

THIRD MEETING OF SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS OF PREY IN AFRICA AND EURASIA

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REPORTING FORMATS FOR SIGNATORIES AND COOPERATING PARTNERS

(Prepared by the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU)

Summary: The Raptors MOU Text anticipates the adoption of a format for Signatories to report on a regular basis on the implementation of their raptor conservation strategies or equivalent measures.

Reporting processes under the MOU were first addressed in detail at MOS2. However, no systematic process of regular reporting has so far been adopted.

In this document, the Coordinating Unit proposes that Signatories adopt two reporting formats—one for Signatories, the other for Cooperating Partners—for use in reporting on a regular basis to future Meetings of Signatories.

Background

1. Paragraph 15 of the MOU Text called for the first session of the Meeting of Signatories to adopt a format for Signatories to report on a regular basis on the implementation of their raptor conservation strategies or equivalent measures. Given that only a limited number of such strategies had been developed, reporting processes were not addressed in detail until the Second Meeting of Signatories (MOS2, Trondheim, October 2015). At MOS2, Signatories requested the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to develop a suitable format for reporting that would cover the implementation of the MOU and its Action Plan as a whole (see document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS2/Report](#), paragraph 109).
2. At the Third Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG3, Sempach, December 2018), members held an initial discussion on plans for developing a standard reporting format for: (i) Signatories' regular progress reports on the implementation of their strategies or equivalent measures, as called for in paragraph 15 of the MOU; and (ii) enabling the Coordinating Unit to prepare the overview of progress in implementation of the MOU's Action Plan before each session of the Meeting of Signatories, as called for in paragraphs 16 and 17 of the MOU (see document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/TAG3/Report](#), section 6.2).
3. To date, there have been *ad hoc* questionnaire enquiries by the Coordinating Unit on aspects of the MOU's implementation (see document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Inf.1](#), section 2), but no systematic process of regular reporting has been adopted. Participants at TAG3 noted that a balance was necessary between generating sufficient information to meet reporting needs and limiting the burden of reporting. The importance of efficiency and coherence between reporting systems within the CMS Family and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements was also stressed.

Development of reporting formats, and review by the TAG

4. During 2020, the Coordinating Unit developed a reporting format proposal taking account of the considerations referred to in paragraph 3 above and aligning with the proposed revisions of the MOU and Action Plan resulting from the Review of the Raptors MOU Action Plan (April 2020) (documents [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Inf.1](#) and [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Inf.2](#)), and which form the basis of the MOU and Action Plan amendment proposals submitted to MOS3 (document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.14.1](#)). The structure of the reporting format proposed therefore matches the anticipated structure of the amended MOU and Action Plan. Efforts have been made to keep the reporting format brief and concise.
5. The content of the proposed reporting format follows a similar approach to that taken in the 2019 survey (described in document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Inf.1](#)) that informed the above-mentioned Review of the Raptors MOU Action Plan (April 2020), thus taking into account the work that went into developing those questions, including advice from the TAG. The work also draws from lessons learnt from the analyses of Parties' responses in the CMS National Reports and Signatories responses to the mentioned 2019 survey.
6. A matching format proposal has also been developed for use by the MOU's Cooperating Partners, with a few necessary adaptations to reflect the differences in roles. This reporting format will enable Cooperating Partners to report to each Meeting of Signatories on activities carried out in collaboration and/or support of the Raptors MOU and its Action Plan (see document [CMS/Raptors/MOS1/Report/Annex VI](#), paragraph 5).

7. The two format proposals were shared with the TAG for comments in May 2021. The drafts were then revised on the basis of the responses received, including by adding accompanying guidance to some of the questions. These revisions were endorsed at the Fourth Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG4, online, December 2021).
8. Copies of the two proposed reporting formats are provided in Annexes 1 and 2 to the present document. Because the draft reporting formats have been built online, some of their features (particularly, the location of guidance notes, spaces for free text, links to pre-filled tables, and options for uploading documents) cannot be properly displayed in these annexes.

