

**Fifth Meeting of the Signatories
of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and
Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard
(*Otis tarda*)**

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**REVIEW OF THE MOU'S ACTION PLAN
“INTERNATIONAL SINGLE-SPECIES ACTION PLAN FOR THE WESTERN
PALAEARCTIC POPULATION OF GREAT BUSTARD, *Otis tarda tarda*”**

1. The Action Plan annexed to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*) is an integral part thereof.
2. The *International Single-Species Action Plan for the Western Palaeartic Population of Great Bustard, Otis tarda tarda* was commissioned by the European Commission and prepared by BirdLife International as subcontractor to the “N2K Group” in the framework of Service Contract N#070307/2007/488316/SER/B2 “Technical and scientific support in relation to the implementation of the 92/43 ‘Habitats’ and 79/409 ‘Birds’ Directives”. The current ‘MOU-version’ resulted from an update and alignment of that Action Plan. It was prepared and adopted to serve as the Action Plan for the CMS Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard at the 4th Meeting of the Signatories, held in Bad Belzig, Germany in March 2018.
3. The present Action Plan (see Annex of this document) covers the Range States that the Action Plan should apply to in order to cover the objectives of the MOU. Any additional information or possible further action to be taken may be considered, together with the consideration of any action deemed not to be relevant to the Signatories and the geographical scope of the MOU.
4. In line with clause 13 of the MOU Text, the meeting is recommended to discuss any necessary amendments of the Action Plan or confirm the current MOU Action Plan, as appropriate.

Recommended actions

5. The Meeting is recommended to:
 - a) review the current Action Plan regarding any needs for amendments;
 - b) discuss and endorse any potential amendments of the current MOU Action Plan, as appropriate.

Annex

“International Single-Species Action Plan for the Western Palaearctic Population of Great Bustard, *Otis tarda tarda*”

The current MOU Action Plan as adopted at the fourth meeting of the Signatories (Bad Belzig, Germany, March 2018), is accessible here:

<https://www.cms.int/great-bustard/en/document/international-single-species-action-plan-western-palaeartic-population-great-bustard-otis>”