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THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR
THE AQUATIC WARBLER (*Acrocephalus paludicola*)
Biebrza National Park, Poland, 13-15 May 2010

NATIONAL REPORTING FORMAT FOR THE AQUATIC WARBLER (*ACROCEPHALUS PALUDICOLA*) MOU



SAP Action No.	Target	Priority SAP	Measures taken since the last report to reach target	Implementation Score	Estimate for number of birds affected by the action	Population response	Comments
1.1.1	Full national species protection given to the Aquatic Warbler.	4					
1.1.2	Full national habitat protection given to habitat types used by the Aquatic Warbler.	4					
1.2.1	A legal framework exists that triggers formal protection for sites regularly used by Aquatic Warblers.	3					
1.3.1	An Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure exists that applies to all activities that potentially damage sites used by the Aquatic Warbler.	4					
1.3.2	The national Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure is being effectively implemented for all activities that potentially damage sites used by the Aquatic Warbler.	4					
1.4.1	A National Species Action Plan or an equivalent strategic document exists and has been approved by the relevant authorities.	3					
1.4.2	The National Species Action Plan or equivalent strategic document is actively being implemented.	3					
1.5.1	Suitable policies and incentives exist to promote suitable farming practices at sites whose sustainability depends on continued extensive land use.	4					
1.6.1	Under the current national legislation it is possible to obtain permission for controlled burning to manage Aquatic Warbler sites.	3					
2.1.1	All sites regularly holding Aquatic Warblers are included in formally designated protected areas.	4					
2.2.1	Each Aquatic warbler site has a management plan considering the special conservation needs of the species.	3					
2.3.1	No activities, projects or programmes threatening the population of Aquatic Warblers at sites regularly used by the species are implemented	4					
2.4.1	All Aquatic Warblers sites have a favourable hydrological condition.	4					

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2.5.1	All Aquatic Warbler sites have suitable mineralisation levels close to their natural trophic levels.	2					
2.6.1	Active management keeps all Aquatic Warbler sites open that are threatened by successional overgrowth.	4					
2.6.1.1	Aquatic Warbler sites threatened by successional overgrowth are regularly mown at dates and intensities beneficial for the species.	4					
2.6.2.1	Where grazing can be a suitable tool to maintain Aquatic Warbler breeding sites, grazing dates and intensities are adjusted beneficially for the species.	2					
2.6.3.1	Aquatic Warbler sites threatened by successional overgrowth are burnt when necessary at dates and under conditions beneficial for the species	3					
2.6.4.1	Realistic concepts for sustainable long-term management of Aquatic Warbler sites exist.	4					
2.6.4.2	The suitable management of all Aquatic Warbler sites is secured for the foreseeable future	4					
2.7.1	Wild and illegal fires do not occur at dates and under conditions unfavourable for the Aquatic Warbler.	3					
2.8.1	The sites where the use of pesticides negatively affect the Aquatic Warbler have been identified.	1					
2.8.2	The use of pesticides in the catchment areas of these sites has been limited to amounts not harmful for the Aquatic Warbler.	1					
2.9.1	Aquatic Warbler sites that would otherwise deteriorate have been bought, leased or been transferred to the appropriate management authority of sympathetic bodies able to guarantee suitable and sustainable management.	2					
3.1.1	Area of suitable habitat at existing Aquatic Warbler sites has been increased.	4					

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3.1.2	Potential sites for restoration have been identified.	4					
3.1.3	Former and potential sites have been restored to favourable habitat conditions for the Aquatic Warbler.	4					
4.1.1	A set of standard monitoring methodologies has been developed and agreed.	3					
4.1.2	The standard monitoring methodology is used across the species' range.	3					
4.2.1	Each year an accurate estimation of the species' world and national populations can be produced.	3					
4.2.2	All breeding, stop-over and wintering sites are subject to regular population monitoring (from annual to once every 6 years – depending on importance).	3					
4.3.1	All regular breeding sites in Europe and West-Siberia are identified.	3					
4.4.1	All major regular stop-over sites in Europe and northern Africa have been identified.	3					
4.5.1	All key wintering sites in western Africa have been identified.	4					
4.6.1	Research results needed to improve conservation work for the Aquatic Warbler exist.	3					
5.1.1	The CMS MOU continues to serve as a platform coordinating national states' efforts to conserve the Aquatic Warbler and holds regular signatory state meetings.	3					
5.1.2	The BirdLife International Aquatic Warbler Conservation Team (AWCT) continues to be supported by the RSPB and serves as a platform coordinating expertise in the field of Aquatic Warbler conservation.	3					
5.2.1	National networks of public bodies, conservation organisations and experts committed to the conservation of Aquatic Warblers exist.	2					

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