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### Sidamo Lark secrets unlocked

Little-known Sidamo Lark (*Heteromirafr sidamoensis*), a small short-billed lark endemic to Ethiopia, has had more light shed on its secretive lifestyle. The Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society (EWNHS, BirdLife in Ethiopia) participated in the Sidamo Lark search in Negelle plain from 8 – 14 June 2007. The search was conducted by a team comprised of Claire Spottiswoode, Nigel Collar, Mengistu Wondafrash and Yilma Dellelegn from Cambridge University, BirdLife International, EWNHS and Private Consultant respectively.



**The team not only saw adult birds, but more importantly, they saw a nest and eggs – the first time this has been recorded in three decades of search efforts. The search provided new information relevant for the future conservation of the bird.**

For more details, contact Mengistu Wondafrash at [m.wondafrash@ewnhs.org.et](mailto:m.wondafrash@ewnhs.org.et)

### Message from the CAP chair

*Dear BirdLife Africa Partnership Members,*

I trust that this message finds everyone in the Partnership very well. While the memory of your attendance of CAP in Addis Ababa last year is still fresh in our minds, we will be convening another CAP meeting very soon in October 2007 in Nairobi. It is envisaged that you are all toiling in fundraising processes to materialize the participation of key staff members of your respective organizations in this CAP meeting, so they can internalize the working norms of the BirdLife Partnership, a process which can assist in cultivating potential vanguards who can promote the overall mission of the Partnership.

It is not very difficult to imagine that all of us are longing to link up once again to reflect on the achievements in meeting the objectives we set in previous years. Whilst it will be interesting to hear from all of you how things progressed in the last one year and how much effort you have exerted into the process, I wish to remind all of us to come to the meeting with a sense of commitment and contemplation to interact with and try to learn as much as we can from colleagues and to share our experiences with Partners who seek our assistance.

I will take this opportunity to encourage you to participate in all sessions of the forthcoming CAP meeting and think critically about innovative ways of doing things that can be taken on board in our future endeavors. Moreover, I will be counting on you that you will come to Nairobi committed, open-minded and considerate to devote the whole of your time, experiences, expertise and skills to the Partnership meeting.

Hoping that we shall have a very inspiring and successful meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe trip to and a soft landing in Nairobi.

*Mengistu Wondafrash, Chair of CAP  
(Council for the Africa Partnership)*

### CONTRIBUTION OF ARTICLES

We welcome contributions to the e-bulletin from the BirdLife Africa network about bird species, sites, habitats and people. We would also be happy to know about conservation-related events at global, regional, national levels being organized within the network. Please send your contributions or comments to: [antoinette.otieno@birdlife.or.ke](mailto:antoinette.otieno@birdlife.or.ke).

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## REGIONAL INITIATIVES

### New project kick-off workshop



In July 2007, an inaugural workshop was held for the four-year project on “Instituting effective monitoring of

Protected Areas (Important Bird Areas) as a contribution to reducing the rate of biodiversity loss in Africa”. This project, as announced in the previous e-bulletin, is funded by the European Commission through the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB, BirdLife in the UK). Participants for the workshop were drawn from the RSPB, the BirdLife Africa Partnership Secretariat and the eight implementing BirdLife NGOs in Africa.



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The workshop was held at the ICIPE Campus in Nairobi, Kenya from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2007. The workshop was very participatory and engaging. It was a platform to share and exchange knowledge and experiences as well as to gain an insight into the expectations of the project which officially commenced on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2007. Among other objectives, the workshop reviewed and adopted management procedures (technical, financial, communication and reporting). A road map for the project was developed to guide participants on how the project fits in with the national and international strategies towards meeting CBD obligations, especially the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas. The workshop underscored the importance of forging and strengthening strategic alliances to ensure accomplishment of mutual objectives in conservation and monitoring of Protected Areas.

