

Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds



Looking back
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Looking forward



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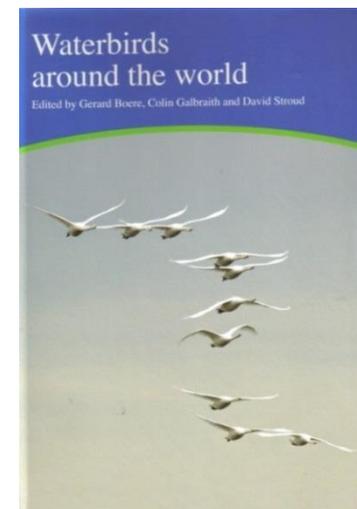
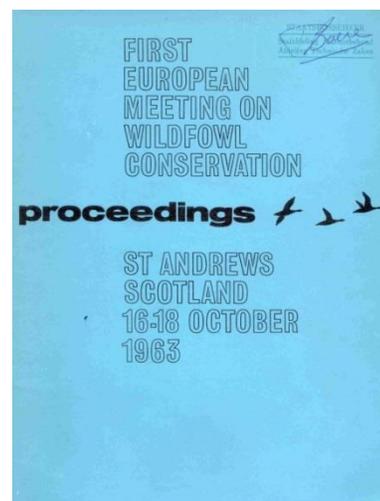
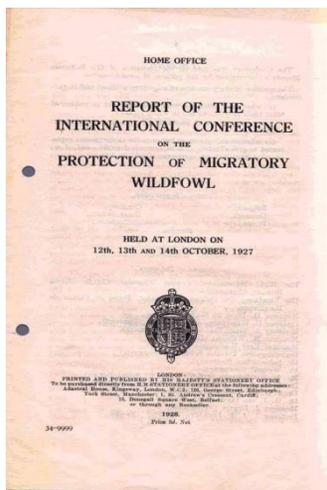
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Migratory waterbird conservation has a long history



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The process of developing AEWA

1972: Stockholm conference

1979: Bonn Convention ready

1983: CMS/Bonn Convention came into force

1985: CMS/COP 1 in Bonn; Agreement Resolution 1.6

1987: start of work: Kalden, Nowak and Boere

1989: first presentation outline WPWA in Astrakhan

1990: Working group meeting The Hague

1994: informal consultations at COP Bonn in Nairobi

1995: June formal negotiation meeting; Final Act

1999: AEWA into force and MOP1 in Cape Town

2015: 20th Anniversary in Bonn

International arrangements of all types, take their time!

CMS/Res.1.6
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Resolution 1.6

AGREEMENTS

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,

Recognizing the importance of demonstrating the effectiveness of the Convention,

Aware of the particular need to conclude Agreements for appendix II species,

1. Instructs the secretariat to take appropriate measures to develop Agreements for the following species and groups of migratory animals:

- a. European species of Chiroptera;
- b. Ciconia c. ciconia;
- c. Western palearctic Anatidae;
- d. North and Baltic Sea populations of Phocoena phocoena and Tursiops truncatus;

2. Recommends that process on these Agreements should be reviewed at meetings of the Standing Committee and Scientific Council, and reported on at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

3. Further recommends that full account be taken of the record of discussions on the development of exemplary Agreements during the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The 1985 Res.1.6 starting the process to develop WPAA towards AEWA

Original suggested aims for a
Western Palearctic Waterbird Agreement

“Proper protection and management on a biological basis

Continuation of monitoring (counts, ringing etc.)

Collection of bag statistics

***Education of hunters to get knowledgable and highly qualified
hunters***

Coordination of management plans”

