



RAPTORS
MOU

MOS3

A stylized graphic of a bird in flight, rendered in white and light blue, set against a circular background with a blue and green watercolor-like texture. The bird is positioned between the letters 'M' and 'S' of the 'MOS3' text.

Dubai | 3-6 July 2023

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



Report of the CMS Secretariat

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Summary

Areas of work

- a) Our work through Flyways
- b) AEMLAP
- c) Addressing Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade
- d) Migratory Species and Renewable Energy
- e) Strategic Plan



**Convention on the Conservation of
Migratory Species of Wild Animals**



**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)

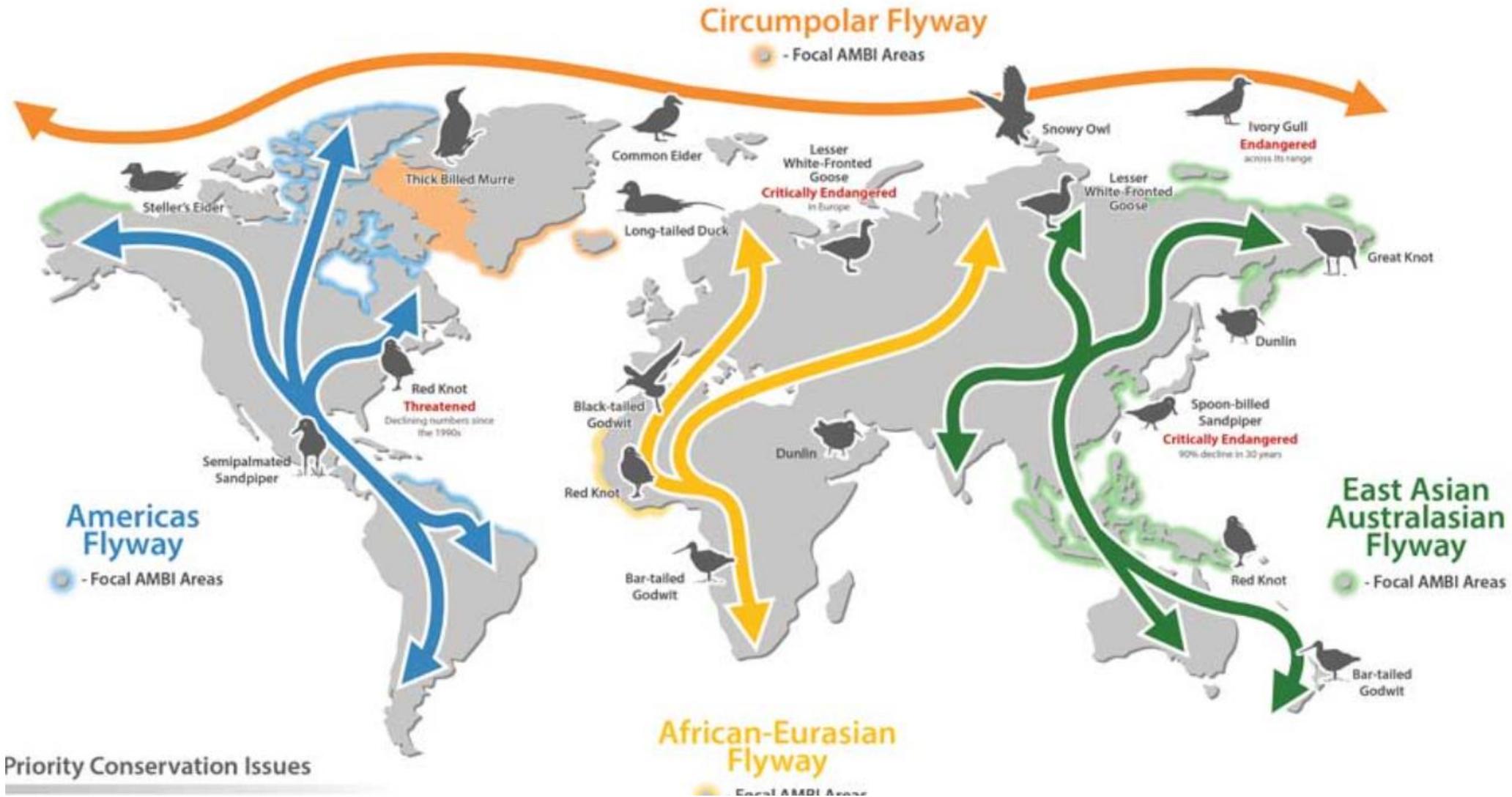
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REPORT OF THE CMS SECRETARIAT
(Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)

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.



