

**Fourth Meeting of the Signatories
of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and
Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard
(*Otis tarda*)**

Bad Belzig, Germany, 14 – 15 March 2018

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Agenda Item 3

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Date/Time	Agenda items and Activities	Documents	Annotations
Sunday, 11 March 2018			
15.00-22.00	Arrival of participants		Please see fact sheet
15.00-22.00	Registration		Participants are kindly requested to prove their identity for the MOS4 and register for both meetings.
19.00-20.00	Meeting between the Host Country organizers, Chairs and lecturers of the Scientific Symposium and the CMS Secretariat		This meeting will discuss <i>inter alia</i> the meeting flow, especially the role of Chairs/moderators and the interactive and other organizational matters.
Monday, 12 March 2018			
08.00-09.00	Registration		Participants are kindly requested to prove their identity for the MOS4 and register for both meetings.
All Day	Scientific Symposium on the Great Bustard		See separate agenda. Meeting starts at 09.00
19.00-20.00	Dinner hosted by the Great Bustard Association (Förderverein Großtrappenschutz e.V.)		
20.00 -	Evening programme with lecture		Lecture by Dr Heinz Litzbarski
Tuesday, 13 March 2018			
07.00-12.00	Excursion		Field trip to the Great Bustard area "Belziger Landschaftswiesen" SPA.
14.00-19.00	Scientific Symposium on the Great Bustard		See separate agenda.
20.30 -	Evening programme with lecture		Lecture by Prof. Nigel Collar

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Wednesday, 14 March 2018			
Fourth Meeting of the Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard (<i>Otis tarda</i>)			
08.00-09.00	Registration		Delegates only arriving for the MOS4 are kindly requested to prove identity and to pick up their badges.
09.00-13.00¹ Agenda items 1.0 – 5.2			
09.00	1. Welcoming remarks		State Secretary Dr. Caroline Schilde (Ministry of Rural Development, Environment and Agriculture Brandenburg) will open the meeting with a welcoming speech. State Secretary Klaus Rehda (Ministry for the Environment, Agriculture and Energy Saxony-Anhalt) and Oliver Schall (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany) will also address the meeting. Torsten Langgemach (LfU Brandenburg), Borja Heredia (CMS), Marcus Borchert (Großtrappenschutz e.V.) will make introductory remarks.
09.30	2. Election of officers		The Meeting will be invited to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among the representatives of the Signatories in attendance. Expected outcome: Officers are elected.
	3. Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.3.1 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.3.2 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.3.3 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.9	The Chair will introduce the annotated agenda and meeting schedule. Participants will have the opportunity to provide comments and suggest items to be discussed under Any Other Business. Expected outcome: Agenda and Meeting schedule adopted.

¹ NB: A coffee break is foreseen in all morning and afternoon sessions.

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08.45-10.00 (in parallel to the meeting)	Short trip to Great Bustard area for press representatives only		Press representatives will meet at the lek location and drive to the Meeting afterwards. Organization of the trip will be done by LfU State Bird Conservation Centre.
10.00-10.30	Press conference		<p>State Secretary Dr. Caroline Schilde (Ministry of Rural Development, Environment and Agriculture Brandenburg), State Secretary Klaus Rehda (Ministry for the Environment, Agriculture and Energy Saxony-Anhalt), Torsten Langgemach (LfU Brandenburg), Borja Heredia (CMS), Rainer Raab (Austria) and Marcus Borchert (Großtrappenschutz e.V.) will give press statements.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Participants will inform the press about general findings and the outcomes of the Scientific Symposium and answer any questions.</p>
4.0 Reports			
10.30-13.00	4.1 Report of the Secretariat	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.4.1 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.4 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.5	<p>The Meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's report concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the status of signatures and recruitment efforts. Representatives of non-Signatory States eligible to sign the MOU will be invited to inform the Meeting of their Government's intentions vis-à-vis signature of the MOU. The Meeting may wish to consider ways and means to increase membership of the MOU; • provisional list of designated national contact points; • CMS COP Outcomes relevant for the Great Bustard; • Any other relevant matters.

