

ABOUT THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRD AGREEMENT

AEWA AFRICAN PRE-MOP8

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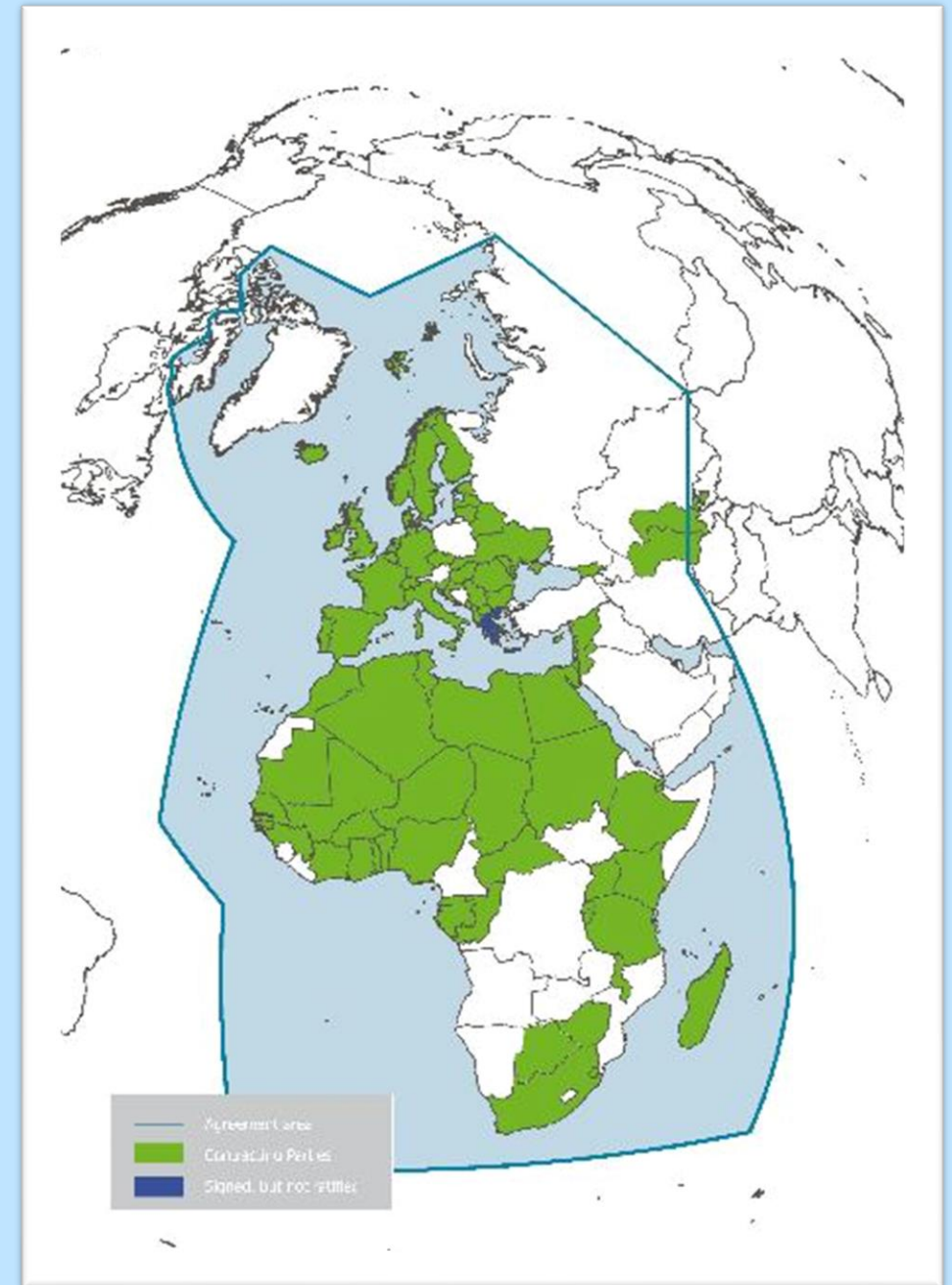
4-7 JULY 2022, VIRTUAL MEETING

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AEWA

Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds

- Legally binding inter-governmental treaty
- Developed in the framework of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)
- Concluded on 16 June 1995
- Entered into force 01 November 1999
- Administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 82 Contracting Parties (38 from Africa)
- Promotes concerted and coordinated action for conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats



