

# The Wadden Sea

- Largest unbroken stretch of mudflats world wide
- Highly productive ecosystem
- 10-12 million migratory birds pass through the area
- Shared by 3 countries



DENMARK

GERMANY

THE NETHERLANDS

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# Wadden Sea World Heritage

Inscription by UNESCO World Heritage Committee in 2009 including request:

*... to strengthen cooperation on management and research activities with States Parties on the African Eurasian Flyways, which play a significant role in conserving migratory species along these flyways.*



World Heritage Committee (WHC) Seville, 2009

# Wadden Sea & East Atlantic Flyway

- The Wadden Sea links the Arctic with Europe and Africa
- 12,000,000 migratory birds
- Wadden Sea as staging, moulting and wintering site
- Many other important sites including:
  - WH Banc d'Arguin, Mauritania
  - WH Doñana, Spain
  - WH Djoudj, Senegal
  - Bijagòs, Guinea-Bissau
  - Walvis Bay, Namibia





# Flyway Vision 2014



Signatories of the Flyway Vision,  
12th Trilateral Governmental Conference 2014



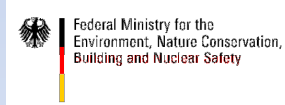
***Migratory birds find lasting refuge along the East Atlantic Flyway from northern breeding areas to their key Wadden Sea stopover and to the African coastline, and inspire and connect people for future generations.***

# Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative



## CAPACITY BUILDING

International co-operation for the protection of waterbirds along their flyways

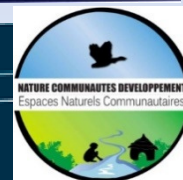


## MONITORING

Establishing a monitoring framework for coastal waterbirds in the East Atlantic Flyway with special attention to West Africa

