

**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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THE FORM AMENDING ANNEX 1 OF THE RAPTORS MOU

(Prepared by the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU)

Summary: In order to provide the necessary information supporting the proposal of amending the list of species in Annex I of the MOU, the Technical Advisory Group has developed a specific form.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the form.

1. Annex 1 of the Raptors MOU lists migratory birds of prey in Africa and Eurasia.
2. The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) roles as described in its [Terms of Reference](#) include in article 4c to '[p]rovide comments on any proposal to amend the MOU text, which have a technical content' and Rule 16.3a the Rules of Procedure ([UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS2/Report/Annex I](#)) assign to TAG the role of commenting on amendment proposals to the MOU.
3. In order to be in the best position to comment on proposals for amendments to Annex 1 (Species List), The Third meeting of the TAG (Sempach, 2018) asked the Coordinating Unit to develop a draft guidance/standard form that could be used by Signatories to propose amendments to the Species List of the Raptors MOU.
4. The Fourth meeting of the TAG endorsed the form presented in Annex 1 of the current document.

Action requested

5. The Meeting is requested to adopt the amendment of the mentioned form as presented in Annex 1 to this document.

ANNEX I
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. 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

Name	
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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>¹
2. All or part of the species distribution is within Africa or Eurasia²
3. It meets the CMS definition of “migratory species”³

¹ 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.

² 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>.

³ 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

4. If this entity has been proposed for addition to Annex 1 previously⁴ and not accepted, please confirm that additional / new evidence is provided to support the case for listing.

Proposed species for addition to Annex 1

Species scientific name:		Species common name:	
<p>Justification for proposed listing⁵</p>			

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.

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

⁵ 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.