SPECIES COVERAGE

- AEWA covers 255 species of migratory waterbirds, distributed into 27 families across 555 Populations listed in Table 1 of Annex 3 to the Agreement



AEWA POPULATIONS

The status of each of the 555 populations of migratory waterbirds is outlined in AEWA Table 1 (included in Annex 3 of the AEWA Text), updated at every Meeting of the Parties to guide conservation and use of these populations

POPULATIONS	A	B	C
Family ARDEIDAE (herons)			
<i>Botaurus stellaris stellaris</i> (Eurasian Bittern)			
- W Europe, NW Africa (bre)	1c		
- Central & E Europe, Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)			1
- South-west Asia (win)		1	
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax</i> (Black-crowned Night-heron)			
- Sub-Saharan Africa & Madagascar			1
- W Europe, NW Africa (bre)	3c		
- Central & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)			1
- Western Asia/SW Asia & NE Africa		(1)	
<i>Ardea purpurea purpurea</i> (Purple Heron)			
- Tropical Africa	(3c)		
- West Europe & West Mediterranean/West Africa		1	
- East Europe, Black Sea & Mediterranean/Sub-Saharan Africa		2c	
- SW Asia	(2)		

Species

Conservation status

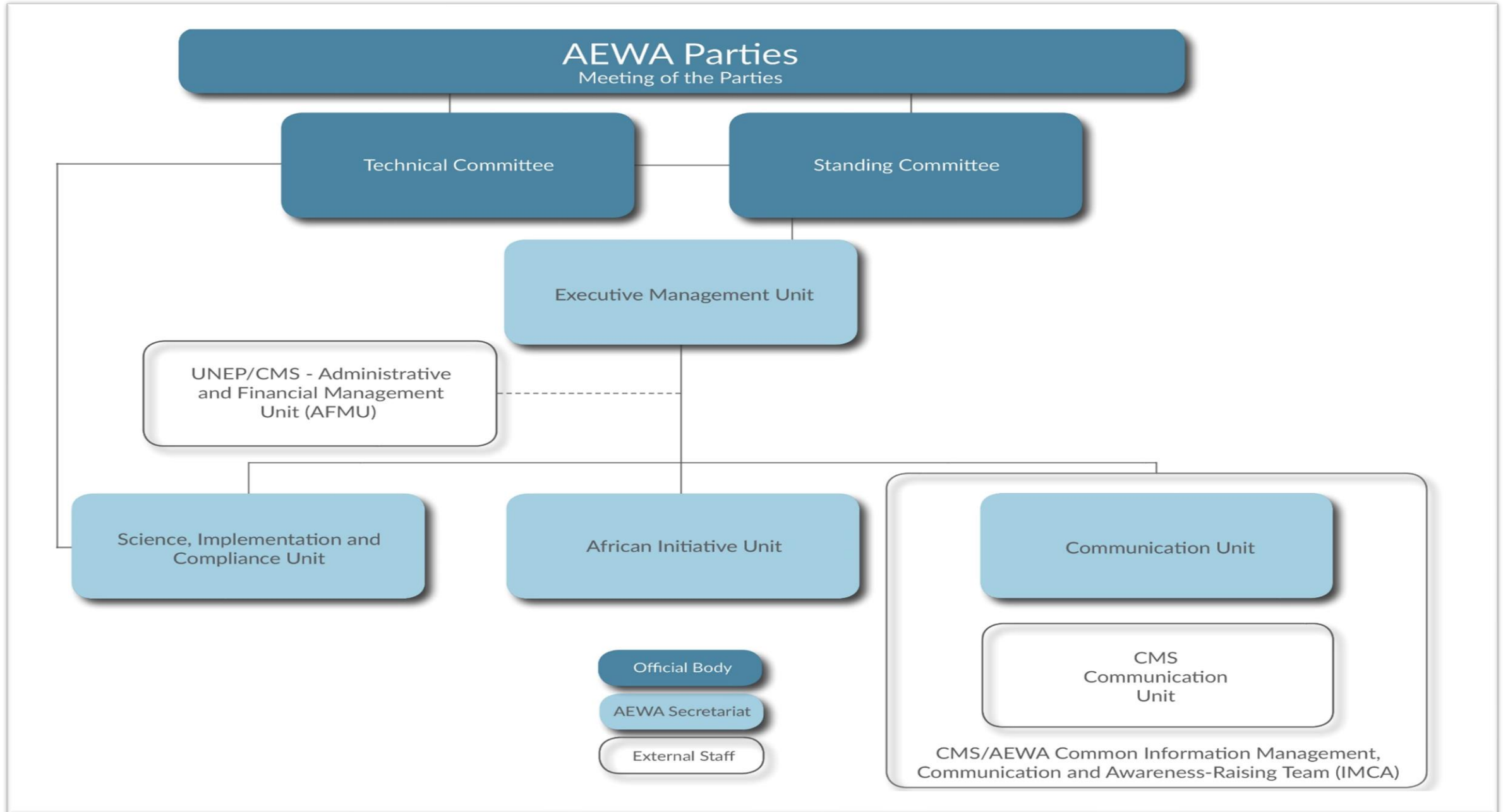
Populations

STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF AEWA

AEWA's Mission: to undertake coordinated and concerted actions at flyway level for the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

- Conservation action under AEWA is guided by the legally binding:
 - **AEWA Text including the Action Plan (Annex 3):** defines general conservation obligations, the Agreement area (Annex 1), list of species (Annex 2), and Action Plan (Annex 3) including the status of populations covered by AEWA (Table 1)
 - **Strategic Plan 2019-2027:** specifies 91 activities to be conducted at national or flyway level, toward attaining 27 measurable targets under the 5 objectives of the Plan, while contributing to other international processes
 - **Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027:** guides the implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan in Africa through 268 actions and processes to be conducted at the national and agreement levels

AEWA – BODIES AND STRUCTURE



AEWA STRATEGIC AND ACTION PLANNING - KEY ACTIVITY AREAS



Objective 1

