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Reporting on progress made to implement the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP)

Report from Spain

The reporting template intends to facilitate reporting on the progress made in the implementation of the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP). The summary reports are meant for the 2nd meeting of the Working Group to be held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, in November 2015. Working Group members are kindly requested to follow the guide below to do the summary report.

Report template for the Second Meeting of the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group

- I. Name and contact of the reporting officer and institution(s) of affiliation: Rubén Moreno-Opo. Technical Advisor. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Spain. rmorenoopo@gmail.com
- II. Country or countries where action is taking place: Spain
- III. Title of initiative/project(s) being reported: No specific initiative/project has been proposed within the framework of the AEMLAP. Nonetheless, there are other activities aimed at protecting individuals and important areas for migratory landbirds included in monitoring programs other than AEMLAP in Spain:
 - a. Wintering and breeding atlas of Spanish bird species covered by AEMLAP
 - i. Time frame: 1999-2017.
 - ii. Addressed issue: research on distribution and relative abundance of bird populations.
 - iii. Actions and achievements: three breeding and one wintering atlas. Partially funded by national and regional administration and volunteer work.
 - b. Special Protected Areas (SPA) for birds within the framework of the Birds Directive (147/2009/CE).
 - i. Time frame: 1986-ongoing.
 - ii. Addressed issue: These areas are established to enhance the protection of birds included in Annex I of Birds Directive, and their habitats.
 - iii. Actions and achievements: 608 identified, declared and managed areas covering >20% of terrestrial Spain.

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- c. Monitoring of protected species to fulfil requirements from Article 12 of Birds Directive.
 - i. Time frame: 1992-ongoing.
 - ii. Addressed issue: periodic reports of the conservation status of protected birds each 6 years.
 - iii. Actions and achievements: data obtained from bird monitoring schemes from regional authorities and NGOs. Partially funded by national and regional administration and volunteer work.
- d. Action plans for endangered terrestrial bird species covered by AEMLAP.
 - i. Time frame: 2007-ongoing.
 - ii. Addressed issue: establishing conservation and management activities legally binding.
 - iii. Actions and achievements: 14 regional action plans for seven species (*Riparia riparia*, *Emberiza schoeniclus lusitanica*, *Tetrax tetrax*, *Otis tarda*, *Pterocles alchata*, *Pterocles orientalis*, *Chersophilus duponti*). Funded by regional administrations.
- e. Spanish ringing schemes (ICONA and Aranzadi).
 - i. Time frame: 1956-ongoing.
 - ii. Addressed issue: research on migratory patterns and different ecological and demographic parameters.
 - iii. Actions and achievements: 1 100 bird ringers working for joint coordinated programs (at least 5 at national scale) studying \pm 350 000 birds/year. Partially funded by national administration and volunteer work.
- f. Implementation and prosecution of illegal activities related to trapping and killing terrestrial birds.
 - i. Time frame: 2010-ongoing.
 - ii. Addressed issue: enforcement of European and national legislation on bird protection.
 - iii. Actions and achievements: banning of non sustainable/legal hunting (*parany*) and regulation/adaptation of finches trapping (*silvestrismo*).
- g. Reconciling measures from damages of terrestrial birds.
 - i. Time frame: 2007-ongoing.
 - ii. Addressed issues: Reducing wildlife conflicts to allow coexistence as established in European and national regulations.
 - iii. Actions and achievements: damage mitigation/compensation to crops (*Otis tarda*, *Tetrax tetrax*) and to beekeeping (*Merops apiaster*). Funded through agro-environmental funding (FEADER, Regulation 1305/2013 CE), and national insurances programs (ENESA).

- IV. Implementation timeframe (start/end date): already included in each initiative above
- V. Threats or information/monitoring/education/research gaps addressed by the initiative(s): already included in each initiative above
- VI. Summary of actions and achievements relevant to AEMLAP. Under this sub-title: already included in each initiative above
 - a) indicate the overall/main objective of the initiative:
 - b) the achievements made so far or a set of planned deliverables and how they have benefited or are likely to benefit conservation of landbirds:
 - c) The main stakeholders involved in the implementation of the initiative:
 - d) The main donors involved:

Action requested:

- i. The Working Group is requested to take note of this report and provide comments if needed.