Trial of the system

9. The proposed reporting formats contained in Annexes 1 and 2 were made available to Signatories and Cooperating Partners for trial in early September 2021. They were shared in English and French via the CMS Online Reporting System (ORS), and Signatories and Cooperating Partners were invited to upload reports on a voluntary, trial basis. In addition to testing the proposed formats for any refinements needed, this approach also enabled the Coordinating Unit to deliver an updated overview of the status of implementation of the MOU and Action Plan for consideration at MOS3 (document [UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS3/Doc.12.1](#)).
10. The potential refinements identified in the trial analysis referred to in paragraph 9 (document [UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS3/Doc.12.1](#), section 4) concern the following:
 - (a) Providing guidance on the relationship between the scope of the question on strategies and equivalent documents (section III) and the question on species action plans (section V);
 - (b) Providing for information on exceptions to legal protection (section IV);
 - (c) Allocating deliberate and unintentional poisoning appropriately in the list of threats and pressures (section VII);
 - (d) Making the question on environmental assessments more focused (section VII);
 - (e) Offering a tabular structure for the question on raptor population status and trends assessments (section IX);
 - (f) Making the question on knowledge exchange platforms more focused (section IX);
 - (g) Rephrasing in a more specific way the question about the impact of awareness activities (section X);
 - (h) Providing guidance on the distinction between “education” (section X) and “training” (section XI); and
 - (i) Providing a list of non-Signatory Range States, to assist with the question on encouraging new Signatories (section XII).

Action requested

11. The Meeting of Signatories is invited to:
 - (a) Review the draft reporting formats provided in Annexes 1 and 2, together with the suggestions for potential refinements referred to in paragraph 10 above, as well as any other relevant individual experiences arising from the trial referred to in paragraph 9;
 - (b) Adopt the formats for Signatories and Cooperating Partners to use in reporting on a regular basis to future Meetings of Signatories, either as presented in Annexes 1 and 2 or with any amendments agreed at the present meeting; and
 - (c) Note that any amendments under (b) must:
 - i. Be consistent with the corresponding sections of the proposed revisions to the MOU

- and Action Plan (document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS3/Doc.14.1](#)), and should therefore be accompanied by proposals for any necessary changes there; and
- ii. Ensure consistency between both reporting formats, the one for Signatories and that for Cooperating Partners.



CMS

Raptors MOU National Report Form

This is the National Report form for the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors MOU).

The purpose of the National Report is to provide information on your country's implementation of the Raptors MOU including the Action Plan (Annex 3). The MOU's Technical Advisory Group (TAG) was tasked with developing a suitable format for reports, covering implementation of the MOU and its Action Plan as a whole. The proposed format provided here has been designed to generate information that can be synthesised in a comparable way for each future Meeting of Signatories; to give a meaningful picture of progress and reflect the achievements of Signatories and other stakeholders, but also to be as streamlined as possible to keep the work involved in reporting to a necessary minimum.

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Please answer all questions as fully and as accurately as you can. Wherever possible, please indicate the source of information used to answer the question, particularly if a published reference or report is available. For each question there are blue icons that can be used to attach a document and/or provide a weblink.

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Deadline for submission: 31 October 2021

I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Signatory State:

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Date of entry into effect of the MOU in your country (DD/MM/YY):

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Any territories which are excluded from the application of the MOU:

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Report Compiler

Name and title:

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Full name of institution:

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Telephone:

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Email:

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Designated Contact Point for the MOU

Name and title of designated Contact Point:

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Full name of institution

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Mailing address:

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Telephone:

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Email:

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II. HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY OF KEY MESSAGES

This section invites you to summarise briefly the most important positive aspects of Raptors MOU/Action Plan implementation in your country and the areas of greatest concern.

Your answers should be based on the information contained in the body of the report: the intention is for this section to distil the technical information in the report into some very brief and simple “high level” messages for decision-makers and for wider audiences.