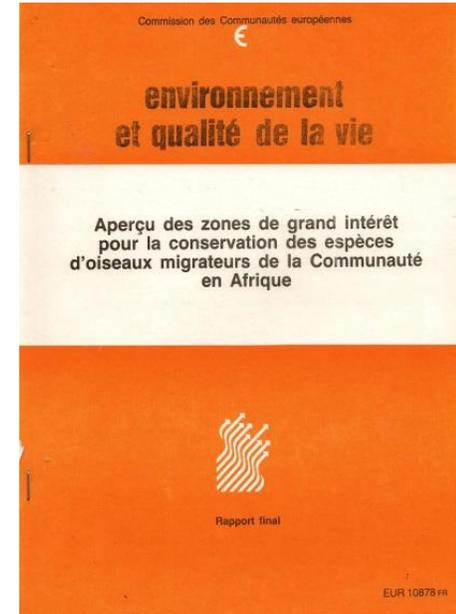
The Hague 1990



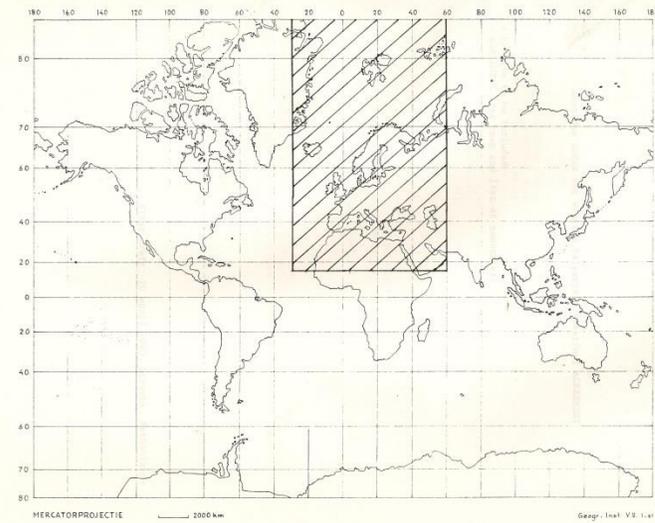
Opposition and problems..... Times have changed !

EU 1986

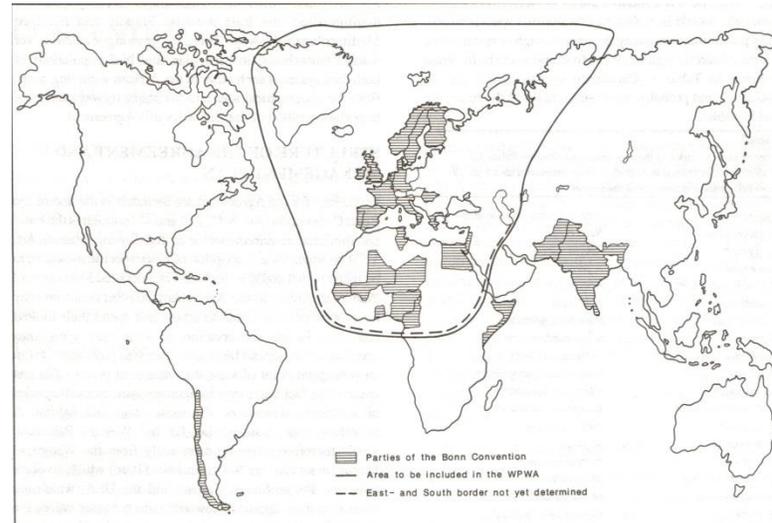
- **CMS not developing fast enough; CBD to take over?**
 - **EC competence Bird Directive; position of the Netherlands**
 - **Ramsar Convention: Article 5 is enough; no need**
 - **ICBP (BirdLife International): only hunted species; the rest is ours**
 - **Please not another 'Bird Directive' this time for Africa and Asia (hunting organisations)**
 - **Hunting legislation in the Netherlands;**
- can you trust them in developing AEWA?**



