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THE AQUATIC WARBLER (*Acrocephalus paludicola*)
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Agenda Item 3.0

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Wednesday 20 May	Day 1: Third Meeting of Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Aquatic Warbler		
Afternoon 15.00-18.00	Agenda items 1.0 – 6.0		
	1.0 Welcoming remarks		Representatives from the host country authorities and the Secretariat will welcome participants and make some introductory remarks.
	2.0 Election of meeting officers		The meeting will be invited to elect a Chairman from among the representatives of the Signatories in attendance. It is proposed that all decisions at the meeting be taken by consensus. Expected outcome: Chairman elected and agreement on rules of procedure.
	3.0 Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule	UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.1 UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.3	The meeting will be invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Expected outcome: Agreement on the agenda and schedule for the meeting.
	4.0 Opening statements		It is not envisaged to have presentations of national activities at this stage of the meeting, however delegates may wish to make brief opening statements (no more than 2-3 minutes) to indicate any support or assistance (financial or in-kind) their country has provided or intends to provide towards the MoU's implementation. A representative from the preceding Aquatic Warbler Life Project

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			Final Conference will be invited to make a short summary of the Symposium's outcomes (no more than 5-10 minutes) most relevant to the MoU meeting.
	5.0 Report of the Secretariat	UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.5	<p>The meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's report concerning the status of signatures and coordination of the MoU. Representatives of non-Signatories eligible to sign the MoU will be invited to inform the meeting of their Government's intentions for signature of the MoU. The meeting may wish to consider ways and means to increase membership in the MoU.</p> <p>Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat's report and the information provided by observers representing non-Signatories; guidance provided on how to increase MoU membership.</p>
	5.3 Future MoU coordination	UNEP/CMS/AW-3/ Doc.5	<p>The Secretariat will introduce this agenda item, including a proposal to extend existing arrangements for MoU Coordination. The meeting will be invited to consider the MoU Coordination issue generally and determine whether the continuation of the BirdLife/CMS International Aquatic Warbler Conservation Officer is a desirable option that the Secretariat should pursue. Signatories will be invited to consider the financial aspects of coordination and provide guidance on possible options for financing.</p> <p>Expected outcome: General consideration of the MoU coordination issue; guidance provided and options identified on the particular issue of outsourcing MoU coordination activities, including financial considerations.</p>
	6.0 Review of MoU and Action Plan Implementation		
	6.1 Aquatic Warbler conservation status within the agreement area	UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.6 UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.6.1 UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.6.2 UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.6.3 UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.6.4	AWCO will introduce the report addressing the Aquatic Warbler's conservation status within the agreement area. After this, comments from the individual Signatories and the signing organisations will be invited. Conclusions will be drawn. The meeting may then wish to briefly consider the conservation status of the Aquatic Warbler outside of the agreement area and invite interventions from observer non-Signatories and signing organisations. This information may be relevant to discussions on expanding the geographical scope of the

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			<p>MoU under agenda item 7.1.</p> <p>Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of AWCO's report and provides additional information as well as guidance on how it could be improved if necessary; information shared on the conservation status of the Aquatic Warbler within the agreement area; possible additional information shared on the Aquatic Warbler's conservation status outside of the agreement area.</p>
	6.2 Status of implementation	<p>UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.6 UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.6.1 UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.6.2 UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.6.3 UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.6.4</p>	<p>AWCO will provide a brief summary on the status of implementation drawing conclusions as necessary. Signatories will then be invited to share additional information on their implementation of the MoU and Action Plan and any problems/gaps in their implementation. Signatories will provide guidance as to the need for additional tools to measure the MoU and Action Plan's effectiveness in achieving desirable conservation and management outcomes for the Aquatic Warbler.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of MoU and Action Plan implementation within the agreement area and at national levels; confirmation that activities are underway nationally and implementation gaps identified by country and possible means to fill gaps identified. Guidance given as to the need for additional tools to measure the effectiveness of the MoU and Action Plan.</p>
Thursday 21 May	Day 2		
Morning 09.00-13.00	Agenda items 7.0-8.0		
	7.0 Proposed amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding and its associated Action Plan	UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.7	
	7.1 Extension of the geographic scope of the MoU	UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.7.1	<p>The Secretariat will introduce a proposal to extend the geographic scope of the MoU to cover new range states. Signatories will be invited to endorse the proposed extension of the geographic scope by consensus.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Decision on the extension of the geographic</p>

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			coverage of the MoU
	7.2 Discussion and adoption of an updated International Species Action Plan for the Aquatic Warbler as part of the MoU	UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.7 UNEP/CMS/AW-3/Doc.7.1	AWCO will introduce this agenda item and will give a brief presentation of the new Action Plan, focusing on the main changes with respect to the Action Plan adopted in 2010. The meeting will be invited to examine the new Action Plan and consider any possible additional amendment Signatories will be invited to adopt the revised Action Plan by consensus Expected outcome: Decision on the adoption of the revised International Species Action Plan for the Aquatic Warbler
	8.0 Future implementation and further development of the MoU and Action Plan		
	8.1 National report format		The Secretariat will introduce a proposed new template for the submission of national reports. The meeting will be invited to provide comments on the proposed new format as well as to consider generally the national reporting issue. Expected outcome: Endorsement of the new national report format; identification and consideration of possible other reporting issues.
	8.3 Priority projects for funding		The Secretariat will introduce this agenda item. The meeting will be invited to consider priority projects to support the MoU's implementation that could form the basis for an international fundraising initiative. Expected outcome: Priority projects agreed.
Afternoon 14.00-18.00	Agenda items 8 to 12		
	8.3 Potential synergies with the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan		The Secretariat will introduce this item and will make a presentation about the Action Plan. Expected outcome: Synergies between the Aquatic Warbler MoU

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			and Landbirds Action Plan explored to see how best both instruments can complement each other.
	9.0 Next meeting of the Signatories		<p>The meeting will be invited to consider when the next meeting of the Signatories should take place.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Tentative date set for the next meeting of the Signatories and any invitations to host the next meeting considered; general financial considerations reviewed.</p>
	10.0 Signing ceremony		The MoU will be opened for signature to any authorised official representing their Ministry or another competent authority from an eligible Range State.
	11.0 Any other business		The meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items.
	12.0 Closure of the meeting		