Flyways



Priority Conservation Issues

An update on our work on Flyways

• **Mandate and Publications**

- [Flyways Resolution 12.11 \(Rev. COP13\)](#)
- [Decisions 13.41 to 13.46 on Flyways](#)
- [Migratory Birds and Flyways POW \(2014-2023\)](#)
- [StC's Report on the Implementation of its POW 2020-2023 \(CMS StC, 2022\)](#)

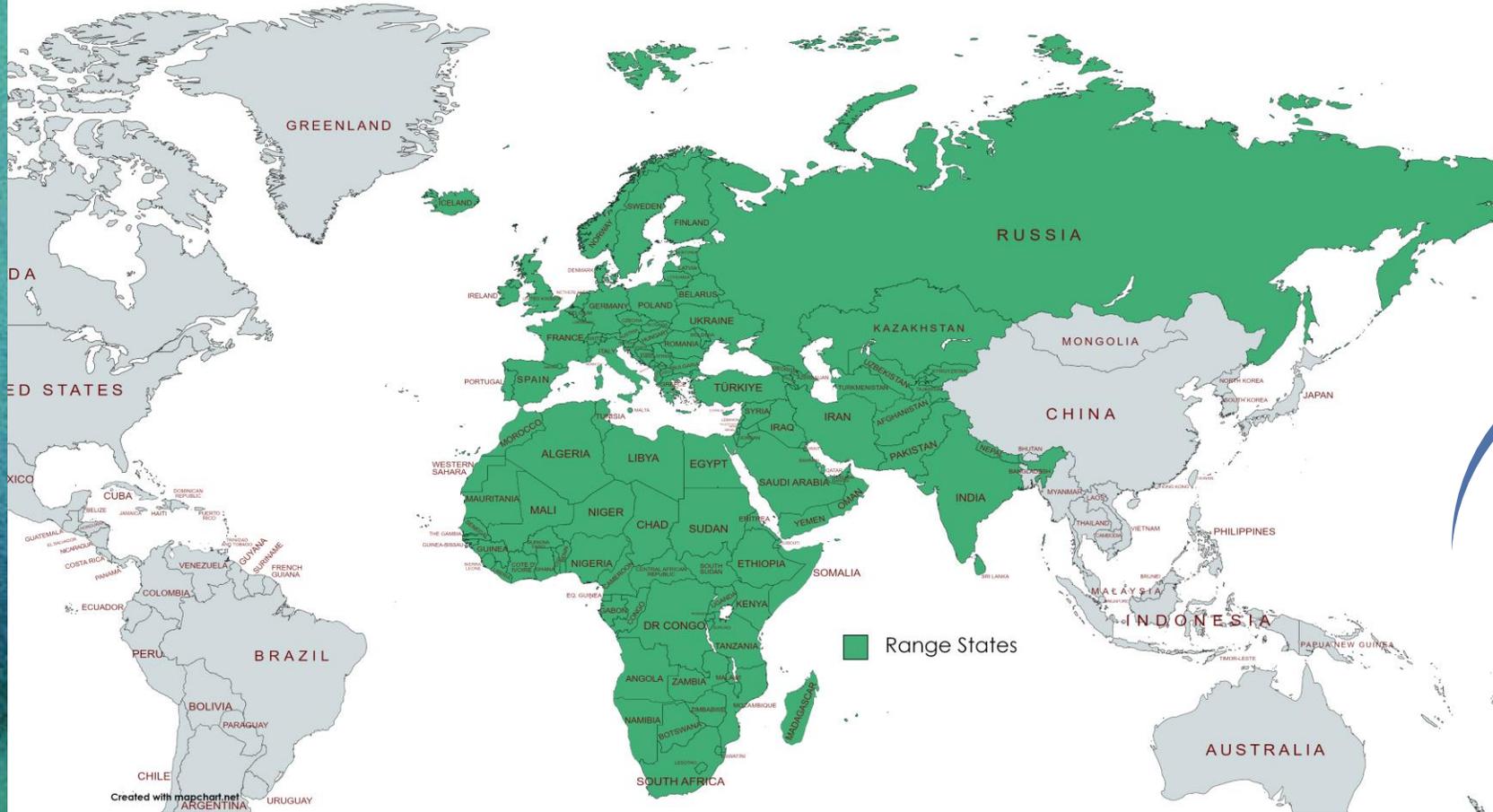
• **Flyways Working Group (FWG)**

- Suffered from capacity issues and a very ambitious POW

• **CMS Flyways strategic review 2022-23**

- FWG meeting February 2023
- Renewed membership and chair
- Renewed objectives, linked to new SPMS
- Clear need to link AEMLAP, Raptors MOU, CAF and other non-CMS instruments (AMBI, EAAFP..)
- Willingness to play global role on flyway-related work within and outside CMS instruments

AEMLAP



AFRICAN EURASIAN
MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS
ACTION PLAN



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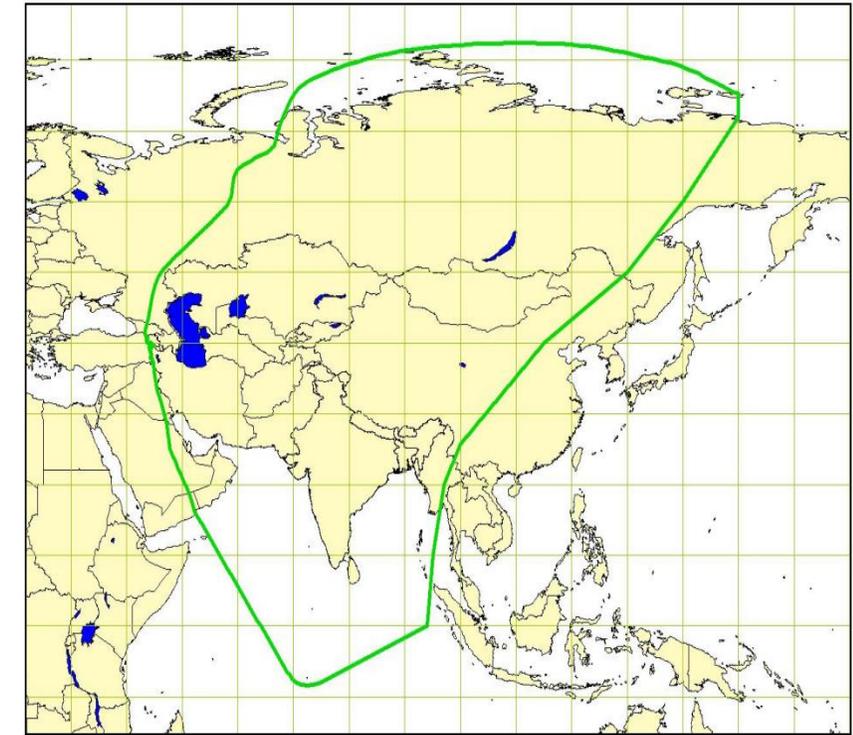
- Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP13)
- AEMLAP aims to improve the conservation status of all migratory landbirds through international and national action.
- Jointly coordinated by CMS & and coordination unit at Swiss Ornithological Institute (SOI)
- Just finished a review of AEMLAP Programme of work (POW 2021-2026)
 - It includes many actions ready to be implemented with clear links to Raptors MOU objectives in the African-Eurasian region.

Central Asian Flyway



CAF Action Plan, New Delhi, 2005

Annex I: Indicative Map of the Central Asian Flyway Region



The boundaries depicted on the map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by UNEP/CMS

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CAF Meeting, New Delhi, May 2023



The CAF in 2023

- Agreement to define an institutional framework: the CMS Central Asia Initiative
- Agreement to update the CAF Action Plan and benefit from BLI Situation Analysis
- Government of India willing to host CMS-CAF Secretariat
- A key region for both Raptors MOU, AEMLAP and other CMS and non CMS instruments
 - Need to ensure synergies





Poisoning

A quick focus on lead poisoning

Pathways to poisoning





Poisoning and Lead Mandate

2011

- Preventing Poisoning Working Group established

2014

- Resolution 11.15 – adopting Guidelines for all ammunition phase-out by 2017

2017

- Resolution 11.15 (Rev COP12) – mandate for UNEA to consider this issue

2020

- Resolution 11.15 (Rev COP13) – mandate for Intergovernmental Task Force on Phasing Out Lead Ammunition and Lead Fishing Weights