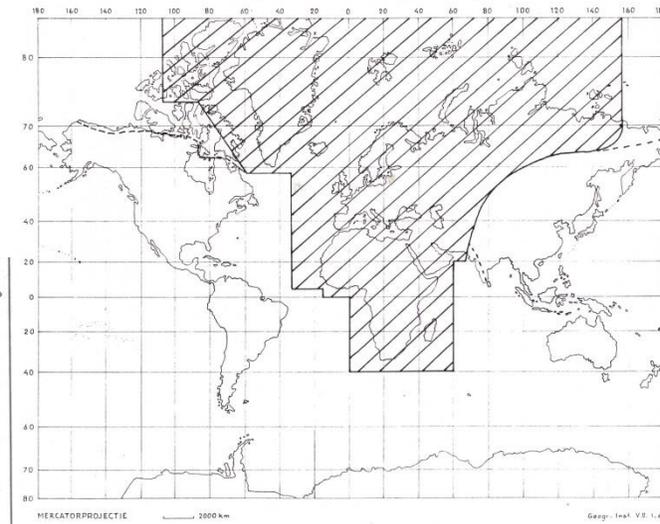
AEWA Map development



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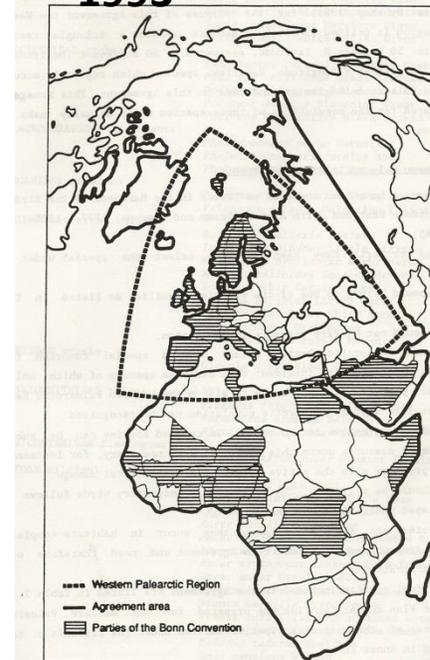
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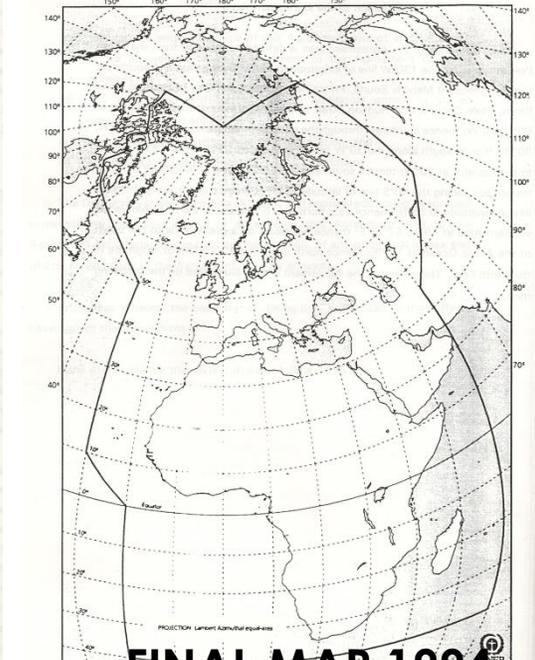
1991

FIGURE 1. THE WESTERN PALEARCTIC REGION AND THE AGREEMENT AREA.

1993



Annex 1a: Map of the Agreement Area



FINAL MAP 1994

The development of the AEWA area in the period 1987 - 1995

Negotiation Meeting June 1995



Final Act
of the Negotiation Meeting
to adopt the
Agreement on the Conservation of
African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds

The representatives of Range State Governments and one regional economic integration organization met in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at The Hague, the Netherlands, from 12 to 16 June 1995 for the purpose of negotiating and adopting an Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, an AGREEMENT pursuant to Article IV, paragraph 3, of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

The Meeting was convened by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the Convention, in collaboration with the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The following sixty-four Range States and one regional economic integration organization were represented:

Angola, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Ethiopia, European Community, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Ireland, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Luxembourg, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malawi, Mauritania, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, United Republic of Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

The Governments of India and Pakistan attended the Meeting as observers.

Representatives of the following United Nations bodies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended the Meeting as observers:

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention), Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention), Program for the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF), BirdLife International, Conseil International de la Chasse et de la Conservation du Océan (CIC), European Nature Heritage Fund (EUROMATUR), Fédération des Associations de Chasseurs de l'Union Européenne (FACD), Fondation Tour du Valat, International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau (IWRB), International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), Wetland and Wetlands Trust.



