

**12<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
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**Guidance for Reports by the Technical Committee Regional Representatives  
to the AEWA Technical Committee (TC) on the Implementation of the Agreement  
to the Meetings of the Committee<sup>1</sup>**

Information for this report shall be collated by regional representatives from the Contracting Parties of their respective region (see attached Annex 1) through the National TC Focal Points or other useful contacts.

The aim of the report is to provide information to other TC members concerning the practical problems and opportunities within the region with regard to the implementation of the Agreement. Such information is important for the understanding of the Committee, since waterbird conservation issues and problems are not the same across the whole of the Agreement area, and committee members need to understand the priorities in regions they may not be familiar with.

The major focus of the report should be on problems and threats to waterbirds and their habitats (para 2 below), and how AEWA is, or could be, helping to address these. Information on conservation progress (para 3 below) is also required.

It is stressed that the regional representatives' reports are *not* intended to be comprehensive reviews of national implementation activities – since that is the function of the triennial national reports of the Contracting Parties. Rather they should summarise the main problems and challenges faced by migratory waterbirds in the region so as to enhance the understanding of the Committee concerning these regional-scale issues and opportunities.

1. Background on implementation

- Number of Contracting Parties in the region / number of Range States in the region. New accessions since the previous TC meeting.
- Number of Range States (Parties and non-Party States) that provided feedback for this report.

2. Major threats to waterbirds in the region, especially focusing on new or developing issues since previous TC meetings. These may include some or all of the following issues, if information is available:

- Emergency situations (extreme cold, draught, toxic or oil spills, etc.) that have happened and affected waterbirds and/or their habitats.
- Introduction/spread of alien species and activities on eradication or other type of action regarding alien species.
- Progress by Contracting Parties in the region with phasing out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands.
- Problematic cases threatening waterbirds or their habitats (e.g. major infrastructural developments, changes in legislation, etc.).

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Committee, 27-30 August 2012, Accra, Ghana

3. Significant conservation initiatives for waterbirds in the region, especially focusing on new or developing issues since previous TC meetings. These may include some or all of the following issues, if information is available:

- A summary of which Single Species Action Plans relevant to the region are being implemented (please check for the AEWA SSAP as per Sections 1 & 2 of attached Annex 2)
- New or major ongoing waterbird species re-establishment (reintroduction, supplementation) initiatives.
- New or major ongoing activities on habitat (site) inventory, conservation, or restoration and rehabilitation of waterbird habitats.
- New or major ongoing research and monitoring activities on waterbirds and waterbird habitats.
- New or major ongoing education and information activities on waterbirds, waterbird habitats and the Agreement.

4. Any other relevant information on regional conservation issues that would enhance the understanding of the Technical Committee.

*Please note that this report should be submitted to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat (jkremer@unep.de) at least four weeks before the relevant Meeting of the Technical Committee.*

## Annex 1

**Division of the Agreement area into nine regions** for the purpose of appointment of regional representatives to the Technical Committee as described in document AEWA/MOP 1.11/Rev 1 (*with pertinent amendments in the status of ratification as of January 2015*).

