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MOS 3

A stylized graphic of a bird in flight, rendered in white and blue, positioned between the letters 'M' and 'S' of the 'MOS 3' title. The bird is set against a circular background with a blue and green gradient.

Dubai | 3-6 July 2023

**Coming together for the
conservation of birds of prey**

Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds: Initiatives in the Mediterranean (MIKT)

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Agenda

09:00 – 12:30		Document: UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.15.2(Rev.1)
	15.3 TAG Workplan 2023-2026	Remarks: Presentation of the TAG Workplan 2023-2026. Document: UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.15.3
	Break (20')	
	13. Conservation Initiatives under the Raptors MOU – Species & Threats (continued)	
	13.5 Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds: Initiatives in the Mediterranean (MIKT) and South West Asia	Remarks: Report on relevant developments since MOS2. Document: UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.11
	13.6 CMS Energy Task Force (ETF)	Remarks: Report on relevant developments since MOS2. Document: UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.11



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**THIRD MEETING OF SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS OF PREY IN AFRICA AND EURASIA**
(Dubai, 3-6 July 2023)
UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS3/Doc.11

REPORT OF THE CMS SECRETARIAT
(Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)

Summary: This document reports on relevant work undertaken by the CMS Secretariat since the fourth meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG4). The Meeting is invited to take note of the information presented.

Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade (IKB) of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)

- Mandated through Resolution 11.16 (Rev. COP13)
- MIKT for short
- Established in 2014; *modus operandi*
- CMS Secretariat responsible for Coordination of MIKT
- Since 2017 working in collaboration with Bern Convention



MIKT Membership

Members

- 21 countries with a Mediterranean coast
- One European Commission

Observers

- Three interested Parties
- One Non-Party
- 11 MEAs or networks
- Nine international NGOs



MIKT Meetings

- Five meetings so far (2016, 2017, 2019)
- **MIKT 4** – took place online, June 2021 (115 people)
- **MIKT 5** – was hybrid, online and in Valencia Spain, June 2022

120 people/ 50 online

18/22 members



MIKT Funding

- The work of MIKT has been funded by the European Union since 2018 and the European Union has been recognized as Champion Plus for their generous support.



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Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030

Eradicating Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds in Europe and the Mediterranean region

Goal: 50% reduction by 2030

- Developed 2019
- Adopted by MIKT through consultation in 2020
- MIKT Workplan 2021-2025, adopted in 2021



Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030 objectives

Overarching objective: **National IKB Action Plans**

Result oriented objectives

- 1. To understand the extent **Scale and Scope** of IKB and the **Motivations** behind illegal killing of birds
- 2. To **Prevent** the illegal killing of birds
- 3. To ensure that the illegal killing of birds is incorporated effectively and efficiently in **National Legislation**
- 4. To ensure that effective and efficient **Enforcement** of relevant legislation is undertaken
- 5. To ensure effective and efficient **Justice** for IKB-related offences

National IKB Action Plans

Endorsed guidance for the development of **National Action Plans against IKB** in 2022



GUIDANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL ACTION PLANS AGAINST THE ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF BIRDS

(Based on a document prepared by Carmen Naves Muñoz and reviewed by the CMS Secretariat)

December 2022

Summary:

This document provides guidance for the development and implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) against the illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds (IKB). This activity implements Action a) under the objective *National IKB Action Plans* and the 2030 target "*National Action Plans are developed and adopted and are being implemented in all countries*" of the *Rome Strategic Plan on Eradicating Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds in Europe and the Mediterranean region 2020-2030*.

MIKT members and the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention endorsed this document.



Obj.1: Monitoring

Produced paper on Baseline and Methodology for encouraging members of MIKT to **Monitor the scope and scale of IKB**



Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean
(Online, 9 to 11 June 2021)

UNEP/CMS/MIKT4/Outcome 3
T-PVS/Inf (2021) 45

PAPER ON THE BASELINE AND METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSING PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE ROME STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2030: ERADICATING ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE IN WILD BIRDS IN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION
(Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)

Summary:

During the Joint meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean held virtually from the 9th to the 11th of June 2021, the Secretariats presented a discussion paper on baseline and methodology for assessing progress toward achieving the Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030. Following the Joint meeting, a written consultation has been held to gather additional ideas and viewpoints from participants to the Joint meeting. The present document is based on the results of the discussion held during the meeting and the feedback received in writing afterwards.

The MIKT Members are recommended to endorse the paper and Bern Convention SFPs are invited to support the submission of the document for its possible endorsement by the 41st Standing Committee of the Bern Convention.