For more information, please contact the Regional Project Manager in Nairobi, [thandiwe.chikomo@birdlife.or.ke](mailto:thandiwe.chikomo@birdlife.or.ke)

### Albatross news

BirdLife played a key role at a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) in June 2007. It received thanks for its work on several issues, including in the drafting of species assessments for four albatross species, two of which, Shy and Indian Yellow-nosed, occur regularly in the waters off Southern Africa. BirdLife tabled information papers on the subject of IBAs, albatrosses and petrels, and contributed significantly on the subject of seabird by-catch, including on the process of improving guidelines on best practice for long-line fishing vessels. Noteworthy in this respect is the intention of the international community to assist capacity building in several countries, including in Mozambique and Madagascar.

Of further interest to BirdLife Africa Partners will be the fact that South Africa, an active Party to ACAP, promoted engagement with Namibia and Angola, which BirdLife certainly supports. South Africa is also leading (with New Zealand and BirdLife) the development and use of indicators to measure the success of ACAP.

The conservation of albatrosses worldwide remains a key concern of BirdLife. Much remains to be done, and BirdLife is working hard to miss no opportunity to be involved, and to be of influence.

See also [www.savethealbatross.net/](http://www.savethealbatross.net/)

As part of the campaign, BirdLife International keeps releasing ‘web alerts’ about seabirds and particularly about albatrosses, including:

May 2007: 34,000 seabirds killed annually in Africa’s Benguela Current  
[www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/05/seabirds\\_south\\_africa.html](http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/05/seabirds_south_africa.html)

June 2007: Investment in albatross conservation crucial in tackling new trawling threats  
[www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/06/albatross\\_investment.html](http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/06/albatross_investment.html)

September 2007: Urgent call to action follows New Zealand albatross deaths  
[www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/09/chatham\\_albatross\\_slaughter.html](http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/09/chatham_albatross_slaughter.html)

### Montagu's Harriers link Africa and Europe: follow their progress!

Are Montagu's Harriers *Circus pygargus* African birds that breed in Europe or European birds that winter in Africa? Who knows? And does it matter? Fact is that people in Africa *and* in Europe like to see migratory birds come back each year, even if they often don't know where those birds have been.



Male Montagu's Harrier in Niger; Photo Hans Hut, [fotohut@planet.nl](mailto:fotohut@planet.nl)

Due to the European Union's policy for paying farmers to leave their fields fallow, and to the huge efforts by farmers and volunteers in the province of Groningen, the Netherlands, Montagu's Harriers have made a very impressive come-back in the Netherlands: from 3 breeding pairs in 1990 to 47 pairs in 2007, almost all in Groningen.

In order to check where those birds go in winter, two females were fitted with satellite transmitters in 2005. One of them, called Marion, flew via Italy to Niger. As a result, a joint Dutch-Nigerien expedition was mounted in January 2006 to see where Montagu's Harriers may be found in Niger, what their ecological and dietary requirements are, and what dangers they may face.

Preliminary conclusions are that Montagu's Harriers eat a lot of grasshoppers, as opposed to locusts, while they are in Africa; that they prefer habitat with quite a few bushes that the large grasshoppers feed on; and that they run risks because of land clearing and because many people think "all larger raptors eat chickens and are therefore a pest". Marion was in fact killed by a chicken farmer when she reached Nigeria.

This issue was investigated in collaboration with the Minister of Agriculture of Sokoto State, Nigeria. Subsequently, the Minister, on television, urged his countrymen not to kill these birds, because:

1. they are useful for farmers because they eat grasshoppers;
2. they are birds that are being used in research;
3. they are a shared heritage and a shared responsibility of Europe and Africa.

These points are being used in research and conservation programmes, in the Sahel and in Europe. New transmitter-fitted Montagu's Harriers from the Netherlands, Germany, Poland and Belarus can be followed on [www.grauwekiekendief.nl](http://www.grauwekiekendief.nl) (weekly updates). Currently, Niger hosts one juvenile Harrier from the Netherlands (Ingrid), two females from Poland (Halina en Grazyna), and one female from Belarus (Dzima).



Female Harrier being equipped with a transmitter; Photo Hans Hut, [fotohut@planet.nl](mailto:fotohut@planet.nl)

The third annual joint expedition to Niger is planned for January 2008.