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	4.2 Reports from Signatories	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.1 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.2 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.3 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.4 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.5 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.6 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.7 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.8 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.10	Signatories provide a short presentation each (5-10 minutes) or only report orally about the status and conservation initiatives of the Great Bustard in their countries. Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of the countries' populations of the Great Bustard, of the MOU and the implementation of the Action Plan within the agreement area.
	4.3 Reports from Range States	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.10	Range States provide a short presentation each (5-10 minutes) or only report orally about the status of the Great Bustard in their countries. Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of the countries' populations of the Great Bustard, of the MOU and the implementation of the Action Plan within the agreement area.
	4.4 Reports from Cooperating Organizations		Signatory organizations are invited to give statements and report on projects related to the Great Bustard or with relevance to the MOU. Expected outcome: Information shared on ongoing developments, projects and cooperation related to the Great Bustard under involvement of the organizations.
	4.5 Results of the Scientific Symposium (12-13 March 2018)		The Chair of the meeting will report on the results of the Scientific Symposium with relevance to the MOU and the Meeting Documents. Expected outcome: Overview list on the items which should be considered for potential amendments of Meeting Documents and their adoption.

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5.0 Review of MOU and Action Plan implementation			
	5.1 Review of the conservation status of the Great Bustard populations in the agreement area	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.2 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.1 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.2 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.3 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.4 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.5 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.6 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.7 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.8 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.9	<p>Delegates will report outcomes from the Scientific Symposium regarding the conservation status of the Great Bustard in the agreement area and on activities with reference to the actions identified in the MOU version of the International Action Plan.</p> <p>The Meeting may then wish to briefly consider the conservation status of the Great Bustard outside of the agreement area and invite interventions from Observer States and Signatory Organizations.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information shared on the conservation status of the Great Bustard within the agreement area and actions implemented; possible additional information shared on the Great Bustard's conservation status outside of the agreement area. Table 2 of the Action Plan will be updated accordingly</p>
	5.2 Status of implementation of the Medium-term International Work Programme	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.3 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.1 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.2 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.3 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.4 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.5 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.6 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.7 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.6.8	<p>The Meeting will be invited to review implementation of the MTIWP, including scientific, conservation and financial aspects, identify the problems and obstacles of actions not fulfilled and consider if these should be extended in the new MTIWP, plus what ongoing measures are needed to be continued.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of MTIWP implementation. Further needs for the implementation of the MTIWP assessed and agreed. Suggestions made for measures to be continued or extended in the new MTIWP (and agreed as appropriate).</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch break		A group photo will be taken before lunch.

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14.00-19.30	Agenda items 6 – 6.3		
	6.0 Future implementation and further development of the MOU and Action Plan	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.2 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.9	
	6.1 Amendment of the MOU's Geographical Scope	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.9	<p>The Meeting will be invited to have discussion on expanding the MOU's geographical scope. New Range States present at the meeting will be invited to report on their intention to sign the MOU.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Confirmation of the geographical scope of the MOU and updated information from Range States with regard to signing the MOU.</p>
	6.2 Amendment of the MOU's Action Plan	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.2	<p>The Meeting will be invited to have discussion on amendment of the MOU's Action Plan based on a draft provided by the Secretariat and discussed at the Scientific Symposium.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Adoption of the updated new Action Plan.</p>

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	6.3 Development of the new Medium-Term International Work Programme 2018-2023	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.3	<p>The Meeting will be invited to consider the new draft MTIWP for the Great Bustard with a view to its adoption as required by MOU Paragraph 8. It is suggested that a “tour de table” be made to solicit general comments on the draft. It will be proposed to extend the period for the MTIWP to five years, i.e. 2018-2023, in line with the frequency of the Meetings of the Signatories. It will be further proposed to incorporate the Joint Research Programme into the MTIWP.</p> <p>Note: the new MTIWP must be aligned with the Framework for Action included in Chapter 4 of the updated Action Plan.</p> <p>Expected outcome: New MTIWP adopted, Joint Research Programme will be incorporated and the duration of the MTIWP will be extended to 5 years</p>
19.30	Dinner		
Later in the Evening	Final preparation of press release		Final changes will be made on the draft press release.
Thursday, 15 March 2018			
09.00	Press Release		Updated press release will be sent out.
09.00-13.00	Agenda items 6.4 – 12		
	6.4 Adoption of Guidelines		
	6.4.1 Guidelines for Monitoring of Population Parameters of Great Bustard and of the Effects of Management Measures	UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.4.1	<p>The document will be introduced by Rainer Raab including the revised Annexes 1 and 2, and delegates will be invited to make any comments or proposed amendments.</p> <p>Expected outcome: The final version of these Guidelines including any amendments proposed and agreed through consensus will be adopted.</p>