Although keeping it brief, please try also to be specific where you can, e.g. “New wildlife legislation enacted in 2020 doubled penalties for poisoning birds of prey” is more informative than “stronger laws”; “50% shortfall in match-funding for GEF project on vultures” is more informative than “lack of funding”. Please limit this specifically to the current reporting period only. For this present round of reporting, the period is from **July 2019 to the present**.

In your country, in the reporting period, what does this report reveal about: The most successful aspects of implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan?

(List up to five items)

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The greatest difficulties in implementing the MOU and/or Action Plan?

(List up to five items)

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The main priorities for future implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan?

(List up to five items)

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III. RAPTOR CONSERVATION STRATEGIES AND EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS

A central provision of the MOU (paragraph 12) is for Signatories to prepare national or regional (e.g. EU) strategies or equivalent documents (e.g. Single Species Action Plans) for category 1 and, where appropriate, category 2 species in Table 1 in the Action Plan. The Action Plan itself foresees its listed actions being addressed by these strategies / equivalent documents.

Does a national and/or regional Raptor Conservation Strategy or equivalent document exist in relation to your country?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- In preparation
- No

Please state the title and scope of the strategy or equivalent document, and summarise the current status of its implementation:

Please use the icons below to provide a copy of the document(s) concerned, and/or provide a website link that will give access to the relevant text.

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Does the strategy or equivalent document address all of the activities listed in Table 2 of the Action Plan?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please state the reasons why all of the Table 2 activities are not addressed:

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Does the strategy or equivalent document address all of the activities listed in Table 2 of the Action Plan?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- Partly
- No

Please state the reasons why all of the Table 2 activities are not addressed:

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Please state the reasons why a national and/or regional Raptor Conservation Strategy or equivalent document has not been developed:

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IV. LEGAL PROTECTION OF SPECIES AGAINST KILLING AND UNSUSTAINABLE EXPLOITATION

Are all species of migratory birds of prey (present in your country) listed in Annex I of the Raptors MOU granted full legal protection from deliberate killing and taking from the wild?

Follow this link to see the species listed in Annex 1.

If you are answering "yes, please make sure the statute(s) concerned is/are clearly identified by giving details of title, date, etc.

If you are answering "only partly", please be clear whether this is because legal protection only applies to some aspects, or because only some species are covered (please identify the species) or because only some areas are covered - (or any combination of these types of partial coverage); and give the reasons for this.

Please select only one option

- Yes
- Partly
- No
- Not known

Please indicate the statute(s) concerned, and summarise the provision:

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Please state why all species are not (yet) fully covered:

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Is there legislation in place which bans the use of exposed poison baits and other toxic chemical methods of predator or pest control?

The CMS Guidelines to prevent the risk of poisoning to migratory birds provide further background on legislative (and other) means of reducing harm to migratory birds (including raptors) from toxic chemicals.

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please indicate the statute(s) concerned, and summarise the provision:

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Please state why not:

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V. SPECIES POPULATION MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAMMES

Have any Single or Multi-species Action Plans been published for any species of migratory bird of prey in your country?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- In preparation
- No
- Not known

Please list the species involved and the status of each Plan:

Please use the icons below to provide a copy of the document(s) concerned, and/or provide a website link that will give access to the relevant text.

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Please state why not:

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Have any reintroduction or restocking projects been implemented involving migratory birds of prey in accordance with prevailing international guidelines?

One of the most relevant international guidelines documents for this question is the IUCN publication "Guidelines for reintroductions and other conservation translocations".

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary, and indicate whether or not captive breeding is involved:

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Please state why not:

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Have any supplementary feeding initiatives been established and maintained for necrophagous birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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VI. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HABITATS AND SITES

Have any measures been implemented to improve or restore the habitats of species of birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

Please indicate what habitat type, where, and (broadly) what type of measures were involved. Comments on success (or otherwise) would also be valuable.

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Please state why not:

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Which sites in your country listed in Table 3 of the Action Plan are designated as protected areas, or are otherwise appropriately managed taking into account the conservation requirements of migratory birds of prey?