The History of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds

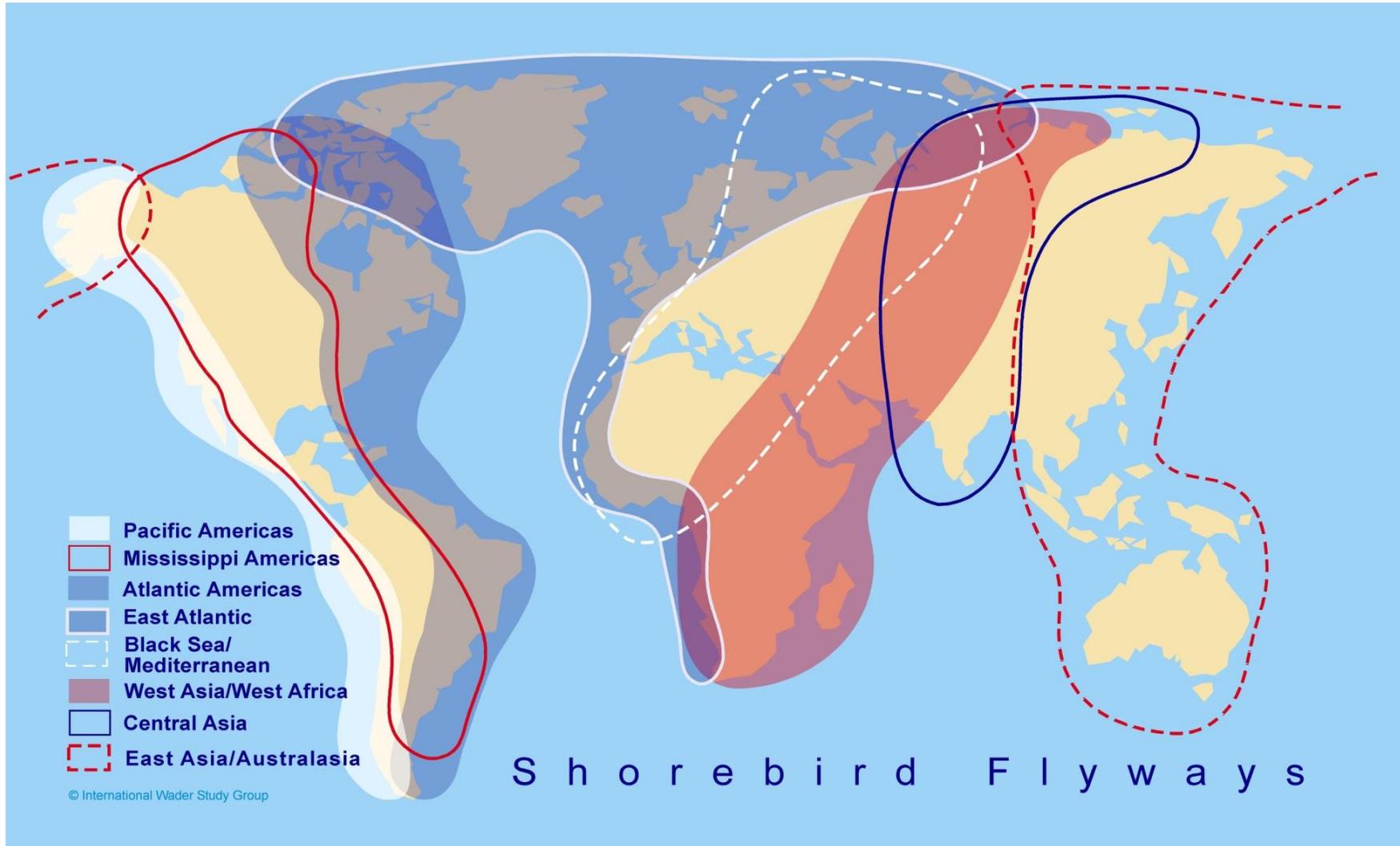


Its development and implementation in the period 1985-2000, within the broader context of waterbird and wetlands conservation

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Global flyways; the general picture



