

ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC6)

INITIATIVE FOR CENTRAL ASIAN FLYWAY

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14

Recommended for adoption.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- Page 4, paragraph 1 (Annex 1; first preambular paragraph of draft resolution); the term 'Range States' should be capitalized.
- Page 4, Annex 1, draft resolution: In the preamble, it might be helpful to add some background and convey the urgency of the challenges facing species before going on to recognizing these efforts.
- Page 4, operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution: modifying this paragraph is suggested as follows, for clarification:

~~"Agrees that the broad objectives of the Initiative are to enhance the conservation, including protection, restoration and sustainable management of migratory bird populations and their habitats across the CAF, of taxa recognized by CMS and for migratory bird species and populations which are not yet in the focus of existing instruments and which require urgent conservation action across the CAF as well as their habitats including through protection, restoration and sustainable management, and to strengthening coordination and cooperation across the species' ranges in Central Asia, including other frameworks and partnerships, and taking into consideration the needs and livelihoods of local communities, including and research and capacity-building efforts priorities."~~

- Page 5, operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution: a new sub-paragraph a) has been proposed and previous text of a) moved to a new sub-paragraph e):

~~"a) Enhance cooperation and coordination between the Range States in the CAF region in the conservation of CAF species enhance cooperation and promote synergies among the existing CMS and non-CMS instruments and partnerships, such as AEWA, Raptors MOU, AEMLAP, East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)" and~~

[...]

~~"e) enhance cooperation and promote synergies among the existing CMS and non-CMS instruments and partnerships, such as AEWA, Raptors MOU, AEMLAP, East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)"~~

- For the new proposed sub-paragraph e) above: In addition to the CMS instruments and

partnerships, it might be helpful to list the non-CMS ones as well.

- Page 5, operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution:

“Calls upon the Range States to strengthen their transboundary cooperation and provide support to the ICAF, *inter alia* by using other existing international and regional fora and thematic sub-initiatives;”

- Page 6, annex to draft resolution; Terms of Reference for the Central Asian Flyway Initiative under CMS, under subheading ‘Remit’: add ‘CMS’ as follows:

”a) identify, develop and implement a Programme of Work (POW) that includes internationally agreed conservation strategies for globally threatened migratory bird species and threatened populations of migratory birds of the CAF, listed under the different CMS frameworks and instruments;”

“b) ensure that the POW is aligned with existing plans of the other relevant CMS instruments and avoid duplication;”

- Page 6, annex of draft resolution; under subheading ‘Remit’:

“f) develop and increase the capacity of Range States, stakeholders and local communities to conserve and manage, as well as monitor, populations of the migratory bird species and their habitats;”

- Page 6, annex of draft resolution; under subheading ‘Remit’: Deletion of sub-paragraph g) is suggested.

- Page 7, annex of draft resolution; under subheading ‘Remit’: amend as suggested here:

“h) assist in resource mobilization for priority actions, including through cooperation with international financial institutions and public and/or private organizations;”

“i) improve citizen science, education, and awareness on the need to conserve migratory birds and their habitats in the CAF;”

- Page 7, annex of draft resolution; under subheading ‘Membership’: Suggest edits as follows:

“The membership of ICAF will be comprised of representatives of relevant governments and institutions in the field of environment, species management, and research institutions in countries party to the participating MEAs in the CAF Region.”

- Page 7, annex of draft resolution; under subheading ‘Membership’, second sub-paragraph: it might be helpful to list the participating MEAs and frameworks.

- Page 7, annex of draft resolution; under subheading ‘Membership’, third sub-paragraph: spell out ‘EAAFP’.

- Page 7, annex of draft resolution; under subheading ‘Governance’: deletion of the following is suggested:

”Decision making will be done by seeking consensus, as much as possible, among the group.”

- Page 7, annex of draft resolution, under subheading ‘Operation’: Using the term ‘coordination unit’ instead of ‘Secretariat’ may help to prevent confusion.