Please indicate in **this online excel file (link)** for each of the relevant sites listed in Table 3 of Annex 3 of the MOU whether the site is (a) fully designated as a protected area or covered by an instrument ensuring proper management, (b) partially so designated/covered, or (c) not so designated/covered.

NOTE: It is acknowledged that Table 3 is currently incomplete. A revised Table 3, following the inputs received at the 2nd Meeting of Signatories, is being finalised, and following comments by the Technical Advisory Group it will be circulated alongside the 'Form to propose internationally important sites for addition to Table 3 of the Raptors MoU'. Signatories will be asked to comment on the list and invited to propose new sites of international importance. The list, including any comments received as per the Rules of Procedure, will be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Group and circulated for the 3rd Meeting of Signatories to consider.

In the meantime, if your country is covered in the current Table, please answer this question in relation to the sites that are listed there. Please provide your answers in the excel file on google drive by following the link above. The file will automatically save your answers.

Please select only one option

- I have added the relevant information for my country's sites

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- My country does not have sites listed

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VII. ASSESSING AND RESPONDING TO THREATS AND PRESSURES

Have any assessments been made of the nature, likelihood, severity or potential consequences of threats facing birds of prey, and measures identified to maintain their Favourable Conservation Status?

“Favourable Conservation Status” should be interpreted for this question in accordance with the definition provided in Article I (1) (c) of the Convention on Migratory Species. (Link to text here).

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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Based on the assessment referred to above (or if none, on your own knowledge and judgement) please identify (tick) the **three most important** categories of threat affecting birds of prey in your country:

This question asks you to identify the important pressures that are reliably known to be having an actual adverse impact on migratory birds of prey at present. Please avoid including speculative information about pressures that may be of some potential concern but whose impacts have not yet been demonstrated.

- Direct killing and taking
- Collisions and electrocution
- Other mortality
- Alien and/or invasive species
- Disturbance and disruption
- Habitat destruction/degradation
- Climate change
- Levels of knowledge, awareness, legislation, management etc.
- Other (please specify)

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Add comments here on any particular actions in response to these threats:

You may find it helpful here to refer to actions assisted by relevant existing response tools and initiatives in the framework of mechanisms such as the CMS. Examples could include the Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT), the CMS Energy Task Force, and the adopted Guidelines to Prevent the Risk of Poisoning to Migratory Birds.

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Are requirements in place to ensure that proposals for activities that may have significant effects on birds of prey or their habitats are subject to Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) or Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)?

Helpful pointers on this subject (and reference to sources of further guidance) are given in CMS Resolution 7.2 (Rev.COP12) on “Impact assessment and migratory species”. Comments on the general standard and quality of EIAs/SEAs that are undertaken would be valuable. Any use that has been made of “sensitivity mapping” techniques in this context should be mentioned here.

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary of the requirements and their implementation, including the extent to which the results of these assessments are used to inform relevant consent decisions and associated mitigation measures:

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Please state why not:

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VIII. ACTION / INTEGRATION ACROSS SECTORS

Is the conservation of migratory birds of prey integrated within the policies of sectors such as agriculture, forestry, energy, transport, waste, tourism and others?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- Partly
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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Please give a brief summary:

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Have any programmes been implemented during the reporting period among government departments (other than the department that has lead responsibility for the Raptors MOU) to inform decision makers of the conservation needs of migratory birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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IX. RESEARCH, MONITORING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Please use the icons below each question to provide a copy of any relevant documents, and/or provide a website link that will give access to relevant material.

