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ACTION PLANS FOR BIRDS

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

Resolution 11.14 on a Programme of Work for Migratory Birds and Flyways recommends the development of action plans for the Yellow-breasted Bunting, Baer's Pochard and Far Eastern Curlew, and Resolution 11.17 on an Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region, and requests the development of Action Plans for the European Turtle Dove and European Roller.

Implementation of these action plans will contribute towards the implementation of targets 8, 9 and 10 of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015 – 2023.

Rev. 1 includes specific provisions for the Yellow-breasted Bunting Action Plan.

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1. At the 11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties held in Quito in 2014, two resolutions were adopted requesting the elaboration of single species action plans for migratory bird species. These resolutions are 11.14 on a Programme of Work for Migratory Birds and Flyways and 11.17 on an Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region.
2. Annex 1 contains a draft Resolution adopting action plans for four species of birds: the European Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) (UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.6), the Far Eastern Curlew (*Numenius madagascariensis*) (UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.7), the Baer's Pochard (*Aythya baeri*) (UNEP/CMS/COP12/24.1.8) and the European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*) (UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.9).
3. The Action Plan for the Yellow-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza aureola*) will not be ready for adoption by COP. It is therefore proposed that this document is adopted by the Standing Committee during the intersessional period between COP 12 and COP 13. For more information on the status of this Action Plan, see UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.5.
4. Resolution 11.14 also requests the development of action plans for all African-Eurasian vultures, except the Palm Nut Vulture (*Gypohierax angolensis*), via the Raptors MOU. The Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP) is contained in document UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.4, which also includes a draft Resolution which adopts the Vulture MsAP separately.

Recommended actions

5. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a) adopt the draft Resolution contained in Annex 1 of this document;
 - b) adopt the draft Decisions contained in Annex 2 of this document.

ANNEX 1

DRAFT RESOLUTION

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Recalling Resolution 11.14 on a Programme of Work for Migratory Birds and Flyways, which recommends the development, adoption and implementation of species action plans for priority species in line with CMS priorities for Concerted and Cooperative Action, including the Yellow-breasted Bunting, Baer's Pochard and Far Eastern Curlew,

Further recalling Resolution 11.17 on an Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region, which requests the Landbirds Working Group and the Scientific Council, with the support of the CMS Secretariat, to develop as an emerging issue Action Plans for the Yellow-breasted Bunting, European Turtle Dove and European Roller,

Noting that the Far Eastern Curlew was designated for Concerted Actions during 2015-2017 through Resolution 11.13 on Concerted and Cooperative Actions,

Further noting that Baer's Pochard Action Plan was adopted by the 8th Meeting of Partners of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EEAFP) in Japan in 2015; and that the Far Eastern Curlew Action Plan was adopted by the 9th Meeting of Partners of EEAFF in Singapore in 2017,

Thanking the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) for their leadership in the development of the Baer's Pochard Action Plan; Australia for the Far Eastern Curlew Action Plan; and BirdLife International for the Yellow-breasted Bunting, European Turtle Dove and European Roller Action Plans,

Acknowledging the financial contributions provided by Australia to the Far Eastern Curlew Action Plan; by BirdLife International to the Yellow-breasted Bunting Action Plan; and by the European Union for the European Turtle Dove and European Roller action plans,

*The Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Adopts* the following species action plans as submitted to COP12 in documents:
 - UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.6.- Action Plan for the European Turtle Dove;
 - UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.7.- Action Plan for the Far Eastern Curlew;
 - UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.8.- Action Plan for the Baer's Pochard;
 - UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.9.- Action Plan for the European Roller.
2. *Urges* Parties and *invites* non-Party Range States to implement relevant provisions of the action plans;
3. *Encourages* other Parties to provide technical and/or financial support to activities outlined in the action plans;
4. *Requests* Parties to report on progress in the implementation of the action plans at each COP via their national reports.

DRAFT DECISIONS

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Directed to the Secretariat

12.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) bring the action plans to the attention of all Range States and relevant intergovernmental organizations and monitor their implementation during the intersessional period until COP13;
- b) coordinate with the Secretariat of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) for the implementation of the Baer's Pochard and Far Eastern Curlew Action Plans during the intersessional period up to COP13.

Directed to the Standing Committee

12.BB The Standing Committee shall:

- a) adopt the Yellow-breasted Bunting Action Plan in the intersessional period between the 12th and 13th meetings of the Conference of the Parties.