

# **African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP)**

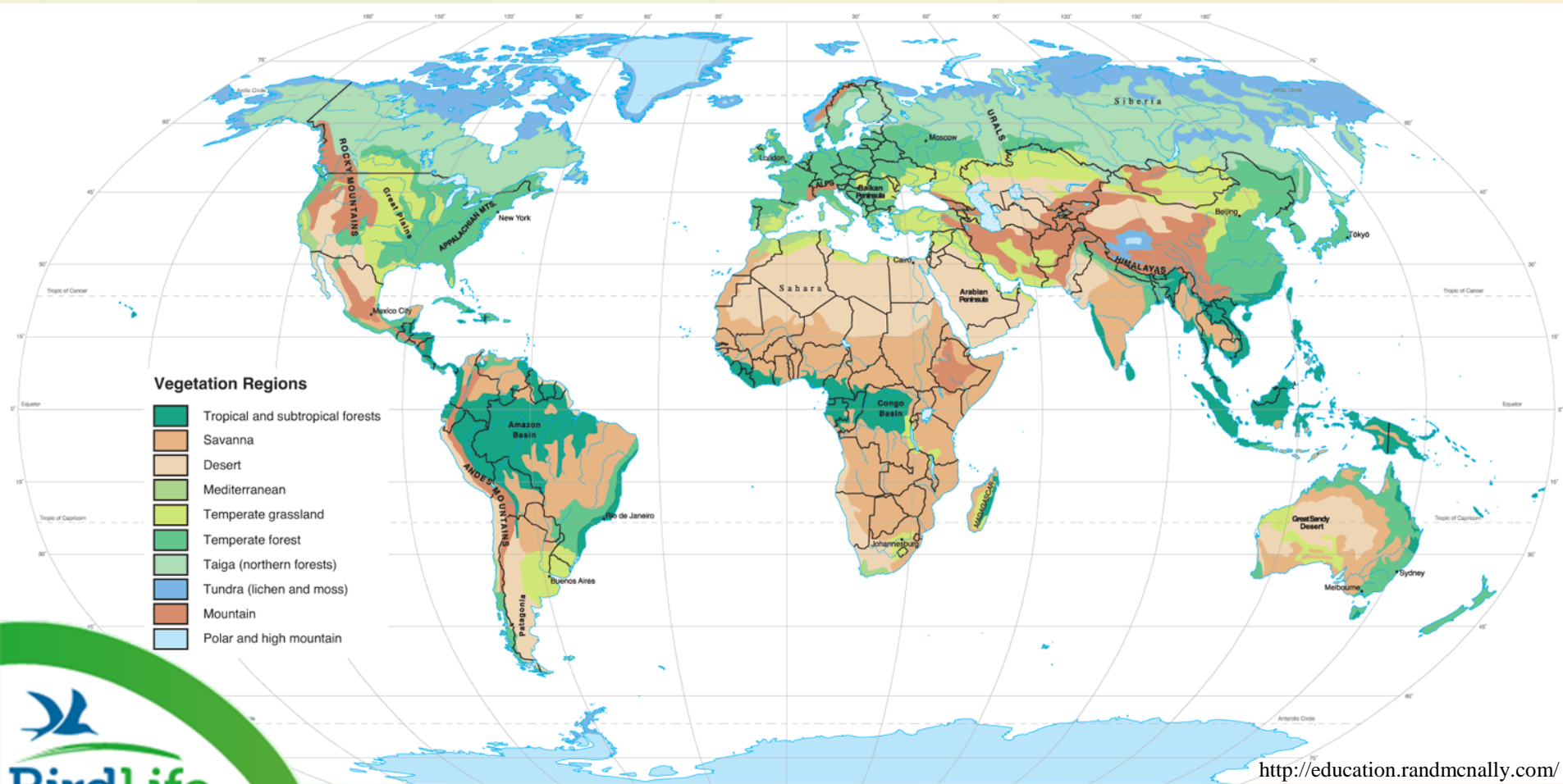
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# The challenge

- Migratory landbirds move across a broad front and depend on a variety of terrestrial habitats.



# CMS COP10 in 2011

- *Resolution 10.27* on Improving the Conservation Status of Migratory Landbirds in the African Eurasian Region adopted at 10th Conference of the Parties (CoP) of CMS.



Networking for Migratory Species  
Bergen, 20–25 November 2011

# AEML-WG and -SG

- **Working Group**, technical and policy experts, comprising governments, NGOs, research institutions, development agencies, companies and individuals with considerable influence on migratory landbirds.
- **Steering Group**, a closed subset of the WG, coordinating the Action Plan development and implementation process.

