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An Agreement under the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
(Bonn, 1979)

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1. Overview of Action Plan implementation

1.1 Summary of progress to date

1.2 Outline of planned actions for national implementation over the next three years

1.3 Outline of priorities for international co-operation over the next three years

2. Species conservation

Legal measures

2.1 *Has a national policy/strategy or legislation to protect and conserve species covered by the Agreement (Table 1: column A; column B) and their supporting important areas been developed? If so:*

- a. What are the main features of the policy/legislation?*
- b. Which organisations are responsible for implementation?*
- c. How does it relate to other national initiatives (e.g. national Biodiversity Action Plans)?*

2.2 *What legal measures or practices has your country developed to prohibit or regulate for the following (refer also to section 4 on hunting):*

- a. Taking of, and trade in birds listed in Column A and B of Table 1 (where utilisation or trade contravenes the provisions set out in paragraphs 2.1.1 (a) and 2.1.2 of the Action Plan)?*
- b. Methods of taking?*
- c. Setting of taking limits and monitoring these limits?*
- d. Sustainable hunting of species listed in Categories 2 and 3 (and marked by an asterisk) in Column A only?*
- e. Exemptions to the provisions set out in paragraphs 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.3?*

Single Species Action Plans

2.3 *Of the species covered by the Agreement (species listed in Table 1: column A), which spend part or all of their life history in your country, which have formal international (Category 1, species marked with an asterisk) or national (column A) Single Species Action Plans:*

- a. Proposed?*
- b. In preparation?*
- c. Being implemented?*

Please append a list of species and their action plan status. (For international plans indicate which other countries are involved in plan development/implementation.)

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Emergency measures

2.4 *Describe any bilateral or multilateral co-operative action that your country has undertaken to develop and implement emergency measures to conserve species in response to unfavourable or endangering conditions occurring in the Agreement area.*

Re-establishments

2.5 *Has a policy on species re-establishments been developed in your country? If yes, please outline the main features of the policy and give details of any re-establishment programmes for species covered by the Agreement.*

Introductions

2.6 *Has your country developed and implemented legal measures to prohibit the introduction of non-native species? Please provide details, particularly describing measures to control the release or introduction of non-native species (please indicate which species and their status).*

3. Habitat conservation

Habitat inventories

3.1 *Has your country developed and published inventories of important habitats for species covered by the Agreement? If yes, please provide details, including any provisions to maintain or update these inventories.*

3.2 *Has your country undertaken a strategic review of sites to develop a national network of important sites or areas for species covered by the Agreement? Please append a list of identified sites of international importance.*

Conservation of areas

3.3 *Describe the legal frameworks and other measures through which sites (including transfrontier sites) including of international importance gain practical protection. (Please append a list of internationally important protected sites.)*

3.4 *Has your country developed a management planning process for protected sites? If yes, please outline the types of management plans and organisations responsible for development and implementation.*

3.5 *How many protected sites have formal management plans (please append a list of sites and their management planning status):*

- a. Proposed?*
- b. In preparation?*
- c. Being implemented?*

3.6 *What measures does your country have in place to ensure the wise use of wetland habitats and to prevent habitat degradation e.g. pollution control and managing water resources? Please provide examples of best practice initiatives particularly involving cross-sectoral co-operation or public participation.*

Rehabilitation and restoration

3.7 *Does your country have a policy for the identification, rehabilitation and restoration of wetlands important for species covered by the Agreement? Please provide examples of rehabilitation and restoration projects and initiatives undertaken.*

4. Management of human activities

Hunting

4.1 *Outline the main features of legislation or legal measures in your country to control hunting of the species covered by the Agreement (e.g. use of lead shot and poisoned baits, and to eliminate illegal taking).*

4.2 *Does your country monitor hunting levels? If so, how is this information collated and reported?*

4.3 *Describe action undertaken by hunting clubs and organisations to manage hunting activity e.g. co-operative action, issuing of licences and proficiency testing of individual members.*

Eco-tourism

4.4 *What is the status of eco-tourism programmes or initiatives in your country? Please provide examples of projects with an indication of the significant outcomes.*

4.5 *What social and economic benefits accrue to the local communities from the conservation of important waterbird sites?*

Other human activities

4.6 *Does your country carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of activities potentially affecting protected sites or areas important for species covered by the Agreement? If yes, briefly describe the main features of your EIA policy and procedures.*

4.7 *Please describe the main features of your planning policy and provide examples of practical implementation (e.g. activities to minimising disturbance of species populations or limit the impact of species populations on crops or fisheries). Please summarize any land-use conflicts especially emphasising successful solutions to problems encountered in promoting the wise-use of waterbirds and their habitats.*

5. Research and monitoring

Status of research and monitoring programmes for species

- 5.1** *How are priorities for research identified in your country? Please briefly describe your country's research programmes, including any bilateral or multilateral co-operative action, for wetland habitats and for species covered by the Agreement (e.g. studies into species population, ecology and migratory patterns). Please append a list of research activities initiated, ongoing or completed in the last three years.*
- 5.2** *What monitoring activities does your country undertake, including any bilateral or multilateral co-operative action, of wetland areas and species covered by the Agreement (e.g. national monitoring schemes, International Waterfowl Census)? Please append a list of monitoring activities or programmes initiated, ongoing or completed in the last three years*

6. Education and information

Training and development programmes

- 6.1** *Describe the status of training and development programmes which support waterbird conservation and implement the AEWA Action Plan.*
- 6.2** *What bilateral or multilateral co-operative action is your country undertaking to develop training programmes and share examples of good practice?*

Raising public awareness

- 6.3** *Describe activities to raise public awareness of the objectives of the AEWA Action Plan. Please outline any particular successes generating public interest in, and securing support for, waterbird and wetland conservation (e.g. campaigns, information notes or other initiatives)?*

7. Final comments

7.1 General comments on the implementation of the AEWA Action Plan

7.2 Observations concerning the functions and services of the various AEWA bodies

a. The Agreement Secretariat

b. International organisations

c. AEWA NGO partners

7.3 How might the Action Plan be further developed as a practical aid for national and international conservation of migratory waterbirds?

8. Progress to implement Resolutions and Recommendations of the Meeting of the Parties

Please summarize progress to implement decisions of previous Meetings of the Parties.

9. OPTIONAL SECTION – Planned and future actions

Contracting Parties are invited to outline below any further information regarding the aims of the Agreement, for example, planned actions or other informative examples.

2. Species conservation
3. Habitat conservation
4. Management of human activities
5. Research and monitoring
6. Education and information

List of abbreviations and acronyms used in the report

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