Have any overall assessments been made of the status and trends of any populations of migratory birds of prey in your country, during the reporting period?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary, and highlight any particularly significant declines or increases that have been revealed for relevant species:

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Please state why no such assessments have been made:

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Are any systematic and coordinated monitoring programmes operated in your country in relation to breeding populations, reproductive success or migration counts of birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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Have any guidelines or protocols been published concerning systematic or coordinated monitoring programmes for migratory birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give the source reference(s) and a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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Does any process exist for establishing multi-stakeholder agreement about priorities for research on issues of relevance to the conservation of birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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Are suitable platforms in place in your country to exchange knowledge, experience and information about the conservation of birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please identify the relevant platform(s) and summarise its/their scope and function:

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Please state why not:

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X. RAISING AWARENESS

Have any public awareness programmes been implemented during the reporting period to promote the importance of birds of prey, their migrations and their conservation needs?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary including comments on the impact and success (or otherwise) of these programmes:

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Please state why not:

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Have any education programmes or teaching resources been provided during the reporting period to inform young people and students about migratory birds of prey and their conservation needs?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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XI. STRENGTHENING CAPACITY

Have any training or other support programmes been implemented during the reporting period to strengthen the capacity of agencies responsible for the application of relevant laws and regulations?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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Have any training or other initiatives been implemented during the reporting period to support activities undertaken by local communities or voluntary groups in relation to birds of prey surveys, monitoring, site protection work or related outreach?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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During the reporting period, has your country provided any new financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory birds of prey?

“Other resources” in this context could include, for example, “in-kind” forms of support such as staff time or administrative infrastructure, loan of equipment, provision of data processing facilities or technology transfer. (Do not include training or mentoring schemes and other initiatives for capacity building however, as these are covered separately in the preceding two questions).

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please state the beneficiary/ies concerned and the activities supported:

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Please state why not:

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During the reporting period, has your country received any new financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory birds of prey?

See guidance on interpretation of “other resources” provided in relation to the preceding question.

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please state the source(s) concerned and the activities supported:

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Please state why not:

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XII. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

During the reporting period, has your country participated in any international cooperation activities as provided by paragraph 8 of the MOU?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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During the reporting period, has your country taken any steps to support or encourage any other Range State(s) to sign the Raptors MOU?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please identify the Range State(s) concerned, and the nature of the support or encouragement given:

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Please state why not:

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Raptors MOU Cooperating Partners Report Form

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Name of Cooperating Partner:

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Date of signature of the MOU (DD/MM/YY):

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Report Compiler

Name and title:

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Department/office:

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Telephone

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Email:

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Designated Contact Point for the MOU

Name and title of designated Contact Point:

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Mailing address:

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(List up to five items)

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The greatest difficulties in implementing the MOU and/or Action Plan?

(List up to five items)

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The main priorities for future implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan?

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III. RAPTOR CONSERVATION STRATEGIES AND EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS

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Has your organisation cooperated in specific ways with the development of any national and/or regional Raptor Conservation Strategy or equivalent document?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No

Please state the title, scope and country/ies covered by the strategy/ies or equivalent document/s, and summarise the current status of preparation:

Please use the icons below to provide a copy of the document(s) concerned, and/or provide a website link that will give access to the relevant text.

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Has your organisation cooperated in specific ways with the implementation of any national and/or regional Raptor Conservation Strategy or equivalent document?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No

Please state the title, scope and country/ies covered by the strategy/ies or equivalent document/s, and summarise the contribution made to implementation:

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If you have answered “yes” to either of the two questions above, what is your overall view of the completeness (by reference to the activities listed in Table 2 of the Action Plan) of the strategy/ies or equivalent document/s to which your answers refer?

Please select only one option

- Fully complete
- Partly complete/some gaps
- Incomplete/serious deficiencies

Please state the nature of the gaps/deficiencies:

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IV. LEGAL PROTECTION OF SPECIES AGAINST KILLING AND UNSUSTAINABLE EXPLOITATION

Has your organisation assisted in specific ways with measures to apply legal protection against deliberate killing, taking, trade or other forms of exploitation that may impact negatively on the conservation status of species listed in Annex I of the Raptors MOU?

Follow this link to see the species listed in Annex 1.

If you are answering "yes, please make sure the statute(s) concerned is/are clearly identified by giving details of title, date, etc.

