href="#">1st Scoreboard</a>	Morocco/Maroc	<a href="#">2nd Scoreboard</a>
Croatia/Croatie	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>	Netherlands/Pays-Bas	<a href="#">1st Scoreboard</a>
Cyprus/Chypre	<a href="#">2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>	Norway/Norvège	<a href="#">1st Scoreboard</a>
Czech Republic/ République Tchèque	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>	Serbia/Serbie	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>
Denmark/Danemark	<a href="#">1st Scoreboard</a>	Slovakia/Slovaquie	<a href="#">1st Scoreboard</a>
Egypt/Egypte	<a href="#">2nd Scoreboard</a>	Slovenia/Slovénie	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd Scoreboard</a>
Finland/Finlande	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd Scoreboard</a>	Spain/Espagne	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>
France	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd Scoreboard</a>	Sweden/Suède	<a href="#">2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>
Georgia/Géorgie	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>	Switzerland/Suisse	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>
Greece/Grèce	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>	Syrian Arab Republic/ République arabe syrienne	<a href="#">2nd &amp; 3rd scoreboard</a>
Hungary/Hongrie	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>	Tunisia/Tunisie	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>
Iceland/Islande	<a href="#">1st Scoreboard &amp; 3rd scoreboard</a>	Turkey/Turquie	<a href="#">1st &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>
Israel/Israël	<a href="#">3rd Scoreboard</a>	United Kingdom/ Royaume-Uni	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>
Italy/Italie	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd &amp; 3rd Scoreboard</a>		

- Scoreboard 2023 data online
- For those 17/23 countries which have given their agreement to share their answers
- <https://www.coe.int/en/web/bern-convention/ikb-scoreboard-assessment-table>

# Joint Meeting, Türkiye, October 2024

## Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030 and MIKT Workplan 2021-2025 key targets and milestones:

### **GOAL OF THE ROME STRATEGIC PLAN 2020–2030:**

**By 2030, the scale and scope of IKB have been reduced at least by 50% compared with the 2020 baseline.**

- Assess need to develop National Action Plans and communicate it
- Develop National Action Plans if deemed necessary
- Establish a Baseline for assessing progress and agree a methodology

# Joint Meeting, Türkiye, October 2024

## Rome Strategic Plan and MIKT Workplan 2021-2025 key deadlines:

- Carry out an overall survey and review of motivations
- Complete national surveys on the motivations
- Best practice guidance on activities aimed at preventing IKB
- Organise and run workshops on outreach practices
- Use cutting – edge technology to tackle IKB
- National legislation

# Joint Meeting, Türkiye, October 2024

## Rome Strategic Plan and MIKT Workplan 2021-2025 key deadlines:

- Organise specialized training for compliance assurance and enforcement personnel to raise capacity on IKB
- Sentencing guidelines adopted and inclusion training for judges
- Organise training sessions and capacity building for judges and prosecutors

# Joint Meeting, Türkiye, October 2024

- **Ideas for Agenda of Joint Meeting:**
- **Monitoring**: presentations and breakout on Monitoring methodology, technological advances and survey of motivations
- **Enforcement**: presentations and breakout on enforcement. Invited: **Europol representative**
- **Prevention**: Ideas for outreach activities on IKB. Presentation and breakout
- **Judicial training**: **representative of ENPE and/or EUJFE** to discuss joint opportunities
- **Discuss fundraising opportunities**

# Joint Meeting, Türkiye, October 2024

- **Other points for Joint meeting agenda:**
- Scoreboard 2023 results and updated analysis
- Agreement of the date of the next in-person Joint Meeting Bern Convention MIKT: 2026 or 2027? (+/-)
- Mid-term review of Rome Strategic Plan (2025)

**Are we reaching the Overall Goal of the RSP?**

## **GOAL OF THE ROME STRATEGIC PLAN 2020–2030:**

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# MIKT Website

<https://www.cms.int/en/taskforce/mikt>

## Rome Strategic Plan

### Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean



The Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) has been convened by the CMS Secretariat in conjunction with the Secretariat of AEWA, the Raptors MOU Coordinating Unit and the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP) Working Group. It brings together governmental representatives of CMS Parties from the Mediterranean region, including European Union Member States, and other interested Parties. Representatives from non-CMS Parties as well as relevant international organizations and networks are also part of MIKT as observers.

As of September 2022, the Membership of the Task Force consists of 22 CMS Parties. Additionally, three Interested Parties (CMS Parties which do not have a Mediterranean coast), and one Non-Party are Observers to the MIKT. Twelve multilateral environmental agreements (represented by their Secretariats), organizations and networks, and nine non-governmental

#### Useful Links

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### The Rome Strategic Plan



The Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030: Eradicating Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds in Europe and the Mediterranean region is the strategic framework for the work of MIKT from 2020-2030.

It was developed during a Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points (SFPs) on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade (IKB) in Wild Birds and the CMS MIKT in May 2019 in Rome.

The overarching long-term goal of the Rome Strategic Plan is the eradication of IKB within the geographic scope of the Bern Convention and MIKT. The goal of the Rome Strategic Plan for 2030 is a 50% reduction of the scale and scope of IKB compared to a 2020 baseline.

MIKT members adopted the Rome Strategic Plan as it was adopted by the Bern Convention Standing Committee in December 2019, with the clear understanding that detailed and ambitious workplans would be developed for implementation to be implemented by MIKT Members and Observers in the Mediterranean.

The Rome Strategic Plan was developed as a continuation of the MIKT Programme of Work which was launched in 2000. The MIKT Workplan for the period 2021-2025 fully aligns with the Rome Strategic Plan and was approved through online consultation following the MIKT meeting on June 2021.

The Rome Strategic Plan is structured around one process-oriented objective and five result-oriented objectives, which are:

Process Oriented objective: National IKB Action Plans

Result Oriented objectives:

- No. 1: To understand the scope, scale and motivations behind illegal killing, taking and trade of birds;
- No. 2: To establish an active prevention of the illegal killing, taking and trade of birds;
- No. 3: To ensure that the illegal killing of birds is addressed effectively and efficiently in national legislation;
- No. 4: To ensure that effective and efficient enforcement of relevant legislation is undertaken;
- No. 5: To ensure effective and efficient justice for IKB-related offences.

# Thank you

# Discussion



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