

RESOLUTION 1.10

CONSERVATION GUIDELINES

The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds,

Recalling the Final Act of the negotiation meeting to adopt the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, held in the Hague, in June 1995, inviting the interim secretariat to prepare conservation guidelines in order to assist the Parties in their implementation of the Agreement Action Plan,

Recalling Article IV paragraph 4 of the Agreement on the submission of conservation guidelines to the first session of the Meeting of the Parties and the need for regular review thereafter,

Recognizing the wide range of different conservation structures and national legislative frameworks currently occurring within the Agreement area, and through which the same conservation objectives can be achieved by different mechanisms,

Aware of the results of the informal discussions on the draft of the conservation guidelines at the Second International Conference on Wetlands and Development held in Dakar, in November 1998,

Convinced of the necessity that all Parties and Range States of the Agreement shall implement the Agreement in a similar and coherent way,

Noting that these conservation guidelines provide a common framework for action but have no legally binding effect,

1. *Adopts* the conservation guidelines as contained in AEWA/MOP1.8 as initial guidelines in the sense of Article IV of the Agreement, as guidance for the Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Agreement and its Action Plan;
2. *Requests* the Technical Committee to revise the initial guidelines as a matter of urgency, taking into account the comments provided by the participants in the Meeting of the Parties and seeking further input from Range States and other organizations;
3. *Calls upon* Contracting Parties to utilize these guidelines in a practical way that leads to a minimum of additional bureaucracy and that recognizes the different social, economic and environmental conditions within the Agreement area;
4. *Urges* the bilateral and multilateral donor agencies involved directly or indirectly in waterbird conservation, to take into consideration document AEWA/MOP.1.8 and the priorities for action at the national and international level identified herein;
5. *Instructs* the secretariat and the Technical Committee, within the available resources and in consultation with Parties and appropriate organizations, to review these guidelines regularly, in particular, taking account of the additional comments provided by participants to the Meeting of the Parties;
6. *Congratulates* Wetlands International on their efforts over a considerable period to develop and bring forward the conservation guidelines.