Species Conservation

Objective 2

Sustainable
Management

Objective 3

Flyway Network
of Sites

Objective 4

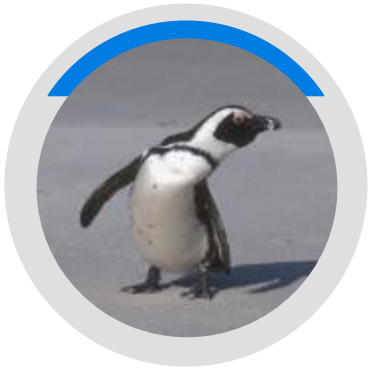
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Environment

Objective 5

Secure Resources



AEWA - IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS AND INITIATIVES



MECHANISMS TO GUIDE IMPLEMENTATION

24 International Single Species Action Plans (17 for Africa) & 1 Multi Species Action Plan

15 Guidelines and guidance documents

Implementation Review Process



PROGRAMMES/INITIATIVES TO GUIDE IMPLEMENTATION

African Initiative (AI)

European Goose Management Platform (EGMP)

Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA)



MECHANISMS TO MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION

General National Reports

Reports on the PoAA implementation

International reviews



FINANCING/RESOURCING THE AGREEMENT

AEWA General Trust Fund

Voluntary Contributions

Joint projects and initiatives

THE AEWA AFRICAN INITIATIVE

ADVANCING IMPLEMENTATION OF AEWA IN AFRICA

2008

- MOP8 adopted the AEWA African Initiative

2009

- African Initiative went operational with the establishment of coordination within the Secretariat

2012

- AEWA MOP5 adopted the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa (PoAA) 2012-2018/2019

2015

- MOP6 adopted the triple coordination mechanism, Secretariat, Sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators and Technical Support Unit

2018

- MOP7 adopted the AEWA PoAA 2019-2027 and established the PoAA reporting process



Enhancing Capacity and Awareness for Migratory Waterbird Conservation in Africa

Enhancing technical capacity

- Training of Trainer course programme on flyway conservation, conducted in collaboration with Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative
 - Eastern and Southern Africa (Kenya, 2013)
 - Portuguese-speaking Africa (Angola, 2014)
 - Francophone West and Central Africa (Benin, 2019)
 - Small Island Developing States in Africa (**Mauritius, February 2023**)

Enhancing institutional capacity

- African regional preparatory meetings for AEWA Meetings of the Parties to enhance skills on roles & responsibilities of National Focal Points, negotiation for MEAs, National Reporting, meeting preparation, etc.