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	<p>6.4.2 Guidelines for best practice on mitigating impacts of infrastructure development and afforestation on the Great Bustard</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.4.2</p>	<p>The Guideline, originally adopted at MOS3, will be introduced by Rainer Raab and potential amendments and updates will be discussed, considering the outcomes of the Scientific Symposium.</p> <p>Expected outcome: The final version of these Guidelines including any amendments proposed and agreed through consensus will be adopted.</p>
	<p>6.4.3 Guidelines on Measures to Secure the Successful Wintering of Great Bustards</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.4.3</p>	<p>The draft Guidelines, for which an intersessional work plan had been agreed to complete Part 2 of the document, will be introduced, with reporting on amendments proposed during the Scientific Symposium. Delegates will be invited to comment on the draft.</p> <p>If not completed, Signatories with migratory Great Bustard populations will be asked to prepare Part 2 of the guidelines on the management of wintering sites and populations on the migratory routes.</p> <p>A plan for the timing of intersessional work and the final preparation of the guidelines should be agreed among the delegates.</p> <p>Expected outcome: General consideration of the guideline Part 1 and a work plan for the preparation of Part 2 and finalization of the document accepted by the Meeting.</p>
	<p>6.4.4 Guidelines on Predator Control Strategies</p>	<p>No document</p>	<p>Delegates will be invited to discuss the need of these guidelines, considering potential outcomes proposed during the Scientific Symposium.</p> <p>A plan for the timing of intersessional work and the final preparation of the guidelines should be agreed among the delegates.</p> <p>Expected outcome: A work plan for the preparation and finalization of the document is accepted by the Meeting.</p>

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	<p>6.4.5 Study of the different Agri-Environmental Schemes for the benefit of the Great Bustard</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.4.5</p>	<p>The draft document will be introduced and discussed, considering potential outcomes and amendments proposed during the Scientific Symposium.</p> <p>Delegates will be invited to comment on the draft.</p> <p>Signatories will be asked to prepare the country specific part of the document and comment on their views.</p> <p>A plan for the timing of intersessional work and the final preparation of the guideline should be agreed among the delegates.</p> <p>Expected outcome: General consideration of the guideline and a work plan for the preparation of the country specific part and the finalization of the document accepted by the Meeting.</p>
	<p>6.4.6 Guidelines for capturing and radio-tracking Great Bustards</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.4.6</p>	<p>The Guideline, originally adopted at MOS2, will be introduced by the Chair and potential amendments and updates will be discussed, considering the outcomes of the Scientific Symposium.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Delegates will confirm the adoption from MOS2.</p>
	<p>6.4.7 Guidelines for Reinforcement and Reintroduction of the Great Bustard <i>Otis tarda</i></p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.4.7</p>	<p>The Guideline, originally adopted at MOS3, will be introduced by the Chair and potential amendments and updates will be discussed, considering the outcomes of the Scientific Symposium.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Delegates will confirm the adoption from MOS3.</p>

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	<p>7. Update of the Great Bustard Joint Research Programme</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.2 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.6.3</p>	<p>It will be proposed to incorporate the Joint Research Programme into the MTIWP 2018-2023 (see agenda item 6.3), in line with the updated Action Plan.</p> <p>The delegates are invited to discuss and this issue. Comments on the old Research Programme should be made during Agenda item 6.3</p> <p>Expected outcome: Joint Research Programme will be incorporated into the MTIWP 2018-2023 as agreed through consensus.</p>
	<p>8. Signing Ceremony</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.9</p>	<p>Range States will be invited to sign the MOU. Possibilities of signing the MOU in the intersessional period can be discussed. The Secretariat will advise and provide support in this case.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information on signature procedures clarified. New Signatories to the MOU.</p>
	<p>9. MOU Coordination</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Doc.9 UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS4/Inf.9</p>	<p>The Meeting will be invited to consider options for the future coordination of the MOU. Signatories or collaborating organizations willing to provide financial and/or in-kind support towards MOU coordination will be invited to illustrate their offers.</p> <p>Expected outcome: General consideration of the MOU coordination issue; guidance provided and options identified on the particular issue of outsourcing MOU coordination activities, including financial considerations.</p>
	<p>10. Date and venue of the next Meeting of the Signatories</p>		<p>The meeting will be invited to consider when and where the next meeting of the Signatory States should take place.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Tentative date set for the next meeting of the Signatory States and any invitations to host the next meeting considered; general financial considerations reviewed.</p>

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	11. Any other business		Participants will be invited to raise any other matters concerning future MOU and Action Plan implementation. The Meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items.
	12. Closure of the Meeting		