<b>Region</b>	<b>Names of the Range States and regional economic organisations</b> ( <i>current AEWA Parties are in bold</i> )
<b>NORTH- AND SOUTHWESTERN EUROPE</b>	Andorra, <b>Belgium</b> , Canada, <b>Denmark</b> (incl. Greenland), <b>European Union</b> , <b>Finland</b> , <b>France</b> , <b>Germany</b> , <b>Iceland</b> , <b>Ireland</b> , Liechtenstein, <b>Luxembourg</b> , <b>Monaco</b> , the <b>Netherlands</b> , <b>Norway</b> , <b>Portugal</b> , <b>Spain</b> , <b>Sweden</b> , <b>Switzerland</b> , <b>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</b>
<b>CENTRAL EUROPE</b>	<b>Albania</b> , Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, <b>Bulgaria</b> , <b>Croatia</b> , <b>Czech Republic</b> , <b>European Union</b> , Greece, <b>Italy</b> , <b>Hungary</b> , Malta, <b>Montenegro</b> , Poland, <b>Romania</b> , San Marino, Serbia, <b>Slovakia</b> , <b>Slovenia</b> , the <b>Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</b>
<b>EASTERN EUROPE</b>	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, <b>Estonia</b> , <b>European Union</b> , <b>Georgia</b> , <b>Latvia</b> , <b>Lithuania</b> , <b>Republic of Moldova</b> , Russian Federation (European part), <b>Ukraine</b>
<b>SOUTHWESTERN ASIA</b>	Bahrain, <b>Cyprus</b> , <b>European Union</b> , Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, <b>Israel</b> , <b>Jordan</b> , Kazakhstan, Kuwait, <b>Lebanon</b> , Oman, Qatar, Russian Federation (Asian part), Saudi Arabia, <b>Syrian Arab Republic</b> , Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, <b>Uzbekistan</b> , Yemen
<b>NORTHERN AFRICA</b>	<b>Algeria</b> , Madeira ( <b>Portugal</b> ), <b>Canary Islands (Spain)</b> , <b>Egypt</b> , <b>Libya</b> , <b>Morocco</b> , <b>Tunisia</b>
<b>CENTRAL AFRICA</b>	<b>Burundi</b> , Cameroon, Central African Republic, <b>Congo</b> , Democratic Republic of Congo, <b>Equatorial Guinea</b> , Gabon, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe
<b>WESTERN AFRICA</b>	<b>Benin</b> , <b>Burkina Faso</b> , Cape Verde, <b>Chad</b> , <b>Côte d'Ivoire</b> , <b>Gambia</b> , <b>Ghana</b> , <b>Guinea</b> , <b>Guinea-Bissau</b> , Liberia, <b>Mali</b> , Mauritania, <b>Niger</b> , <b>Nigeria</b> , <b>Senegal</b> , Sierra Leone, <b>Togo</b>
<b>EASTERN AFRICA</b>	<b>Djibouti</b> , Eritrea, <b>Ethiopia</b> , <b>Kenya</b> , Somalia, South Sudan, <b>Sudan</b> , <b>Uganda</b> , <b>United Republic of Tanzania</b> , <b>Réunion (France)</b> , <b>Mayotte (France)</b>
<b>SOUTHERN AFRICA</b>	Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Lesotho, <b>Madagascar</b> , Malawi, <b>Mauritius</b> , Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, <b>South Africa</b> , Swaziland, Zambia, <b>Zimbabwe</b> , <b>St. Helena (United Kingdom)</b> , <b>Ascension Island (United Kingdom)</b>

## Annex 2

1) International Single Species Action Plans approved so far by the AEWA MOP are available on the AEWA website under *Technical Publications*:

<http://www.unep-aewa.org/en/publications/technical-publications>

2) Some older plans that are still valid and shall be implemented under AEWA can be found here:

- (i) [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/nature\\_conservation/focus\\_wild\\_birds/species\\_birds\\_directive/birdactionplan/phalacrocoraxpygmeus.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/nature_conservation/focus_wild_birds/species_birds_directive/birdactionplan/phalacrocoraxpygmeus.htm)
- (ii) [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/nature\\_conservation/focus\\_wild\\_birds/species\\_birds\\_directive/birdactionplan/pelecanuscrispus.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/nature_conservation/focus_wild_birds/species_birds_directive/birdactionplan/pelecanuscrispus.htm)
- (iii) [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/nature\\_conservation/focus\\_wild\\_birds/species\\_birds\\_directive/birdactionplan/marmaronettaangustirostris.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/nature_conservation/focus_wild_birds/species_birds_directive/birdactionplan/marmaronettaangustirostris.htm)
- (iv) [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/nature\\_conservation/focus\\_wild\\_birds/species\\_birds\\_directive/birdactionplan/numeniustenuirostris.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/nature_conservation/focus_wild_birds/species_birds_directive/birdactionplan/numeniustenuirostris.htm)
- (v) [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/nature\\_conservation/focus\\_wild\\_birds/species\\_birds\\_directive/birdactionplan/larusaudouinii.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/nature_conservation/focus_wild_birds/species_birds_directive/birdactionplan/larusaudouinii.htm)

3) The AEWA Conservation Guidelines are also available on the AEWA website under *Technical Publications*:

<http://www.unep-aewa.org/en/publications/technical-publications>