

# Raptors MOU Cooperating Partners Report Form

This is the Cooperating Partners 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 Report is to provide information on your organisation'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

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

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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 area of operation 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 the reporting period, what has your experience of involvement with the Raptors MOU revealed about:**

**The most successful aspects of implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan?**

(List up to five items)

> Mohammed Bin Zayed Raptor Fund is continuing work in Mongolie to retrofit circa 30 000 poles dangerous for birds.

IAF continues cooperation with other stakeholders on Saker GAP and bird electrocution. "Quick Guidance on Birdelectrocution" is available at <https://birdelectrocution.org/>. The document is aimed at financial institutions and non-specialists. IFC (World Bank institution) will soon adopt a Tip Sheet based on that document, which will be widely delivered among financial institutions.

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

(List up to five items)

> Some stakeholder deny sustainable use as a tool for conservation. Awareness of bird electrocution is very low between decision makers and financial institutions.

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

(List up to five items)

> Continuation of work with IFC and other banks.

Coordination of work on birdelectrocution with CMS Energy Task Force.

In cooperation with Mohammed Bin Zayed Raptor Fund IAF will work on further improvement of awareness of bird electrocution problem.

### 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.

#### **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.

> Quick Guidance Preventing Electrocutation on Birds in cooperation with specialists from International Finance Corporation and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

New Tip Sheet by IFC is under preparation.

European Saker Action Plan is under revision, with IAF strong involvement

#### **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:

> MENA, Mediterranean, Central Asia

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

> workshops against illegal trade

(c) summarise the nature of the assistance provided:

> IAF is active partner in MIKT (Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean).

IAF organised International Conference 'The Illegal Trade in Raptors in Central Asia' in 2017 in Kyrgystan.

IAF organised conference "Combating Illegal Trade in Falcons in the Middle East and North Africa" in 2017 in Abu Dhabi

IAF organised "Joint Workshop Against Illegal Trade in Birds of Prey" in 2019 in Abu Dhabi in collaboration with the Emirates Falconers' Club, and the International Fund for Houbara Conservation.

## 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:

> European Saker Action Plan

Our specialsts were also involvled in Vulture Multi-Species Action Plan

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

> support and knowledge

### **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:

> IAF supports continuation of Peregrine reintroduction in Poland

### **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.

> IAF is actively involved in CMS ETF, CMS Saker TF, MIKT

IAF is working on awareness of bird electrocution, especially in financial sector

**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:

> IAF continues work with financial institution to create bird-safe poles standards for energy industry

(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:

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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.

**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:

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**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:

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**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:

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**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:

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**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.

> IAF has an actively working group on education:

<https://education.iaf.org/>

**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:

> IAF is running a School Link Programme

<https://iaf.org/project/iaf-school-links-program/>

## 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:

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**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:

> IAF cooperated in first in Mongolia project on retrofitting dangerous poles "Help the Saker"

<https://birdelectrocution.org/saker-mongolia/>

IAF's European Foundation fo Falconry and Conservation signed MoU with Ministry of Conservation of Kingdom of Marocco to retrofit some dangerous poles.

IAF's European Foundation fo Falconry and Conservation signed MoU with Patrimonio Natural, leading Spanish healthcare company ASISA, and EFFC, work has been successfully completed to prevent powerline electrocutions to some of Europe's most threatened birds of prey in two regions of Spain.

IAF is actively supporting the Mohammed Bin Zayed Raptor Fund work in Mongolia.

**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:

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## **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:

> IAF is active member of Saker TF, Energy TF, MIKT, organised numerous symposia and workshops

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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