



AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF
AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS

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“Migratory waterbirds and people - sharing wetlands”



RESOLUTION 5.8

**ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL
SINGLE SPECIES ACTION PLANS AND SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLANS**

Recalling that paragraph 2.2.1 of the Action Plan of the Agreement which states that the Parties shall cooperate with a view to developing and implementing International Single Species Action Plans (SSAPs), as a priority for those populations in Category 1 on Column A of Table 1 and those marked with asterisk,

Noting that in accordance with target 1.4 of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017, SSAPs shall be developed and implemented for most threatened species listed in category 1 and categories 2 and 3, marked with an asterisk on Column A of Table 1,

Referring to the priority list of species/populations for elaboration of new SSAPs and the list of species for revision of SSAPs endorsed by Resolution 4.4, while taking into account the new Category 4 of Column A of AEWA Table 1 added to the AEWA Action Plan under Resolution 5.6,

Further recalling paragraph 4.3.4 of the Action Plan of the Agreement whereby Parties shall cooperate with a view to developing action plans for populations which cause significant damage, in particular to crops and to fisheries,

Further noting that in accordance with target 2.5 of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017, international harvest management plans should be developed and implemented for at least two quarry populations,

Following the positive recommendations from both the Technical and Standing Committees concerning the need to approve and implement a further four new SSAPs, a revised SSAP and the first AEWA Species Management Plan for a waterbird population,

Further recalling Resolution 3.12, operative paragraphs 4 and 5, and *noting* that the Standing Committee has approved all these five SSAPs and the Species Management Plan on an interim basis at its 6th Meeting,

Recognising the progress made in establishing AEWA International Species Working Groups to coordinate the implementation of SSAPs and the increased implementation of SSAPs as a result of the operations of such International Species Working Groups,

Thanking all Parties for the funding provided towards the development of these SSAPs and the Species Management Plan as well as the operations of AEWA International Species Working Groups and implementation of SSAPs,

Further thanking all governmental and non-governmental organisations which provided support to the coordination and implementation of SSAPs.

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Adopts* the International Single Species Action Plans for the following species/populations:
 - a) Slaty Egret *Egretta vinaceigula* (document AEWA/MOP 5.25),
 - b) Bewick's Swan *Cygnus columbianus bewickii* (W Siberian & NE/NW European population) (document AEWA/MOP 5.26),
 - c) Greenland White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons flavirostris* (document AEWA/MOP 5.27),
 - d) Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis* (document AEWA/MOP 5.28),
 - e) Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius* (revision of the 2002 SSAP) (document AEWA/MOP 5.29);
2. *Adopts* the International Species Management Plan for the Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus* (Svalbard/NW European population) (document AEWA/MOP 5.30);
3. *Calls on* Parties to implement these and previously adopted Single Species Action Plans and the Species Management Plan pursuant to paragraph 2.2.1 of the Agreement's Action Plan;
4. *Encourages* Range States that are not yet Contracting Parties to the Agreement to also implement these as well as previously adopted Single Species Action Plans;
5. *Instructs* the Secretariat to convene, as a priority, AEWA Species Working Groups to coordinate the implementation of SSAPs for globally threatened and Near Threatened species and the Species Management Plan;
6. *Invites* Contracting Parties, other Range States and international partner organisations to set up coordination mechanisms to facilitate implementation of action plans for species which are not globally threatened or Near Threatened;
7. *Calls upon* all Range States, relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations and bilateral and multilateral donors to provide assistance for the coordination and implementation of International Species Actions Plans and the Species Management Plan that have been adopted, in particular through active participation in and funding to AEWA Species Working Groups;
8. *Instructs* the Secretariat to disseminate these International Single Species Action Plans and the Species Management Plan to relevant Parties and organisations, to monitor their implementation, and to report to the Meeting of the Parties as specified in paragraph 7.4 of the Agreement's Action Plan and through the international review on the stage of preparation and implementation of single species action plans;
9. *Requests* the Technical Committee to revise the priority list for SSAPs at its first meeting after each Meeting of the Parties in the light of approved changes to Table 1.