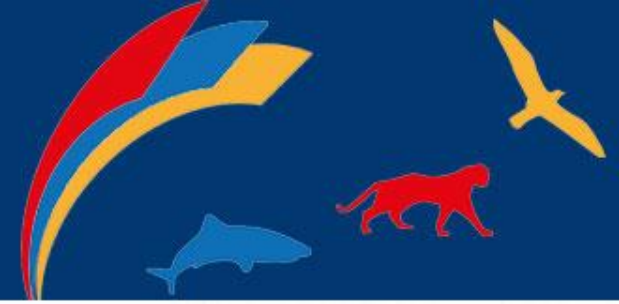




# Time for Action !

## COP11

4-9 Nov 2014  
Quito, Ecuador



AEMLAP; agenda item 23.1.4.

- Adopt AEMLAP and urge implementation as a priority.
- Address habitat loss and degradation.
- Implement existing measures under CMS AEWA, Raptor MoU and relevant international treaties.
- Address unsustainable taking.
- Implement guidelines to prevent poisoning.
- Address key knowledge gaps.

[http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/COP11\\_Doc\\_23\\_1\\_4\\_Landbirds\\_Conservation\\_African\\_Eurasian\\_Region\\_E.pdf](http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/COP11_Doc_23_1_4_Landbirds_Conservation_African_Eurasian_Region_E.pdf)

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## Eurasian Raptor MoU



Partnership for nature and people

# Region: 128 range states



- Africa.
- Europe.
- Central Asia.
- Middle East.

*AEMLAP Annex 2.*

# Species: IUCN SIS & BLI WBDB

Dynamic list of **full migrants** that are principally ecologically dependent on terrestrial habitats, presently:

- 34 GtB (category A),
- 124 LC decreasing (category B), and
- 346 LC increasing, stable or unknown (category C).

*AEMLAP Annex 3.*





# Thematic actions

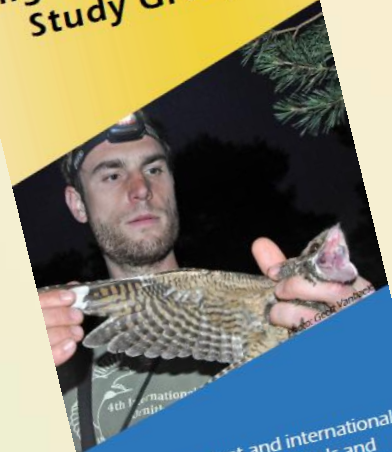
- **Habitat conservation** (agriculture, forestry, water, energy, climate change).
- **Taking and trade** (legal and illegal taking, human-wildlife conflict, poisoning).
- **Other threats** (diseases, collision).
- **Research and monitoring** (migration connectivity, monitoring, capacity development).
- **Education and information** (public awareness).



# Migrant Landbird Study Group (MLSG)

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# Friends of the Landbirds Action Plan (FLAP)

- Provide support-platform(s) for information and experience exchange by the public aimed at AEMLAP implementation.
  - Internet.
  - Online social media.
  - Newsletter.
  - Apps.
  - SMS.



# Species tool

- Hosted within the BirdLife Datazone, enabling up-to-date information and filtering nationally and regionally.

The screenshot shows the BirdLife Species Search tool interface. The top navigation bar includes the BirdLife International logo, the word "Species", a search input field with a "Go" button, and a "printable version" link. A left sidebar contains navigation menus for "Species" and "Data zone". The main content area is titled "Species Search" and features several filter sections: "Region" and "Country/Territory" (both dropdown menus); "IUCN Red List criteria (tick all of interest)" with checkboxes for EX, EW, CR, EN, and VU; "Threatened Species" with checkboxes for CR, EN, and VU; "Species type" with checkboxes for Seabirds, Waterfowl, AZE triggers, Landbirds, Endemic, and Migratory; "Family", "Genus", "Species", and "Common name" (text input fields); and "Habitats" with checkboxes for Artificial/Aquatic & Marine, Artificial/Terrestrial, Caves and Subterranean Habitats (non-aquatic), Desert, Marine Intertidal, Marine Neritic, Marine Oceanic, and Rocky areas (e.g. inland cliffs, mountain peaks). A "Search" button and a "Clear" button are located on the right side of the filter area. Below the filters is a large grey rectangular area, likely a placeholder for search results.

<http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/species/search>

# Other implementation tools

- Priority actions.
- Species Action Plans (SAPs).
- African Land-use Task-force.
- European Atlas of Bird Migration (from ring recoveries).
- Project portfolio.
- Intersessional workshop.

# Getting involved

- AEMLAP is a vehicle for flyway-scale conservation policy, intervention, research, education and other actions, providing a platform for CMS focal points to link with colleagues in other **ministries, NGOs, academia, development agencies** and **private sector**.
- This is driven by a strong and diverse network implementing actions using different tools locally, nationally and internationally.

**GET INVOLVED!**

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