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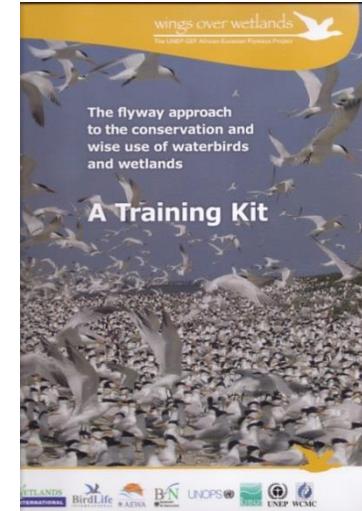
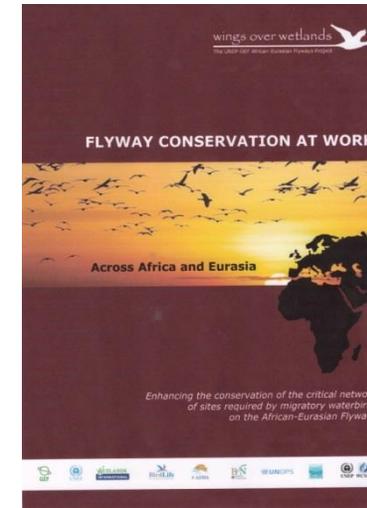
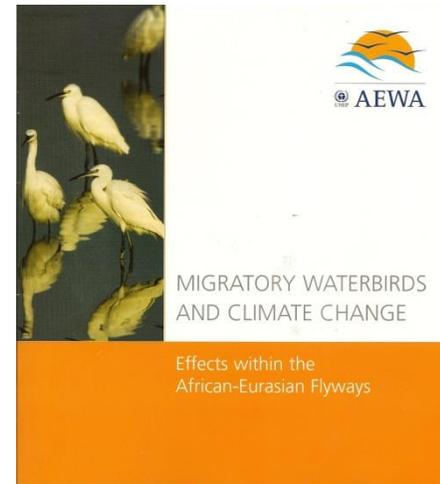
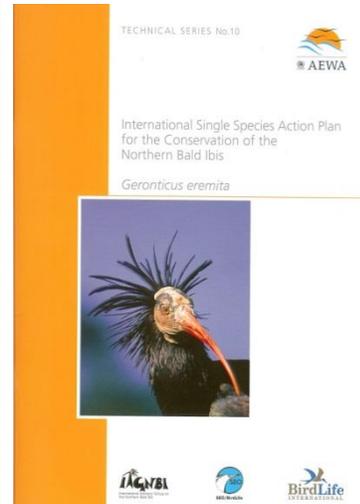
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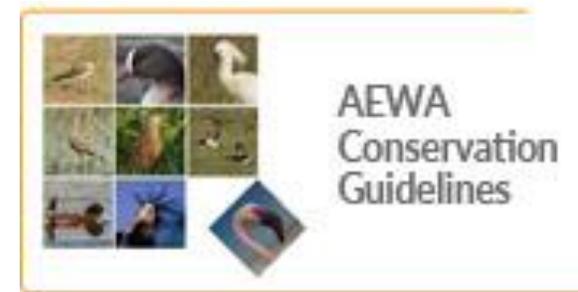
MOP1 in 1999 and follow up.....



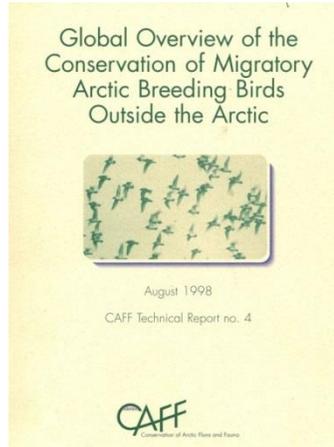
The African Initiative



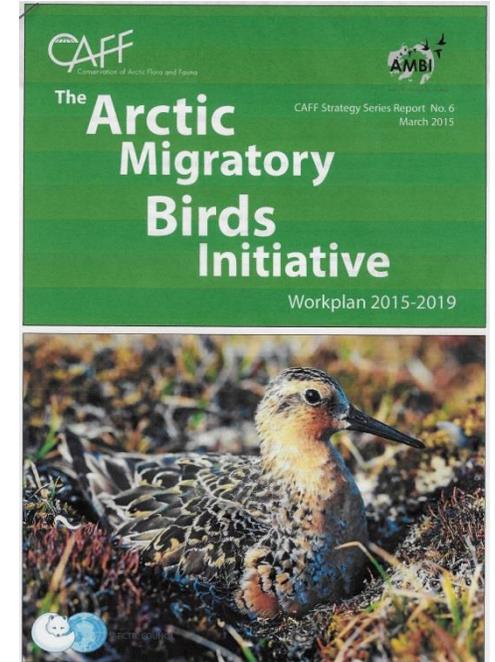
The Small Grants Fund



Arctic, sustainable use, politics, research, degrading habitats; etc.



CAFF report 1998 CAFF Meeting in Nuuk, Greenland



AMBI Report 2015



Avian Influenza (H5N8; H5N1; what else....?)

