

RECOMMENDATION 5.1

ENDORSEMENT OF ACTION PLANS FOR SELECTED APPENDIX I AND II MIGRATORY BIRDS

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Fifth Meeting (Geneva, 10-16 April 1997)

Noting the recently published *Globally Threatened Birds in Europe - Action Plans*, published by The Council of Europe and The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (1996), which includes all but three of the actions plans already prepared by BirdLife International and Wetlands International;

Considering that *Pelecanus crispus*, *Anser erythropus*, *Branta ruficollis*, *Marmaronetta angustirostris*, *Aythya nyroca*, *Polysticta stelleri*, *Oxyura leucocephala*, *Aquila heliaca*, *Aquila clanga*, *Falco naumanni*, *Otis tarda*, *Numenius tenuirostris*, *Larus audouinii* and *Acrocephalus paludicola* are listed in Appendix I of CMS and *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*, *Aegyptius monachus*, *Aquila adalberti* and *Crex crex* are listed in Appendix II, and that for all these listed action plans are available;

Further considering that these action plans are a vital tool to improve the conservation status of these species, and are in full accordance with the aims of the Convention;

Observing that many of the species mentioned above are included in the recently concluded Agreement on the Conservation of African Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA), which will become the principal tool for waterbird conservation in the region;

Recognising the critical situation of *Numenius tenuirostris* and the Memorandum of Understanding on this species, developed under the aegis of CMS, which has already been signed by 15 countries;

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

1. *Encourages* Parties that are Range States for the above species to support the implementation of these action plans;
2. *Encourages* the AEWA Range States which have not yet signed this important Agreement to do so, in order to ensure a more appropriate management of their shared waterbirds;
3. *Invites* the First Meeting of the Parties to the AEWA to consider these action plans for adoption as Single Species Action Plans called for in Article 2.2 of Annex 3 to the AEWA;
4. *Encourages* the Range States of *Numenius tenuirostris*:
 - a. to sign the Memorandum of Understanding if they have not already done so; and
 - b. to support the implementation of the action plan included in this Memorandum, and encourage the non-governmental organizations which signed the Memorandum actively to support the Secretariat's efforts in organising the implementation on an international level;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat and the Scientific Council to provide the necessary support for these activities.