Awareness raising

- World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)



African Initiative - Species Conservation Activities



White-winged Flufftail

Actions: Promoting community-based conservation and sustainable use of the Berga Wetlands (Ethiopia) and its designation as a national Protected Area

Donor: EC GPGC



Benguela Coastal Seabirds

Actions: Benguela Current Forage Fish Workshop (Nov 2020) and 1st meeting of the International Working Group (March 2021)

Donor: United Kingdom



Lesser Flamingo

Actions: Knowledge transfer to local experts in Senegal and Mauritania on satellite tagging to monitor the spatial and temporal movements

Donors: CBD Bio-Bridge Initiative; United Kingdom



Northern Bald Ibis

Actions: Feasibility assessment species reintroduction in Algeria & Enhancing nesting ledges in Morocco to reduce intra-specific competition

Donor: EC GPGC



Slaty Egret

Actions: First meeting of the International Working Group (Botswana, 2022)

Donor: EC GPGC

Recruitment of New Contracting Parties in Africa

- **14 new Contracting Parties** since operationalization of the African Initiative (2009) with the latest African Parties joining in 2019 – Malawi (1 September) & Central African Republic (1 January)
- Focus on recruitment of new Parties from **Central and Southern** African sub-regions due to significant gaps in membership



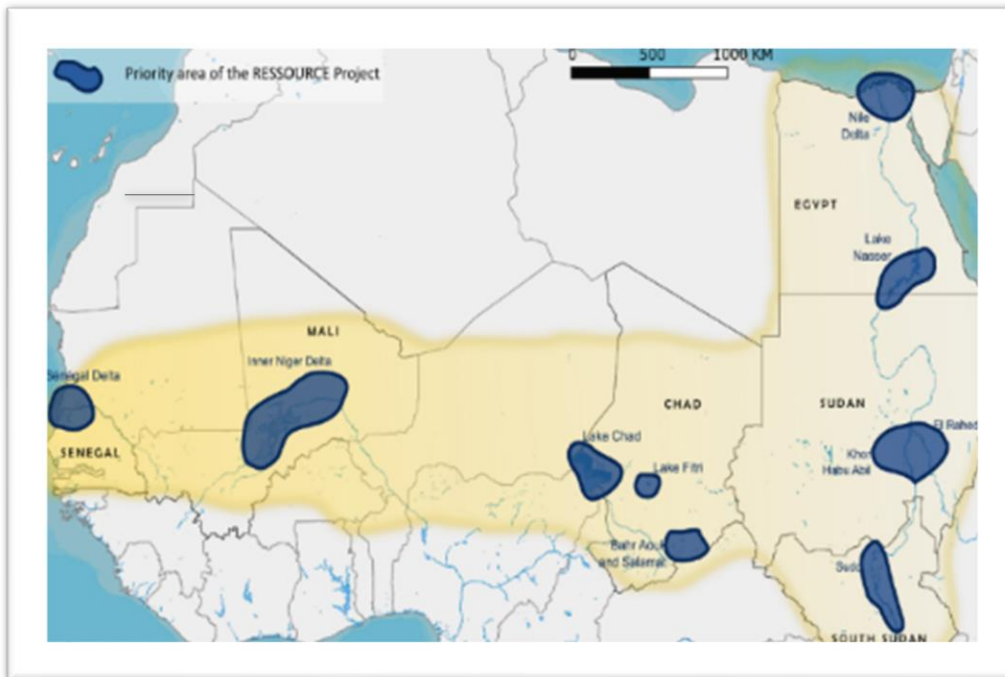
African Initiative – Small Grants Funds

- Created by Resolution 1.7 (October 1999)
- Six cycles operated since 2010 with a total of 286 230 EUR disbursed
- A total of 18 projects funded in 17 countries across different African sub-regions
- Non-operational since 2016 due to no core budget allocation since MOP6
- Ad-hoc support on the ground provided based on availability of funds and donor priorities





International and Flyway Level Projects



- **RESSOURCE:** Project on strengthening expertise in sub-Saharan Africa on birds and their rational use for communities and their environment
- **CRF:** Climate Resilient Site Network in the African-Eurasian Flyway

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