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conservation of birds of prey**



International Single Species Action Plan (ISSAP) for Sooty Falcon

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Background

- 2013 - Coordinating Unit (CU) commissioned the development of a **draft ISSAP** for the conservation of Sooty Falcon
- 2013 - CU established a **Sooty Falcon Working Group (SFWG)** to support the development of the plan



Background

- MOS2 (Oct 2015) - CU noted that **financial resources** were urgently **needed** to organise an action planning workshop & **finalise the ISSAP**
- Resources did not become available
- 2013 draft could not be finalised



Background

- Meanwhile, conservation status of the species degraded

2008-2016: Near
Threatened



2017: Vulnerable



Ongoing work

- 2022 - Onboarding of **consultant** to update the 2013 draft ISSAP
- 2022 - **SFWG** revitalized:
 - Range State representatives
 - Independent species experts

Aim: available by end of 2023



Ongoing work

- **In addition:**
 - Factsheet
 - Library of information materials

Aim: available by end of 2023



Update on ISSAP finalisation

- 2013 draft ISSAP finalisation:
 1. Review of literature
 2. Review of distribution data
 3. Questionnaire deployment
 4. SFWG technical advice
- New drafts have been reviewed by SFWG and CU
- Draft final version to be shared with RS and SFWG after MOS3



Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the progress reported
- b) Encourage Signatories that are Range States of Sooty Falcon to collaborate with the CU in finalising the ISSAP
- c) Invite the CU to ask COP14 to request the Scientific Council to review the ISSAP once it becomes available and formulate its recommendations, as appropriate for consideration by the Standing Committee

Thank you for your attention

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