



RAPTORS  
MOU

# MOS 3

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



# THE FORM FOR AMENDING ANNEX 1 OF THE RAPTORS MOU

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# Background and mandate

- TAG's role include providing comments to any proposal to amend the MOU with a technical content
- TAG3 asked the Coordinating Unit to develop a standard form to be used by Signatories when proposing amendments to Annex 1 (Species List)
- TAG4 endorsed the proposal from the Coordinating Unit

## Form for proposal of species for addition to Annex 1 of the Raptors MOU

Completed forms should be returned electronically to the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU at: [cmsoffice.ae@cms.int](mailto:cmsoffice.ae@cms.int). Please complete a separate form for each species proposed. Forms and attached evidence will be reviewed by the Raptors MOU Technical Advisory Group in advance of the Meeting of Signatories.

### Compiler's details

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## Guidance for proposals

The Agreement Text and the current list of Annex 1 species can be found here:  
<https://www.cms.int/raptors/en/page/agreement-text>

Species proposed for addition to Annex 1 should follow the provisions of the Raptors MOU Agreement Text <https://www.cms.int/raptors/en/page/agreement-text>. Any proposed entity should be a migratory population of bird of prey in Africa Eurasia. Please confirm that the entity proposed meets all of the criteria below:

1. It is a species of Accipitriformes, Falconiformes or Strigiformes recognised in the latest checklist of the birds of the world provided at <http://datazone.birdlife.org/species/taxonomy><sup>1</sup>
2. All or part of the species distribution is within Africa or Eurasia<sup>2</sup>
3. It meets the CMS definition of “migratory species”<sup>3</sup>
4. If this entity has been proposed for addition to Annex 1 previously<sup>4</sup> and not accepted, please confirm that additional / new evidence is provided to support the case for listing.

<sup>1</sup> The Raptors MOU follows CMS in using Del Hoyo, J. & Collar, N.J. (2016). *Handbook of the Birds of the World and BirdLife International Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World*. Volume 2: Passerines. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona and online updates as it's taxonomic reference.

<sup>2</sup> The geographic extent of the Raptors MOU (broken down into Signatories and range states) can be viewed here: <https://www.cms.int/raptors/en/signatories-range-states>.

<sup>3</sup> According to the CMS definition in the original CMS Convention text (23 June 1979) a species can be considered a "migratory species" where "the entire population or any geographically separate part of the population of any species or lower taxon of wild animals, a significant proportion of whose members cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries".

In October 1988, at the 2nd Conference of Parties to CMS, Resolution 2.2 was adopted and provides further clarification, as follows:

1. Adopts the following guidelines for the application of certain terms of the Convention interpreted in Article 1, paragraph 1:

(a) In the interpretation of the term "migratory species" in Article 1, paragraph 1 (a):

(i) The word "cyclically" in the phrase "cyclically and predictably" relates to a cycle of any nature, such as astronomical (circadian, annual etc.), life or climatic, and of any frequency;

(ii) The word "predictably" in the phrase "cyclically and predictably" implies that a phenomenon can be anticipated to recur in a given set of circumstances, though not necessarily regularly in time.

<sup>4</sup> See Second Meeting of Signatories <https://www.cms.int/raptors/en/document/proposals-amendments-raptors-mou-andor-its-annexes-african-eurasian-migratory-birds-of-prey> and equivalent updates at subsequent Meetings of Signatories.

<sup>5</sup> Justification should be provided of how the proposed species meets the criteria 1-4 specified above. Please provide either in the justification box or as an attachment any supporting publication, report, map or other evidence for consideration.

*Please note that where ringing, resighting or tracking data are provided as evidence, this should relate to wild hatched individuals. Such information from captive-bred / reared and released individuals will not be considered eligible. Information from wild-hatched individuals which have spent a short period in captivity for rehabilitation will be considered on a case by case basis.*

## Proposed species for addition to Annex 1

Species scientific name:		Species common name:	
<p>Justification for proposed listing<sup>5</sup></p>			

# Action requested

The meeting is invited to:

- adopt the amendment of the form