



# CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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MEETING TO IDENTIFY AND ELABORATE AN  
OPTION FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
ON AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY RAPTORS  
UNDER THE CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES  
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## TAXONOMIC SCOPE: PROPOSED LIST OF SPECIES

1. Article 1a of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) defines such species as follows:

- “a) "Migratory species" means the entire population or any geographically separate part of the population of any species or lower taxon of wild animals, a significant proportion of whose members cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries;”

This definition has been used as the basis for the initial selection of species listed in Table 1 of UNEP/CMS/AERAP-IGM1/8 which has been drawn from UNEP/CMS/AERAP-IGM1/Inf/8: *Status Report on Raptors in the African-Eurasian Region*.

2. The list of proposed species has been restricted to those defined as “True Migrants” and listed in the Global Register of Migratory Species (GROMS) database<sup>1</sup>. These include partial migrants (species in which only part of the population migrates, with the rest remaining in the breeding areas) but excludes those listed as “nomadising” or “range extensions” (see Annex 2 of UNEP/CMS/AERAP-IGM1/Inf/8: *Status Report on Raptors in the African-Eurasian Region*). It also excludes species that technically meet the CMS migratory species definition because they regularly cross one or more national boundaries, but are short-distance migrants, travelling less than 100 km.

3. The species selected include a sufficient number and diversity of raptors, including owls, and range of coverage that the additional listing of short-distance (“technical”) migrants seems to add little additional conservation benefit, as many short-distance migrants would benefit from actions proposed for other migratory raptors. Nevertheless, it is expected that this assumption would be investigated further if a CMS raptor instrument is eventually brought into force.

<sup>1</sup> [www.groms.de](http://www.groms.de)

4. It should also be recognised that our knowledge of the migratory status of many African and Asian raptors is incomplete, and many species that are currently listed by GROMS as non-migratory may, with better knowledge in the future, turn out to be at least partial migrants. The migratory status of African and Asian raptors should therefore also be subject to further investigation if a CMS raptor instrument is developed and implemented.

5. The status of four species (*Aquila rapax* Tawny Eagle; *Falco pelegrinoides* Barbary Falcon; *Milvus lineatus* Black-eared Kite; *Asio flammeus* Short-eared Owl) not listed as migratory in GROMS, but listed as migratory by Birdlife International's World Bird DataBase is further elaborated in Annex 2 of UNEP/CMS/AERAP-IGM1/Inf/8: *Status Report on Raptors in the African-Eurasian Region*.

6. Following the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) the scope of the draft Action Plan extends to include (within the geographical extent of the proposed instrument) the *whole* of the population of the species concerned. Whilst some raptors species show differing migratory behaviour in different parts of their range (typically exhibiting migratory behaviour in more northerly parts of Eurasia, in comparison to more southerly breeding areas which do not freeze during the winter and where birds can be either sedentary or show more restricted movements), the geographical extent of such changing migratory behaviour is complex and often poorly understood.

7. The approach of the inclusion of the whole of the population of the species concerned follows Article 1a of CMS.

### *List of African-Eurasian Migratory Raptors*

<i>Falco naumanni</i>	Lesser Kestrel
<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common Kestrel
<i>Falco alopex</i>	Fox Kestrel
<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	Red-footed Falcon
<i>Falco amurensis</i>	Amur Falcon
<i>Falco eleonora</i>	Eleonora's Falcon
<i>Falco concolor</i>	Sooty Falcon
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Merlin
<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Eurasian Hobby
<i>Falco severus</i>	Oriental Hobby
<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Lanner Falcon
<i>Falco cherrug</i>	Saker Falcon
<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Gyr Falcon
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon
<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>	Barbary Falcon
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Osprey
<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>	African Baza
<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>	Jerdon's Baza
<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>	Black Baza
<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	European Honey-buzzard
<i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i>	Oriental Honey-buzzard
<i>Chelictinia riocourii</i>	African Swallow-tailed Kite
<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Red Kite
<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Black Kite
<i>Milvus lineatus</i>	Black-eared Kite
<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>	Pallas's Fish-eagle
<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	White-tailed Eagle
<i>Haliaeetus pelagicus</i>	Steller's Sea-eagle
<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	Egyptian Vulture
<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	Griffon Vulture
<i>Aegyptius monachus</i>	Cinereous Vulture
<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	Short-toed Snake-eagle

<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Western Marsh-harrier
<i>Circus spilonotus</i>	Eastern Marsh-harrier
<i>Circus maurus</i>	Black Harrier
<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Northern Harrier
<i>Circus macrourus</i>	Pallid Harrier
<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>	Pied Harrier
<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Montagu's Harrier
<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Shikra
<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>	Levant Sparrowhawk
<i>Accipiter soloensis</i>	Chinese Goshawk
<i>Accipiter gularis</i>	Japanese Sparrowhawk
<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>	Besra
<i>Accipiter ovampensis</i>	Ovampo Sparrowhawk
<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Eurasian Sparrowhawk
<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Northern Goshawk
<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>	Grasshopper Buzzard
<i>Butastur indicus</i>	Grey-faced Buzzard
<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Common Buzzard
<i>Buteo oreophilus</i>	Mountain Buzzard
<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	Long-legged Buzzard
<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>	Upland Buzzard
<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	Rough-legged Hawk
<i>Buteo auguralis</i>	Red-necked Buzzard
<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	Lesser Spotted Eagle
<i>Aquila clanga</i>	Greater Spotted Eagle
<i>Aquila rapax</i>	Tawny Eagle
<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Steppe Eagle
<i>Aquila adalberti</i>	Spanish Imperial Eagle
<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	Eastern Imperial Eagle
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Golden Eagle
<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>	Wahlberg's Eagle
<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Booted Eagle

<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>	Mountain Hawk-eagle
<i>Otus brucei</i>	Pallid Scops-owl
<i>Otus scops</i>	Common Scops-owl
<i>Otus sunia</i>	Oriental Scops-owl
<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>	Snowy Owl
<i>Strix uralensis</i>	Ural Owl
<i>Strix nebulosa</i>	Great Grey Owl
<i>Surnia ulula</i>	Northern Hawk Owl
<i>Aegolius funereus</i>	Boreal Owl
<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	Brown Hawk-owl
<i>Asio otus</i>	Long-eared Owl
<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Short-eared Owl

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