**ACTION PLANS FOR BIRDS**

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*(Prepared by the Avian Working Group)*

DRAFT RESOLUTION

*Recalling* Resolution 11.14[[1]](#footnote-1) *Programme of Work for Migratory Birds and Flyways*, which recommends the development, adoption and implementation of species action plans for priority species in line with CMS priorities for Concerted and Cooperative Action, including the Yellow-breasted Bunting, Baer’s Pochard and Far Eastern Curlew,

*Further recalling* Resolution 11.17(Rev.COP12) *Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region*, which requests the Landbirds Working Group and the Scientific Council, with the support of the CMS Secretariat, to develop as an emerging issue Action Plans for the Yellow-breasted Bunting, European Turtle Dove and European Roller,

*Noting* that the Far Eastern Curlew was designated for Concerted Actions during 2015-2017 through Resolution 11.13[[2]](#footnote-2) *Concerted and Cooperative Actions*,

*Further noting* that the Baer’s Pochard Action Plan was adopted by the 8th Meeting of Partners of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) in Japan in 2015;that the Far Eastern Curlew Action Plan was adopted by the 9th Meeting of Partners of EAAFP in Singapore in 2017, that the Dalmatian Pelican Action Plan was adopted by the 10th Meeting of Partners of EAAFP in Changjiang, China in 2018, and that the Action Plans for the White-headed Duck and for the Dalmatian Pelican were adopted by the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) in Durban, South Africa, in 2018,

*Further noting* the EuroSAP project, sponsored by the European Commission and coordinated by BirdLife International, under which the action plans for the European Turtle Dove, for the Dalmatian Pelican and for the White-headed Duck, were finalized in early 2018,

*Additionally noting* that the CMS Standing Committee adopted the action plans for the European Turtle Dove, White-headed Duck and Dalmatian Pelican at its 48th meeting,

*Acknowledging* the progress made in the development of the Action Plan for the Yellow-breasted Bunting, including the sound scientific and participatory process towards its successful finalization and implementation, and

*Concerned* about the conservation status of the Indian Skimmer (*Rynchops albicollis*) and its riverine and coastal habitats and noting the possible extinction of the species in South East Asia as well as the severe population decline in South Asia detected in early 2020, and welcoming the initiative of the Governments of India and Bangladesh to develop a proposal for listing of the species under CMS as well as to lead on the development of an international single species action plan for the species together with other relevant range states and stakeholders.

*The Conference of the Parties to the*

*Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Adopts* the following species action plans as submitted to COP12:

UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.7.- Action Plan for the Far Eastern Curlew;

UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.8.- Action Plan for the Baer’s Pochard;

UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.9.- Action Plan for the European Roller;

1. *Acknowledges* the adoption of the Action Plans for the White-headed Duck, the European Turtle Dove and the Dalmatian Pelican by the 48th Meeting of the Standing Committee, as submitted in documents, pursuant to its mandate from the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

UNEP/CMS/StC48/Doc.18 *Adoption of Bird Species Action Plans*;

UNEP/CMS/StC48/Doc.18/Annex 1 *International Single Species* *Action Plan for the Conservation of the White-headed Duck*;

UNEP/CMS/StC48/Doc.18/Annex 2/Rev.1 *International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the European Turtle Dove*;

UNEP/CMS/StC48/Doc.18/Annex 3 *International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Dalmatian Pelican*.

1. *Urges* Parties and *invites* non-Party Range States to implement relevant provisions of all of the action plans for birds that have been adopted by the Conference of the Parties to date;
2. *Encourages* other Parties to provide technical and/or financial support to activities outlined in the action plans;
3. *Requests* Parties to report on progress in the implementation of the action plans at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties via their national reports, including with regard to the Yellow-breasted Bunting Action Plan upon its finalization.

DRAFT DECISIONS

***Directed to the Secretariat***

13.AA The Secretariat shall:

1. bring the action plans to the attention of all Range States and relevant intergovernmental organizations, invite those Range States that are not yet Parties to ratify or accede to the Convention (or at least support the relevant action plan) and to report on the implementation of these action plans, and monitor the implementation of these action plans during the intersessional period up to the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
2. coordinate with the Secretariat of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) for the implementation of the Baer’s Pochard, Far Eastern Curlew, Dalmatian Pelican and White-headed Duck Action Plans and with the Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) for the Dalmatian Pelican and White-headed Duck Action Plans during the intersessional period up to the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

13.BB The Standing Committee is authorized to adopt the Yellow-breasted Bunting Action Plan or Multi-species Action Plan for Eurasian migratory species under the genus *Emberiza* (Buntings) in an unfavourable conservation status, following consultation with the Scientific Council, once finalized, in the intersessional period between the 13th and 14th meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to Parties and Non-Parties, IGOs, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders***

13.CC Parties and Non-Parties, particularly those being Range States of the Indian Skimmer (*Rynchops albicollis*), together with relevant organizations and stakeholders, are encouraged to progress rapid development of a single species action plan and its implementation including further investigation of the status of the species, and to report progress and options for future action under CMS for consideration at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

1. Now consolidated in Resolution 12.11 *Flyways* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Now consolidated in Resolution 12.28 *Concerted Actions* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)