More information on Harrier migration research can be obtained from Joost Brouwer at [BrouwerEAC@wanadoo.nl](mailto:BrouwerEAC@wanadoo.nl)

#### NEWS

More birds than ever face extinction – but success stories highlight way forward  
[www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/09/iucn\\_red\\_list\\_2007.html](http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/09/iucn_red_list_2007.html)

## DATA ZONE

### An exciting new resource for Partners: The important Bird Area (IBA) Toolbox!

Also known as *A Strategy for IBA Conservation*, the IBA Toolbox is a new resource for use by BirdLife Partners (and Secretariat staff), giving useful information on all aspects of IBA work including: IBA identification, IBA monitoring, planning at IBAs, resourcing, IBA branding and important information on how to raise capacity at IBAs – plus lots else.

The IBA Toolbox also features free downloadable PDFs, contributed by the Partnership, including reports, guidelines, brochures, leaflets and posters.

It is hoped that it will become a crucial resource for the Partnership, and that it will grow in depth, size and usability as the IBA Programme continues to expand.

You can find the IBA Toolbox on the BirdLife Extranet: [www.birdlife.net](http://www.birdlife.net). If you are a BirdLife Partner but not a member yet, please register directly on [www.birdlife.net](http://www.birdlife.net) or contact [ian.fisher@birdlife.org](mailto:ian.fisher@birdlife.org)

### Key websites of interest in conservation and livelihoods linkages issues

This article provides links to ten external websites on poverty-environment (and biodiversity) linkages relevant to BirdLife International's work. All sites have been checked for their usefulness, reliability, user-friendliness and currency. Additionally, the BirdLife Site Action Unit is compiling a more detailed list of web links on poverty-environment linkages that will be made available on the BirdLife extranet. *With many thanks to Abisha Mapende.*

1. **Poverty Environment Net (PEN)** - The leading index of poverty-environment knowledge and resources. The website collects and shares knowledge and experiences on poverty-environment linkages, lessons learned and good practices in responding to poverty-environment challenges. [www.povertyenvironment.net](http://www.povertyenvironment.net)
2. **Eldis** - An information service provided by the Institute of Development Studies, UK. The main aim of this portal is to share the best in development (including environmental) policy, practice and research. [www.eldis.org](http://www.eldis.org)
3. **Policy Powertools** - a website hosted by IIED that introduces a range of "how-to" ideas that marginalised people and their allies can use to have a greater positive influence on natural resources policy. [www.policy-powertools.org](http://www.policy-powertools.org)
4. **Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG)** – PCLG aims to facilitate learning on conservation-poverty linkages between and within different communities of interest. [www.povertyandconservation.info/](http://www.povertyandconservation.info/)
5. **ODI Natural Resource Perspectives (NRP)** - Produced by the Overseas Development Institute, NRI papers present accessible information on current development issues. [www.odi.org.uk/nrp/index.html](http://www.odi.org.uk/nrp/index.html)
6. **Id21** - This portal communicates UK-sourced international development research to policymakers and practitioners worldwide. The site provides summaries and useful themed newsletters and is particularly suitable if you need reliable information on developing countries, up-to-date research on international development issues and researchers' contact details. [www.id21.org/](http://www.id21.org/)
7. **FRAMEweb** - An online portal for the natural resources management community. This website is part of the FRAME program, a USAID-funded program to build knowledge-sharing networks of natural resource management professionals and to help NRM practitioners and decision-makers to access and use the existing body of knowledge on successful NRM experiences. Available in English, French and Spanish. [www.frameweb.org/](http://www.frameweb.org/)
8. **IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) website** - An inter-disciplinary network of professionals whose mission is to act as a source of advice on the environmental, economic, social and cultural factors that affect natural resources and biological diversity and to provide guidance and support towards effective policies and practices in environmental conservation and sustainable development. [www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/](http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/)
9. **CBNRM Net (The Community-Based Natural Resource Management Network)** - A web portal for information and resources on community-based natural resource management. [www.cbnrm.net](http://www.cbnrm.net)
10. **Participatory Learning Action Website** - Provides a forum for all those engaged in participatory work - community workers, activists and researchers - to share their experiences, conceptual reflections and methodological innovations with others. [www.iied.org/NR/agbioliv/pla\\_notes/index.html](http://www.iied.org/NR/agbioliv/pla_notes/index.html)