Obj.1: Motivations

Produced suggested methodology and guidance for conducting Socio-Economic research into the **Motivations** behind IKB



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SUGGESTED METHODOLOGY AND GUIDANCE FOR CONDUCTING SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESEARCH INTO THE MOTIVATIONS BEHIND ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF BIRDS

(Based on a document prepared by BirdLife International and reviewed by the CMS Secretariat)

June 2023

Summary:

This document is designed to support MIKT members and Bern Convention SFPs in conceiving and implementing their national surveys / assessments of the motivations, drivers and modus operandi behind the illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds (IKB), facilitating their delivery of Objective 1.2b of the *Rome Strategic Plan on Eradicating Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds in Europe and the Mediterranean region 2020-2030* (RSP). The document comprises guidance on the use of social science to understand the motivations behind IKB (including relevant case studies), a step-by-step guide for conducting a social study on IKB and a suggested format for reporting on a national survey/assessment.

A first draft of this document was presented in *UNEP/CMS/MIKT5/Doc.7.2/Rev.1 Draft / T-PVS/Inf(2022)20rev: Methodology, Guidance and Common Format for Conducting Socio-economic Research into the Motivations behind IKB*. The first draft was discussed at the Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention SFPs and CMS MIKT on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Wild Birds – Valencia, Spain and Online Meeting (MIKT5) and presented to the Bern Convention 42nd Standing Committee meeting. Following two rounds of consultation and the integration of received comments, the present document was prepared.

MIKT members have endorsed the document. As per decision of the Bern Convention Standing Committee at its 42nd meeting, the final version of the document will be presented for discussion to Standing Committee at its 43rd meeting.

Obj.3: Legislative Guidance and Model Law

Endorsed 2022



Scoreboard

- The Scoreboard Adopted as Annex to Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP12) in 2017
- Exercise already run twice in 2018 and 2020
- Exercise running in 2023
Instructions Additional Narrative to bring in line with Rome Strategic Plan

UNEP/CMS/Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP13)/Annex 1



Annex 1 to Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP13)

Scoreboard to assess the progress in combating illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds (IKB)

A self-assessment framework for national use

17 July 2017

UNEP/CMS/Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP13)/Annex 1

A. National monitoring of IKB – data management of scope and scale of IKB.

1. Status and scale of IKB

The extent to which data and information on illegal activities at national level are available.

Question: What is the quality of national data about IKB?

Measurement:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Data and information on number of totals of birds illegally killed or taken due to IKB are not available.	<input type="checkbox"/> National estimate of birds illegally killed or taken due to IKB is based on expert opinion ⁷ and anecdotal information.	<input type="checkbox"/> National estimate of birds illegally killed or taken due to IKB is based partially on quantitative data and records and partially on estimates and extrapolation.	<input type="checkbox"/> National estimates of birds illegally killed or taken due to IKB is based largely on quantitative data and records.

Comments:

Scoreboard 2023

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CMS Online Reporting System

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2023: Scoreboard to assess the progress in combating illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds (IKB)	Aydin Bahramlouian	02/08/2023	■

Scoreboard

- Since June 2021
Scoreboard data online
- 24/35 countries

Country / Pays	Scoreboard	Country / Pays	Scoreboard
Albania/Albanie	1st & 2nd Scoreboard	Liechtenstein	1st & 2nd Scorebo
Andorra/Andorre	1st Scoreboard	Malta/Malte	1st & 2nd Scorebo
Belarus/Bélarus	2nd Scoreboard	Monaco	1st Scoreboard
Belgium/Belgique (Wallonia)	1st Scoreboard	Montenegro/Monténégro	1st & 2nd Scorebo
Bulgaria/Bulgarie	1st Scoreboard	Morocco/Maroc	2nd Scoreboard
Croatia/Croatie	1st & 2nd Scoreboard	Netherlands/Pays-Bas	1st Scoreboard
Cyprus/Chypre	2nd Scoreboard	Norway/Norvège	1st Scoreboard
Czech Republic/ République Tchèque	1st & 2nd Scoreboard	Serbia/Serbie	1st & 2nd Scorebo
Denmark/Danemark	1st Scoreboard	Slovakia/Slovaquie	1st Scoreboard
Egypt/Egypte	2nd Scoreboard	Slovenia/Slovénie	1st & 2nd Scorebo
Finland/Finlande	1st & 2nd Scoreboard	Spain/Espagne	1st & 2nd Scorebo
France	1st & 2nd Scoreboard	Sweden/Suède	2nd Scoreboard
Georgia/Géorgie	1st & 2nd Scoreboard	Switzerland/Suisse	1st & 2nd Scorebo