Please select only one option

Yes

No

(a) indicate the country/ies concerned:

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(b) summarise the scope of the statute/s involved:

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(c) summarise the nature of the assistance provided:

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V. SPECIES POPULATION MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAMMES

Has your organisation been involved with the development or implementation of any Single or Multi-species Action Plans for any species of migratory bird of prey in the geographical area covered by the MOU?

Please use the icons below to provide a copy of the document(s) concerned, and/or provide a website link that will give access to the relevant text.

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

(a) give the title, species and geographical area covered by the plan/s:

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(b) summarise the nature of your organisation's involvement:

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Has your organisation been involved with any reintroduction or restocking projects involving migratory birds of prey in accordance with prevailing international guidelines?

One of the most relevant international guidelines documents for this question is the IUCN publication "Guidelines for reintroductions and other conservation translocations".

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please identify the country or countries concerned, give a brief summary and indicate whether or not captive breeding is involved:

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Has your organisation been involved with any supplementary feeding initiatives for necrophagous birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please identify the country or countries concerned, and give a brief summary:

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VI. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HABITATS AND SITES

Has your organisation assisted in specific ways with measures to improve or restore the habitat of species of birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates:

Please indicate what habitat type, where, and (broadly) what type of measures were involved. Comments on success (or otherwise) would also be valuable.

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Has your organisation been involved in identifying, protecting or managing nationally and internationally important sites for birds of prey (including any of the sites listed in Table 3 of the Action Plan)?

NOTE: It is acknowledged that Table 3 is currently incomplete. A revised Table 3, following the inputs received at the 2nd Meeting of Signatories, is being finalised, and following comments by the Technical Advisory Group it will be circulated alongside the 'Form to propose internationally important sites for addition to Table 3 of the Raptors MoU'. Signatories will be asked to comment on the list and invited to propose new sites of international importance. The list, including any comments received as per the Rules of Procedure, will be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Group and circulated for the 3rd Meeting of Signatories to consider. In the meantime, if you have information relating to countries included in the current Table, please refer to the sites that are listed there.

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

(a) give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates:

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(b) add any comments on your overall view of the adequacy of protection and management of the important sites to which your answer to (a) relates, taking into account the conservation requirements of migratory birds of prey, and specifying any particularly notable gaps or deficiencies:

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VII. ASSESSING AND RESPONDING TO THREATS AND PRESSURES

Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any assessments of the nature, likelihood, severity or potential consequences of threats facing birds of prey, and measures identified to maintain their Favourable Conservation Status?

“Favourable Conservation Status” should be interpreted for this question in accordance with the definition provided in Article I (1) (c) of the Convention on Migratory Species. (Link to text here).

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please give a brief summary:

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Please identify (tick) the **three most important** categories of threat which, according to your assessment (or informed judgement), are affecting birds of prey in the area(s) you work in:

This question asks you to identify the important pressures that are reliably known to be having an actual adverse impact on migratory birds of prey at present. Please avoid including speculative information about pressures that may be of some potential concern but whose impacts have not yet been demonstrated.

- Direct killing and taking
 Collisions and electrocution
 Other mortality
 Alien and/or invasive species
 Disturbance and disruption
 Habitat destruction/degradation
 Climate change
 Levels of knowledge, awareness, legislation, management etc.
 Other (please specify)

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Add comments here on any particular actions in response to these threats:

You may find it helpful here to refer to actions assisted by relevant existing response tools and initiatives in the framework of mechanisms such as the CMS. Examples could include the Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT), the CMS Energy Task Force, and the adopted Guidelines to Prevent the Risk of Poisoning to Migratory Birds.

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Has your organisation assisted in specific ways with measures to ensure that proposals for activities that may have significant effects on birds of prey or their habitats are subject to Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) or Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)?

Helpful pointers on this subject (and reference to sources of further guidance) are given in CMS Resolution 7.2 (Rev.COP12) on “Impact assessment and migratory species”. Comments on the general standard and quality of EIAs/SEAs that are undertaken would be valuable. Any use that has been made of “sensitivity mapping” techniques in this context should be mentioned here.