Key activities

- Defined ToR Lead Task Force in 2021
- Guinea-Bissau workshop on Vulture Poisoning (VCF) in May 2022
- Promoted issue across UN agencies & stakeholders and all CMS comms channels
- Supported work of Expert Group for the Evaluation of Exposure of EU Birds to Lead, thanks to voluntary work of members of PPWG





1. REACH - Restriction on lead shot in wetlands
2. **REACH - Wider restriction – lead ammunition & fishing weights**



EU ECHA recommendations

	Ban on placing on the market	Ban on use
Gunshots	✓	✓
Bullets	✗	✓
Conditional Optional Derogation (Commission to decide)		
Use in outdoor shooting ranges at designated/permitted areas with >90% lead recovery.		

Transition periods at present:

- a) Shot: originally **5 years** – final decision **likely to be much shorter**
- b) Bullets: **18 months** for large calibres
5 years for smaller calibres (TBD)



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Next steps

Continue to monitor and support ongoing process in EU and beyond and

- Gather members for the Lead Task Force
- Call for a first meeting and define Programme of Work
- Learn from EU experience and push for similar lead ban worldwide
- Coordinate with key stakeholders such as UNEP, Basel Rotterdam and Stockholm convention, Olympics Committee, NGOs, Academia
- Push for National Action Plans on phasing out lead ammunition
- Encourage parties to monitor implementation of measures





ILLEGAL TAKING, KILLING & TRADE AND WILD MEAT

CMS Mandate & key activities

- Res 11.16 (Rev.COP13) [The Prevention of Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds \(IKB\)](#)
- Decisions 13.27-13.31
 - [Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean \(MIKT\)](#);
- Decisions 13.32-13.33
 - Task Force on [Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in East Asian- Australasian Flyway](#).
- MIKT proves international cooperation yields results against IKB
- ITTEA launched to replicate model in EAAF
- Mandate provides framework for further regionally-focused task forces

ITTEA – Asia Pacific Illegal Taking Task Force



ITTEA Asia Pacific Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Task Force

- Launched in Brisbane, Australia, in March 2023
- Approved Modus Operandi and Draft Programme of Work focused on
 - understand the scope, scale and motivations behind taking and trade of migratory birds
 - develop national legislative frameworks on illegal taking of birds
 - establish active in situ prevention by stakeholders
 - establish a sustainable funding base for countries and stakeholders.
- Workshop on Market surveys planned for August 2023 (online)
- Working alongside EAAFP and other key stakeholders to address this threat



South-West Asia Illegal Taking Task Force

- Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP13) provides mandate “to support efforts to address IKB elsewhere in the world”
- October 2021
 - CMS & BLI organised workshop in Jordan to developing a road map to tackle IKB in South-West Asia.
 - Decision to move forward to design an action plan to eradicate illegal taking and trade in the region.
- Concept note and fundraising brief developed outlining next steps to establish a mechanism for the delivery of the Action Plan for the region.
- CMS currently discussing with Parties in the region options for setting up this new Task Force.

Impact of use of wild meat

In response to Decision 13.64, CMS has launched a consultancy to understand the use of avian wild meat of CMS-listed bird species

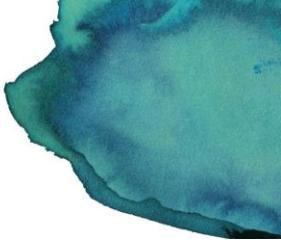
Focus on African-Eurasian flyways

Objective is to quantify impact and enable Parties, policy instruments and NGOs to set appropriate priorities to address the issue.

Interested individuals/organisations encouraged to apply

Full coordination with AEMLAP, Raptors MOU and other relevant CMS instruments





A final note on the new CMS Strategic Plan



Strategic Plan for Migratory Species

- Resolution 11.02 (Rev. COP12) defined 2015-2023 SPMS
- 2022 StC53: discussed way forward and agreed to create IWG on SPMS
- 2023
 - Broad consultation of new SPMS 2024-2032 draft
 - IWG to submit draft to StC
 - End of July: StC to submit draft SPMS to COP
- Six goals and specific targets
- Focus on
 - Species, Habitats, Threats, Science and Capacity building, Governance and Synergies
- To be discussed and approved at COP14



Action requested

- Take note of the report

Want to know more? Get in touch with us!

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Thank you



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