

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.

A formal proposal to adopt the format will be considered by the third Meeting of Signatories (MOS3) in 2022. In the meantime we are taking the opportunity to launch it in its provisional form, so that up to date information on national implementation can be available for MOS3. The Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU will compile and analyse the reports for this purpose.

Reporting period

To enable proper analysis, it is important that all respondents relate their answers (throughout this form) to the same reporting period. On this occasion we are asking you to report on the period between **July 2019 and the present**. (July 2019 was the date of the previous implementation survey, the results of which can be found in the first Review of the Action Plan). Future reporting cycles are likely to cover periods between one Meeting of Signatories and the next.

Instructions

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.

When working on the online version of the report, save your information by clicking on the "Save all" button inside each section. An auto-save feature also saves any changed responses every 30 seconds, and whenever you move between sections.

Guidance notes are provided throughout the format to assist you in answering the questions.

Please Note: Before clicking on any hyperlink contained within this form, please press and hold the Ctrl button on your keyboard to open the link in a new tab.

Deadline for submission: 31 October 2021

I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Signatory State:

> Iran (Islamic Republic of)

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

> 10/03/2015

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

> Nil

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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)

> The most successful aspects of implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan are personal :

- 1-self-awareness
- 2-self-consciousness
- 3-The importance of planning in life
- 4- Communications,relationships and Intimacy .

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

(List up to five items)

- > 1-The dissemination of information and knowledge is very weak.
- 2-Our research and scientific Centres don't know how to undertake scientific work or tend to do practical,financial or political works.
- 3-Tribal culture and mindset is still common in our modernized Organizations.
- 4-NGO S are a burden on management system.
- 5-Personnels negatively compete instead of cooperation or participation.

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

(List up to five items)

- > 1- Being present and active.
- 2-Knowing where/when to do and where/when not to do something.

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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Please select only one option

- Yes
- Partly
- No

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

> In the case of strategy, It's unwritten , because written strategy can be easily sabotaged , ruined or boycotted by rivals.

In the case of action plan , A fund is allocated ,a contract is made with a research centre but , the plan will be deliberately full of Contradiction , misinformation and complicated and costly processes , because of the likely finance , prestige ,position and ... that a person or organization will get for implementing an action plan. In this regard there is a hidden competition between centre and provincial offices of D.O.E .

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:

> Game and fishing law(1966) and it's amendments and annexes and also Resolution of168 "Supreme Environment Protection Council" regarding specification of wildlife species included in Game and fishing law and their classification.(In this Resolution wild birds are classified into four groups as follows :

1-Endangered Species

2-Supported and protected species

3-Unprotected species(Ordinary)

4-Damaging species.

All raptors are classified in groups 1 or 2 .

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:

> Resolution of Supreme Environment protection Council regarding restrictions and limitations of Hunting .In Article B-6 Hunting via using every kind of poison, explosive or drug is forbidden.

In addition to this , according to the resolution of supreme Environmental protection Council regarding claiming damages of wildlife,D.O.E can penalize any illegal taking or killing of wildlife.

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.

- > 1- Saker Falcon conservation & Management National Action plan .(It has been prepared and delivered but hasn't been sent to provincial offices for implementation)
2-Egyptian vulture conservation and Management action plan (regional) . The contract has been completed but the result of the action plan for implementation is unknown.

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:

> I have no idea.

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:

> I have no idea.

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:

> We have a distinct directorate in our Division named Habitat and protected areas affairs General Directorate which protecting and managing protected areas is it's duty. And to be honest we don't interfere in each other's work.

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:

> May be we don't have a serious threats , for example raptors don't have a Halal meat and aren't hunted for food , poisonous bait is not a correct method of Halaling ! and electrocution doesn't occur and cause mortality in Iran . Our scientific authorities don't do their work independently and look out for the government to what is the research trend. for example if government begin to conserve lesser spotted eagle all professors begin to write article and paper on Ise. Doing a project has Mafia .Government , Ngo s ,and universities compete in doing or getting a research or project.

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.

> The number of confiscated raptors especially saker falcon , Peregrine falcon ,Barbary Falcon and common kestrel has dramatically increased during the past 3 years (2018-2020).They are rehabilitated and released as soon as possible.

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:

> We have a distinct Bureau named Environmental Impact Assessment Bureau in Human Environment Division which carries out EIA for large scale projects according to its laws and regulations . In this regard , projects like Power Transmission Lines must have a EIA report .

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:

> Each Organization has it's own rules and regulations and duties and there is no common policy for conservation of migratory birds of prey between sectors.

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:

> One of General Directorates in Department of Environment (Environment Protection Guards) intended to have a meeting with the representative of Interpol in Iran for combating smuggling of birds of prey especially saker falcon ..

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:

> We have had an annual observation census for landbirds which data are not precise , accurate and valid .

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:

> We don't have it's knowledge and of course it's responsibility. May be breeding sites are out of reach and breeding population are small in Iran. The methods that has been introduced by research centres or universities are costly .and , last but not least , Money !

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:

> Publishing a guideline or protocol is easy , the main problem is implementing it. Another problem is Money ! when we ask provincial offices to do a census they usually ask for fund . Even if the centre provide fund for them , they send fake data at last.

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:

> Wherever there is Money , The priority is given to it ,by all sides.

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:

> Since knowledge , information and ... can be sold or resold by research centres or universities .It is usually kept in secret or hidden in the drawer of the desks.

In this regard , Information can even be spied for universities , NGO s or research centres.

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:

> As a whole, science and also university degrees are a means of getting power ,not awareness , dissemination or for the sake of God's sake.

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:

> In our organization some provincial offices provided bird-watching workshops which included Raptor Identification , rules and regulation of confiscation and ... for their personnel (experts & rangers) but not for young people and students.

I have seen some books about raptors that has been published in the market.

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:

> Corona has almost ruined every training or support programmes during the past three years.

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:

> Covid-19 has stopped every social activities .

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:

> During the past three years all focus has been on Corona , Human survival(Hygiene & Treatment),Economics ,

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:

> The main problem I think is sanctions .Our banks cannot transfer Money internationally and Debit cards like Visa or Mastercard don't work in Iran.

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:

> I have no Idea .