## NEWS FROM THE NETWORK

### Ghana

#### IBA Monitoring Training Workshop

The expertise necessary to monitor the State, Pressure and Response of Important Bird Areas (IBAs) was taken to the grassroots communities around the Mount Afadjato IBA in the Volta Region of Ghana. During a three-day workshop organised by the Ghana Wildlife Society (GWS, BirdLife in Ghana) with technical support from the BirdLife International West African Sub-Regional Office, fifteen participants were trained in how to use the BirdLife "Global Framework for the Monitoring of Important Bird Areas". The training was aimed at developing local capacity to support efforts towards achieving the BirdLife target of "basic IBA monitoring taking place at 90% of African IBAs in countries with BirdLife representation by 2008". The workshop participants were drawn from members of local Site Support Groups (Afadjato and Amansuri), a neighbouring tourist site (Wli Falls; the tallest waterfall in West Africa) and from Protected Area staff of the Ghana Wildlife Division.



*Assessing State, Pressure and Response*

The participants from the different sites were asked to begin immediate monitoring at their sites and to dispatch the monitoring forms to the national BirdLife Partner, GWS. It is intended that monitoring information gathered will be useful in updating the BirdLife World Biodiversity Database (WBDB), and it is hoped that this will facilitate the production of an updated regional IBA directory scheduled for 2008.

For more details, please contact [samuel.osinubi@birdlife.or.ke](mailto:samuel.osinubi@birdlife.or.ke)

### Liberia

#### Birding in Liberia

The Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia (SCNL), established in 1986, is the oldest local conservation non-governmental and non-profit organization in Liberia. For the past twenty years, SCNL has worked to promote the sustainable management of biological diversity in Liberia. In line with SCNL's focus to conserve biodiversity, it has embarked on a birdwatching programme and membership drive.



*Participants during the maiden bird walk*

The main objectives of the birdwatching and membership programme are to promote nature conservation through environment-friendly activities, to raise awareness on the importance and the wise use of natural resources, to cultivate interest in the conservation and protection of birds and other vulnerable species and as a source of income generation for core staff support.

The programme was officially launched in May 2007 at the Terravilla Botanical Gardens just outside Monrovia. The chief launcher was Mr. Webby Bwanalia, head of the Environment and Natural Resource Unit of the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL).

Participants included representatives from UNMIL, governmental agencies and ministries, local and international NGOs, embassy, academic institutions and electronic media.

For more information, contact Flomo Molubah at [scnlib2001@yahoo.com](mailto:scnlib2001@yahoo.com)

## UPDATES ON BIRDLIFE CAMPAIGNS

### E-bulletin nr. 10, October-December 2006: La Mercy IBA, South Africa

#### Threat

A new international airport in South Africa to be constructed whose flight path of incoming and outgoing aircrafts would be in direct conflict with up to 3 million Barn Swallows *Hirundo rustica* roosting in a reed bed at the nearby La Mercy IBA.

#### Response

In response to reports in the press by the Government and the Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA) that the project was going to go ahead, before completion of the environmental impact assessment, BirdLife South Africa (BirdLife in South Africa) launched a media campaign to highlight the plight of the swallows. This included a live interview on the BBC4 "Today" programme in the United Kingdom.

The BirdLife media campaign attracted a lot of attention, particularly in Europe, and many objections were sent to BirdLife South Africa for forwarding to the Minister of Environmental Affairs.

As a result of the campaign the ACSA, and the environmental consultants, invited BirdLife South Africa to meet with them to discuss the Barn Swallow issue. In these meetings it was decided that measurements of the swallow flight paths, altitudes, number of birds and the times that the birds entered and left the roost would be needed. To this end, an American company, Detect Inc, were contracted to do these measurements using sophisticated bird detection radar.

These measurements have indicated that there will be a very low risk of bird strikes in the form of Barn Swallows and that the swallow roost and the airport could co-exist. A Barn Swallow expert in Europe also advised that the birds would still use the roost despite the high level of disturbance from aircraft.

BirdLife have been invited to serve on a committee to monitor the whole construction process from start to finish, and there is a strong possibility that land surrounding the airport will be rehabilitated as a wildlife sanctuary.