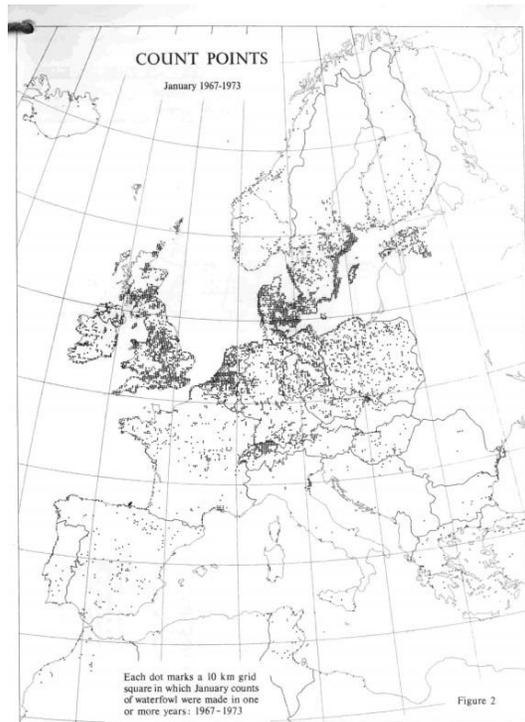


Veen c.s. 2005

ECDC data 2014; H5N8 outbreak

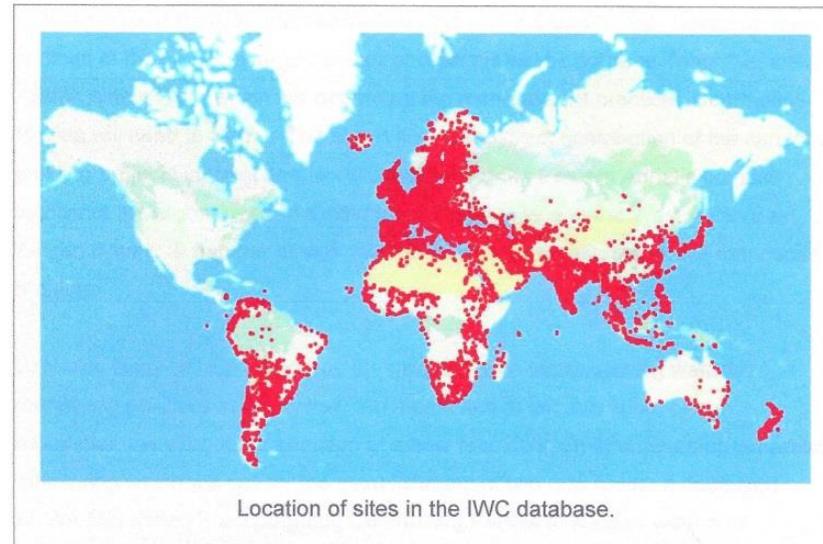
It is time for solid research on the East-West Migration and interconnections of migration routes within Central Asia. Funding from the European poultry industry?