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

(a) indicate the country/ies concerned:

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(b) summarise the nature of the measures involved:

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(c) summarise the nature of the assistance provided:

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(d) add any comments on the extent to which the results of these assessments are used to inform relevant decisions (e.g. permission for a development project) and associated mitigation measures:

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VIII. ACTION / INTEGRATION ACROSS SECTORS

Has your organisation been involved in any efforts to ensure that the conservation of migratory birds of prey is integrated within the policies of sectors such as agriculture, forestry, energy, transport, waste, tourism and others?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

(a) give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies and sector/s to which this relates:

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(b) add any comments on your assessment of the effectiveness or otherwise of the integration instances to which your answer to (a) relates:

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Has your organisation cooperated in any programmes that have been implemented during the reporting period among government departments (other than the department that has lead responsibility for the Raptors MOU) to inform decision makers of the conservation needs of migratory birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates:

>>>

IX. RESEARCH, MONITORING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Please use the icons below each question to provide a copy of any relevant documents, and/or provide a website link that will give access to relevant material.

Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any overall assessments of the status and trends of any populations of migratory birds of prey in the geographical area of the MOU, during the reporting period?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please give a brief summary, specify the geographical scope, and highlight any particularly significant declines or increases that have been revealed for relevant species:

>>>

Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any systematic and coordinated monitoring programmes in relation to breeding populations, reproductive success or migration counts of any of the birds of prey that are covered by the taxonomic and geographical scope of the MOU?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates:

>>>

Has your organisation assisted with or otherwise been involved with publishing any guidelines or protocols concerning systematic or coordinated monitoring programmes for migratory birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please give the source reference(s) and a brief summary, including the nature of your organisation's involvement:

>>>

Has your organisation assisted with any process for establishing multi-stakeholder agreements about priorities for research on issues of relevance to the conservation of birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates:

>>>

Has your organisation cooperated in any platforms for exchanging knowledge, experience and information about the conservation of birds of prey?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

(a) identify the relevant platform(s):

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(b) summarise its/their scope and function, including the country/ies involved:

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(c) summarise the nature of your organisation's involvement:

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X. RAISING AWARENESS

Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any public awareness programmes during the reporting period specifically to promote the importance of birds of prey, their migrations and their conservation needs?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No

Please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates:

Comments on the impact and success (or otherwise) of these programmes would also be valuable.

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Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any education programmes during the reporting period specifically to inform young people and students about migratory birds of prey and their conservation needs?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No

Please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates:

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XI. STRENGTHENING CAPACITY

Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any training or other support programmes during the reporting period to strengthen the capacity of agencies responsible for the application of relevant laws and regulations?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates:

>>>

Has your organisation undertaken or cooperated in any training or other initiatives during the reporting period to support activities undertaken by local communities or voluntary groups in relation to birds of prey surveys, monitoring, site protection work or related outreach?

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No

Please give a brief summary, and identify the country/ies to which this relates:

>>>

During the reporting period, has your organisation provided any new financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory birds of prey?

“Other resources” in this context could include, for example, “in-kind” forms of support such as staff time or administrative infrastructure, loan of equipment, provision of data processing facilities or technology transfer. (Do not include training or mentoring schemes and other initiatives for capacity building however, as these are covered separately in the preceding two questions).

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not known

Please state the beneficiary/ies concerned and the activities supported:

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Please state why not:

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During the reporting period, has your organisation received any new financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory birds of prey?

See guidance on interpretation of “other resources” provided in relation to the preceding question.

Please select only one option

- Yes
 No
 Not known

Please state the source(s) concerned and the activities supported:

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Please state why not:

>>>

XII. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

During the reporting period, has your organisation participated in any international cooperation activities as provided by paragraph 8 of the MOU?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please give a brief summary:

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Please state why not:

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During the reporting period, has your organisation taken any steps to support or encourage any Range State(s) to sign the Raptors MOU?

Please select only one option

- Yes
- No
- Not known

Please identify the Range State(s) concerned, and the nature of the support or encouragement given:

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Please state why not:

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