

WOW - new training kit launched for wetland bird conservation

Title The Wings Over Wetlands (WOW) project - the largest international wetland and waterbird conservation initiative to take place in the African-Eurasian region - is launching an innovative Flyway Training Kit for waterbird conservation at a side event presentation on the fringes of the fourteenth meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity's Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-14) at the UNEP Premises in Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. George Owiti from the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Training Institute will also officially present the very first copies of the Flyway Training Kit to the representatives of The GEF (Global Environment Facility), the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and to the Secretariat of the UNEP-administered African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), who have all invested significant resources into the WOW project and to the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their critical habitats. One of two innovative conservation tools being launched this year by the WOW project, the Flyway Training Kit is designed to build capacity to plan, implement, monitor and engage in effective flyway-scale conservation of migratory waterbirds and wetland habitats in Africa and Eurasia. The result of a broad collaborative effort among many donors, partners and training institutes across the African-Eurasian region, the Flyway Training Kit will be available in English, French, Arabic and Russian. The package includes three modules with example-rich text, case studies and exercises, presented in a flexible ring-bound format and supported by a comprehensive set of PowerPoint presentations, as well as accompanying CDs with a range of supporting material. The kit is designed to assist in targeted trainings that can be customized by topic as they relate to flyway conservation, wetland management and migratory waterbird conservation. The new Flyway Training Kit is a one-of-a-kind resource in flyway-scale conservation and represents an important step towards meeting core strategic objectives of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and AEWA. To read more, please [click here](#).