International Waterbird Census

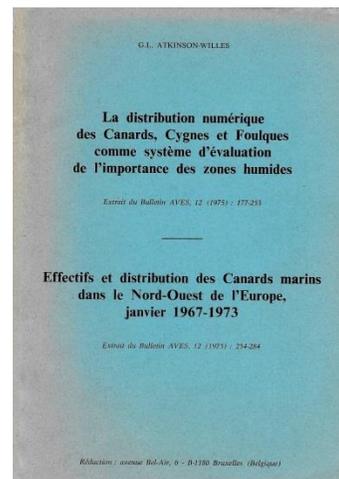


IWC sites in 1974

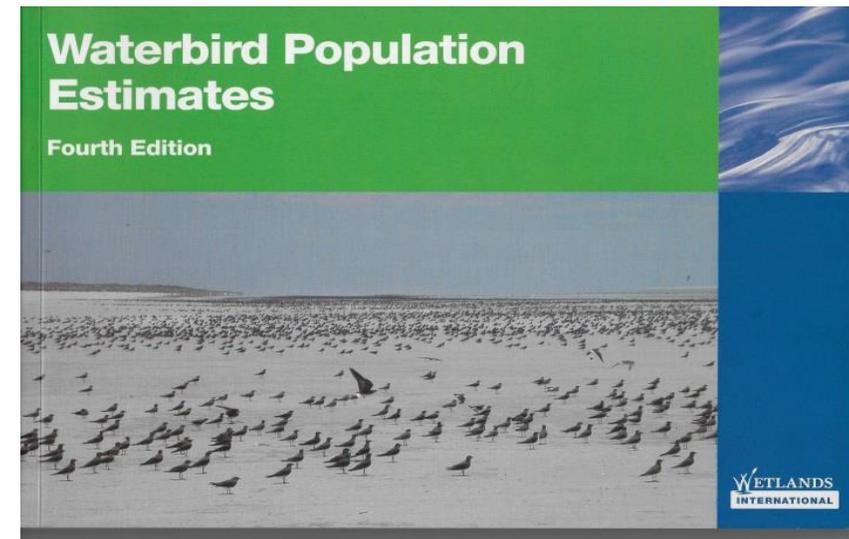
First published IWC report 1975



IWC sites 2014



WSFI Report on the entire flyway 2014



WPE publication 2006

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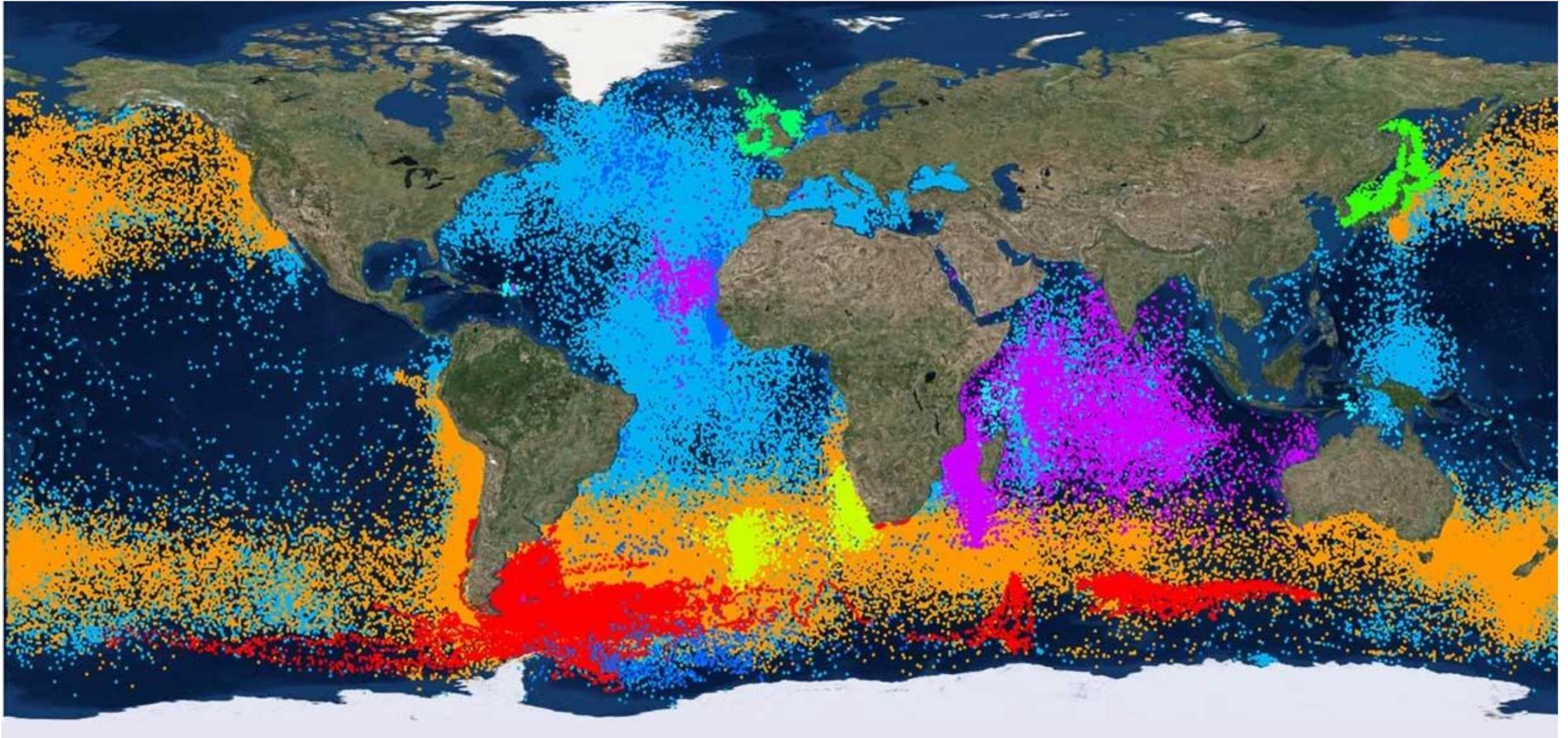
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Global Seabird Tracking Database



(BirdLife, October 2015)

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Common Cranes above Noison