For more information, contact Neil Smith at [conservation@birdlife.org.za](mailto:conservation@birdlife.org.za)

Background picture: *Lesser Flamingo*

Photo *Graham McCulloch*

### E-bulletin nr. 11, January-March 2007: Mabira IBA, Uganda

#### Threat

De-gazettement of Mabira Forest Reserve IBA for conversion into a sugar cane plantation.

#### Response

*Nature* Uganda (BirdLife in Uganda) organized a 9-month campaign of public talks, news releases and lobbying of MPs. Additionally, a report financed by the RSPB entitled "The cost of converting Mabira Forest Reserve into sugarcane production" has been warmly welcomed by some Ugandan government officials. It calculated that the 7,100ha of forest the Sugar Company of Uganda Limited (SCOUL) wants is worth \$43m. A similar area could be leased from private owners for only \$29.3m. The Executive Director of the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has given assurances that thanks to this new information Mabira will not be de-gazetted.

However, a lingering concern is that for fear of adverse public and international reaction to a possible de-gazettement, the government will delay taking a decision on Mabira until after the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Kampala in November.

For more information, contact [achilles.byaruhanga@natureuganda.org](mailto:achilles.byaruhanga@natureuganda.org)

### E-bulletin nr 12, April-June 2007: Lake Natron IBA, Tanzania / Kenya

#### Threat

The Tanzanian government seems set to go ahead with establishing a TATA soda ash plant at Lake Natron in northern Tanzania, whatever the forthcoming EIA recommends.

#### Response

BirdLife has officially written to TATA to highlight the potential threats to the only East African breeding colony of Near Threatened Lesser Flamingos *Phoeniconaias minor*. These include: construction of the extraction and power plants; noise, light and chemical pollution from their operation; human disturbance from increased settlement; attraction of avian and terrestrial predators; and alteration of the lake's ecology.

A coalition of East African conservation organisations (including the BirdLife Africa Partnership Secretariat and Partners in Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Djibouti), called the Lake Natron Consultative Group, has been formed.

Please ACT NOW and sign the petition against the development at [www.tempoweb.com/yfc](http://www.tempoweb.com/yfc)

Contact Ken Mwathe at [lakenatron@acc.or.ke](mailto:lakenatron@acc.or.ke) and/or [jane.gaithuma@birdlife.or.ke](mailto:jane.gaithuma@birdlife.or.ke)

**MORE NEWS FROM THE NETWORK****Uganda****State of Uganda's biodiversity**

A report which provides detailed information about the state of Uganda's biodiversity for 2006, has recently been released. This report uses indices calculated in a similar way to those used by the Living Planet Report, which is produced by WWF International (Loh *et al*, 2005) every two years. The LPI, first published in 1997 (Loh *et al*, 1998) is freely available on the internet at [www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/ioz](http://www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/ioz).

Using 72 data sets from a wide range of plants and animals, as well as information on species numbers and the extent of wetlands and forests, a series of indices show that Uganda's rate of biodiversity loss has been reversed in recent years. However, this is not the time for complacency since forests, wetlands and savannas are all under increasing threat.

The report indicates decreasing trends in populations of a number of bird groups, such as vultures in national parks and the Grey crowned Cranes (*Balearica regulorum*). These species are wide ranging and their populations probably reflect the situation in Uganda as a whole. However some local populations such as the scavengers in Kampala are doing very well.

It is often said that natural resources – which to a large extent means water, soil and their living components – are the basis of Uganda's economy, and that development needs to be sustainable. To achieve this, the recent reversal of the long-term trends of biodiversity loss needs to become permanent.

The detailed report can be accessed at or downloaded from [http://natureuganda.org/newsletters/state\\_of\\_biodiversity\\_uganda\\_2006.pdf](http://natureuganda.org/newsletters/state_of_biodiversity_uganda_2006.pdf). Other *State of Uganda's Biodiversity* reports, including that of 2006 can be obtained from the National Biodiversity Data Bank (NBDB) at Makerere University Institute of Environment and Natural Resources (MUIENR).