MIKT Website – new section

Rome Strategic Plan

Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean



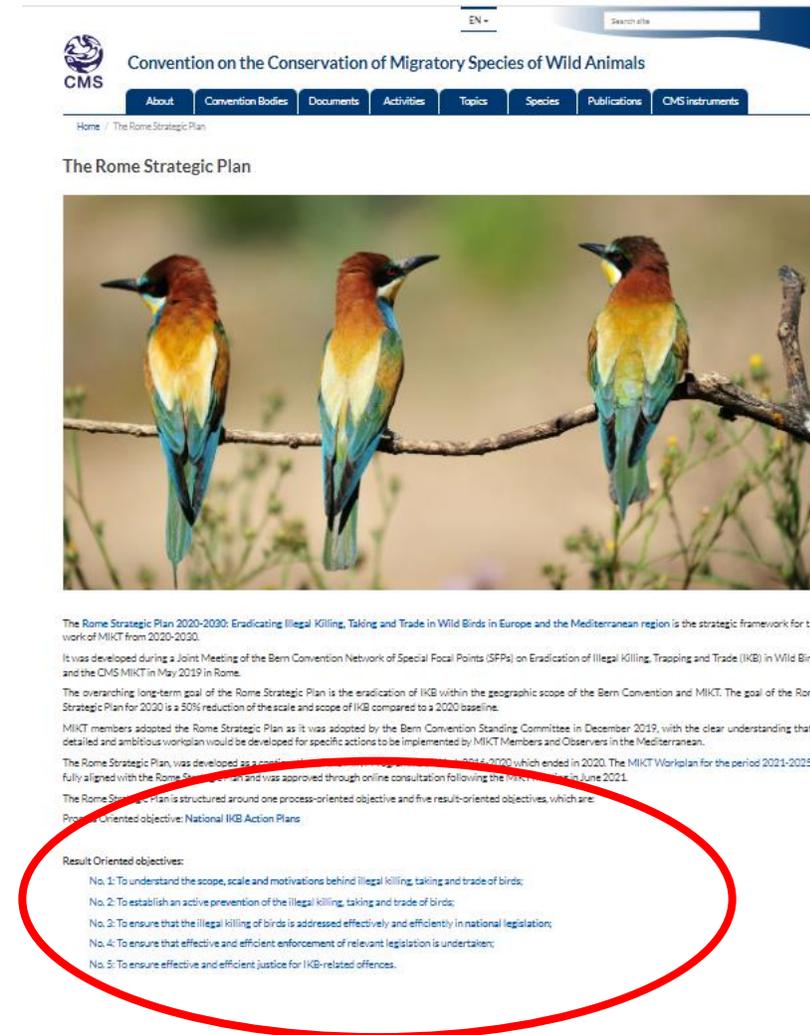
The Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) has been convened by the CMS Secretariat in conjunction with the Secretariat of AEWA, the Raptors MOU Coordinating Unit and the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP) Working Group. It brings together governmental representatives of CMS Parties from the Mediterranean region, including European Union Member States, and other interested Parties. Representatives from non-CMS Parties as well as relevant international organizations and networks are also part of MIKT as observers...

As of September 2022, the Membership of the Task Force consists of 22 CMS Parties. Additionally, three Interested Parties (CMS Parties which do not have a Mediterranean coast), and one Non-Party are Observers to the MIKT. Twelve multilateral environmental agreements (represented by their Secretariats), organizations and networks, and nine non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are Observers to MIKT. A list of all Members and Observers can be found below.

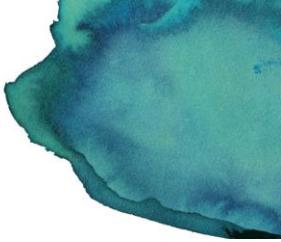
Useful Links

- [MEETINGS](#)
- [IKB SCOREBOARD](#)
- [Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030](#)
- [National IKB Action Plans](#)

Website includes all key positions and documents thematically arranged



Useful depository of documents and information



Sharing the MIKT Experience

Resolution 11.16 (Rev. COP13) encourages the Secretariat to support efforts to **address IKB elsewhere in the world;**

Asia Pacific Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force (ITTEA)

MIKT supported the development of an Action Plan against illegal bird taking in the **South-West Asia** and potentially the development of a Task Force for the region



Thank you for your attention

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Actions requested

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