

FIFTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP TO THE RAPTORS MOU

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**AMENDMENT TO THE FORM FOR PROPOSING OR AMENDING SITES LISTED IN
TABLE 3 OF THE RAPTORS MOU ACTION PLAN**

(Prepared by the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU)

1. Table 3 of the Raptors MOU [Action Plan](#) lists Important Bird Areas that are currently known to be important congregatory bird of prey sites in Africa and Eurasia according to global and regional criteria for globally threatened species and congregations of migratory birds.
2. At the First Meeting of Signatories, the Technical Advisory Group to the Raptors MOU (TAG) was requested to review the list of sites set out in Table 3 (document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS2/15/Rev.1](#), paragraph 1). The recommendations of the TAG resulting from that review were circulated to Signatories in August 2015 together with a draft form for Signatories to propose additional internationally important sites for inclusion in Table 3 (document [UNEP/CMS/Raptors/MOS2/15/Rev.1](#), paragraph 4; see also Annex B to that document).
3. At the Second Meeting of Signatories (MOS2, Trondheim, October 2015), Signatories reviewed the amendments relating to Table 3 proposed by the TAG, but did not address the draft form for Signatories to propose additional internationally important sites for inclusion in Table 3.
4. The draft form, as it stands, enables Signatories to propose the addition of new sites to Table 3. However, it does not allow Signatories to propose amendments to the information of sites already listed.
5. To address these concerns, the Coordinating Unit has revised the draft form. The result of the revision is presented in Annex I to the present document.

Action requested

6. The TAG is requested to endorse the amendment of the mentioned form as presented in Annex I to this document.

ANNEX I Site Proposal and Amendment Form

1. Paragraph 8.a) of the Raptors MOU [Agreement Text](#) calls for Signatories to endeavour to “identify important habitats, significant routes and congregatory sites for birds of prey occurring within their territory and encourage their protection, and/or appropriate management, assessment, rehabilitation and/or restoration”.
2. Table 3 of the Raptors MOU [Action Plan](#) lists Important Bird Areas that are currently known to be important congregatory bird of prey sites in Africa and Eurasia.
3. The present Site Proposal and Amendment Form is to be used by Signatories for proposing or amending sites under Table 3 of the Raptors MOU Action Plan.
4. Sites proposed for addition to Table 3 should meet criteria for international importance such as those used for identification of Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas¹ or Birds Directive ([Directive 2009/147/EC](#)) Special Protection Areas². Signatories considering proposing sites of national (as opposed to international) importance should do so in their National Raptor Conservation Strategy or contact the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU for advice.
5. Completed forms (including associated maps) should be returned electronically to the Coordinating Unit at: cmsoffice.ae@cms.int.

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¹ <http://datazone.birdlife.org/site/ibacriteria>.

² http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/sites_birds/index_en.htm.

Site(s) proposed for addition to, or amendment of Table 3

Site Name (International) ^a	New Site (N) or Amendment (A) ^b	Site Type(s) ^c	Site Code ^d	Geographic Coordinates ^e	Site Boundary Provided? ^f	Raptors MOU Annex 1 Species ^g for which Site is Important	Season ^h	Supporting Count Data ⁱ	International Criteria Met ^j	Comments/ Reason for Amendment

Explanatory notes

- a) **Site Name (International)** - Indicate the internationally used site name.
- b) **New site or Amendment** - Indicate whether the site is a new proposed site (N) or an amendment to an existing Table 3 site (A).
- c) **Site Type(s)** - Indicate any statutory and non-statutory designations (e.g., National Park, Nature Reserve, Community Management Area, Important Bird Area with international importance for raptors).
- d) **Site Code(s)** - Indicate which sites codes apply, if any. If multiple site types apply, specify which site type relates to which code.
- e) **Geographic Coordinates** - Provide the coordinates of the approximate centre of the site expressed in degrees, minutes, and seconds of latitude and longitude (e.g., in the format: 01°24'15"S 104°16'12"E or 010°30'15"N 084°51'28"W).
- f) **Site Boundary Provided?** - If available, provide site boundary in electronic format (e.g. JPEG), GIS file with attribute table, or scanned hard copy of boundary on map. Specify in this column Y=yes or N=no, and if Y, describe how it has been provided (e.g. e-mailed to Coordination Unit in X form).
- g) **Species listed in Annex 1 of the Raptors MOU for which the site is important** - Provide the list of those species. For multiple species, use a separate row for each, repeating the site name/code in each row.
- h) **Season** - Indicate if each species is breeding/non-breeding/passage/resident at the site. Where, for example, a resident and passage population of the same species is present, repeat the species' name in another row and fill in separate season and count data.
- i) **Supporting Count Data** - Please provide count data (no. of individuals) for Raptors MOU Annex 1 species at the site and date of count.
- j) **International Criteria Met** - Specify which international criteria are met by Raptors MOU Annex 1 species at the site.