For more information, see [www.natureuganda.org](http://www.natureuganda.org) or contact [achilles.byaruhanga@natureuganda.org](mailto:achilles.byaruhanga@natureuganda.org)

**FUNDING and CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES****Calling future conservationists...**

[www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/09/future\\_conservationists.html](http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2007/09/future_conservationists.html)

**Belgium, Royal Museum for Central Africa**

**Deadline: 17 December 2007**

The Royal Museum for Central Africa (RMCA) from Belgium has launched a new call for scholarships for scientific study visits on biodiversity in African Zoology and Wood Biology. The programme targets African scientists and doctoral students.

Scholarships are awarded for research projects that fit the development cooperation obligations following the Convention on Biological Diversity, involving RMCA collections and/or staff experience and contributing to identification, conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

For more information and guidelines, visit [www.africamuseum.be/research/cooperation](http://www.africamuseum.be/research/cooperation)

**For more fundraising resources: see**

[www.resource-alliance.org/resources/recommended\\_reading/default.asp](http://www.resource-alliance.org/resources/recommended_reading/default.asp)

**UK: The International Association for the Study of the Commons 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Global Conference (July 2008)**

**Deadline: 30 October, 2007**

The emphasis of the conference is the exchange of knowledge on shared resources or 'commons': between developing and developed world, between practitioners and researchers, and between old and 'new' commons. All individuals interested in the study of the commons are invited to submit abstracts for presentation of papers or posters on any aspect of the conference themes (see website), for symposia, or workshop discussion sessions focused on specific issues. Papers may address theory, policy, practical work, empirical research, or describe cases studies.

See for more information the IASC website [www.iascp.org/iasc08/iasc08.html](http://www.iascp.org/iasc08/iasc08.html)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**15-19 OCTOBER 2007: BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE AFRICA PARTNERSHIP MEETING CAP-10 and BirdLife Global Council Meeting**  
**Theme: "Conservation for sustainable development"**  
Nairobi, Kenya.  
Contact [hazell.thompson@birdlife.or.ke](mailto:hazell.thompson@birdlife.or.ke)

**22-26 October 2007: 5<sup>th</sup> Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA)**  
Durban, South Africa.  
Contact [secretary@wiomsa.org](mailto:secretary@wiomsa.org) or visit [www.wiomsa.org](http://www.wiomsa.org)

**3 - 6 December 2007: 6th TAWIRI Scientific Conference: "Consequences of global Environmental changes to natural ecosystems"**  
Arusha, Tanzania.  
Organized by Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI).  
Register through [conference@tawiri.org](mailto:conference@tawiri.org) or visit [www.tawiri.org](http://www.tawiri.org)

**3 - 14 December 2007: UNFCCC COP-13 and COP/MOP-3 (Kyoto Protocol)**  
Bali, Indonesia.  
Contact UNFCCC at [secretariat@unfccc.int](mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int)

**19 - 30 May 2008: CBD COP-9**  
Bonn, Germany.  
Contact the [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int)

**7-12 September 2008: PAOC-12 "Birds and People - Interaction, Utilisation and Conservation"**  
South Africa.  
Contact [Doug.Harebottle@uct.ac.za](mailto:Doug.Harebottle@uct.ac.za)

**22-27 SEPTEMBER 2008**

**BirdLife International World Conference**

Buenos Aires, Argentina

**5-14 October 2008: IUCN World Conservation Congress**  
Barcelona, Spain.  
Contact [www.iucn.org](http://www.iucn.org)

**28 October - 4 November 2008: Ramsar COP-10**  
Changwon, Gyeongnam, Republic of Korea.  
Contact [ramsar@ramsar.org](mailto:ramsar@ramsar.org)

**9-21 November 2008: CMS COP-9**  
Rome, Italy.  
Contact [secretariat@cms.int](mailto:secretariat@cms.int)

**23 - 27 November 2008 (tentative): AEWAMOP-4**  
Antananarivo, Madagascar.  
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*The e-bulletin editorial committee wishes to thank Maaïke Manten for being the chief editor of the e-bulletin for the last ten editions. From here on, her task will be taken over by Julius Arinaitwe. Welcome, Julius!*

**The next e-bulletin will come out in December 2007**

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**Please share your stories about how you address this topical issue with the rest of the Africa Partnership (and beyond)**

**and send them to:**  
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