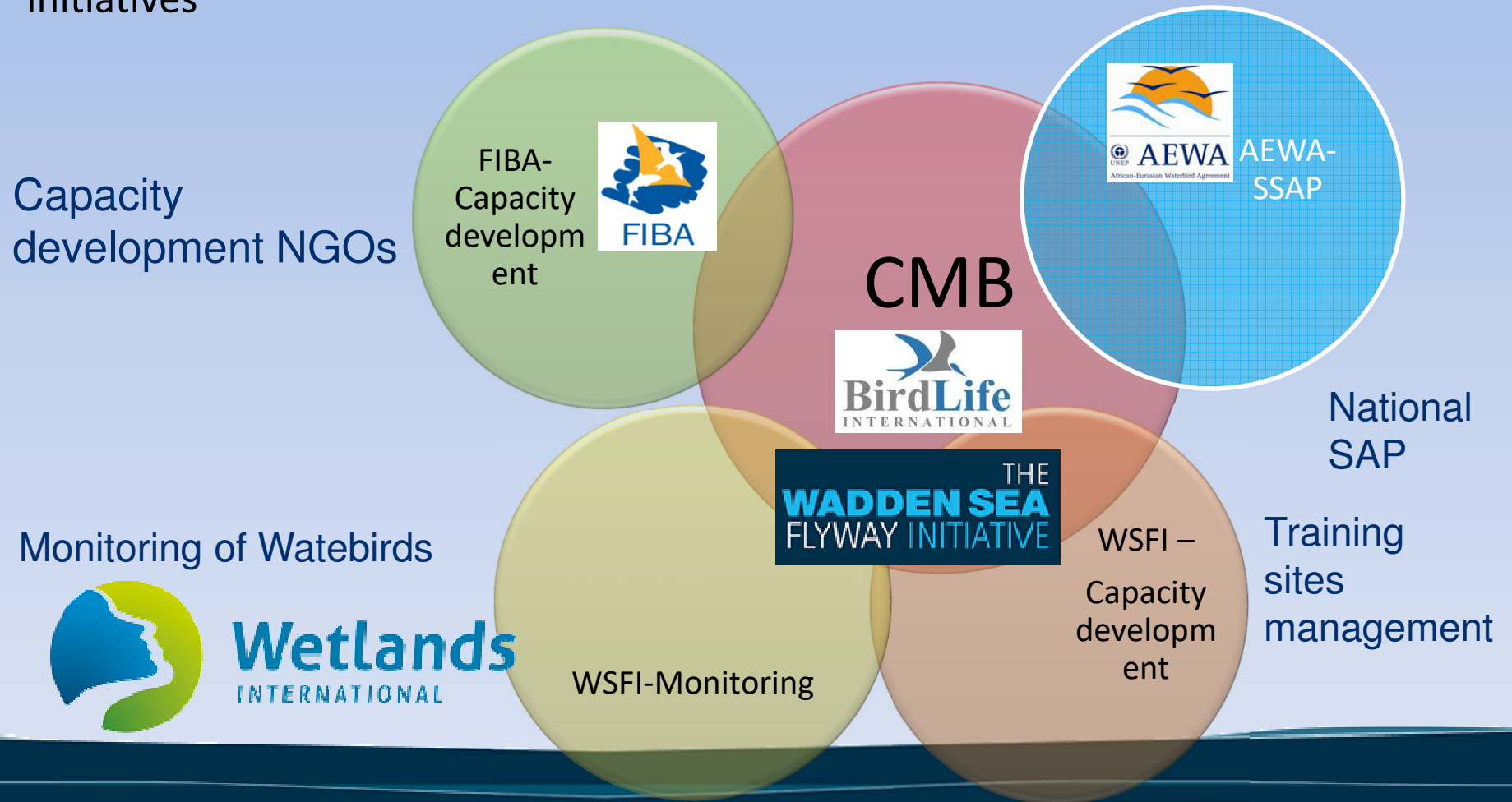


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# WSFI Cooperation

Coordination and engagement with regional stakeholders and conservation initiatives





# WSFI Monitoring

- Monitoring training workshops
- Adding old census data to the IWC database of Wetlands International
- Manual for monitoring along the Atlantic coast of Africa
- Total counts in January 2014 & 2017
- Counts of specific sites 2013, 2015, 2016
- Assessment of census data published in report



# WSFI Capacity Building

## Enhancing Conservation & Sustainable Management

- Regional Site Management Training Course (Djoudj, Senegal, 2013)
- Regional Monitoring Workshops (Dakar, Senegal & Diawling, Mauritania, 2012)
- Regional TOT workshop with AEWA for portuguese-speaking countries (Luanda, Angola, 2014)
- Participatory awareness for conservation of migratory birds
- Community-based training
- Creation of income-generating
- Training Tour Guides for bird tourism promotion





# Site-based activities of the WSFI: 2013-2017

- **Mauritania:** MoU between Wadden Sea and PNBA
- **Morocco: Dhakla & Kniffis:** Training for waterbird monitoring
- **Senegal: Dakar:** Training & PAOC support
- **Guinea-Bissau: Bijagòs:** Training in monitoring & World Heritage workshops; **Jeta:** boat provided for monitoring & community use
- **Sierra Leone: Yawri Bay & SLRE:** Training workshops, training tour guides & support coastal zone ecotourism development
- **Ghana: Songor Lagoon & Keta Lagoon:** Participatory awareness, WMBD & Sustainable Management
- **Togo: Lac Togo:** Support coastal community projects / organic agriculture
- **São Tome & Príncipe:** Training course for waterbird monitoring
- **Equatorial Guinea:** Wetland monitoring training course & surveys
- **Angola: Mussulo Bay:** bird hide, litter, awareness; training & surveys
- **Namibia-Angola:** Exchange programme

# WSFI Publications

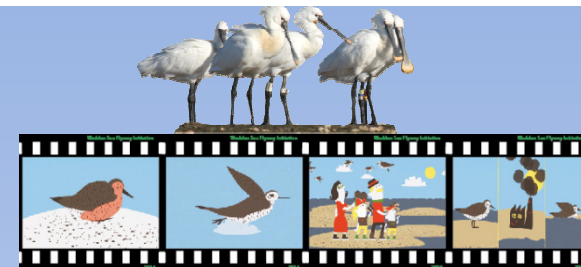


## Manual for monitoring



## WSFI Concept

You will find all reports and information:  
[www.waddensea-secretariat.org/flyway](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/flyway)



## Flyway animation



## African East Atlantic Flyway Guide

# MoU Banc d'Arguin – Wadden Sea

## Reasons

- Sites intimately linked through migratory birds
- Importance for global populations of migratory birds
- Example to protect global populations of migratory birds
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Support the work of World Heritage Convention







**More info:**

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