

# BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL AFRICA PARTNERSHIP

BirdLife International is a global Partnership of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) striving to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards the sustainable use of natural resources. Currently, the Partnership works in more than 112 countries through 114 national grassroot conservation NGOs. In Africa, the BirdLife Africa Partnership is a growing network of 23 such organisations plus one Country Programme, covering 24 countries, with a combined total of more than 300 staff and 30,000 members. Partners are involved in research, conservation action, environmental education and sustainable development through a broad agenda focusing on birds, other fauna and flora, and socio-economic issues such as poverty alleviation.

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The BirdLife Mission.*

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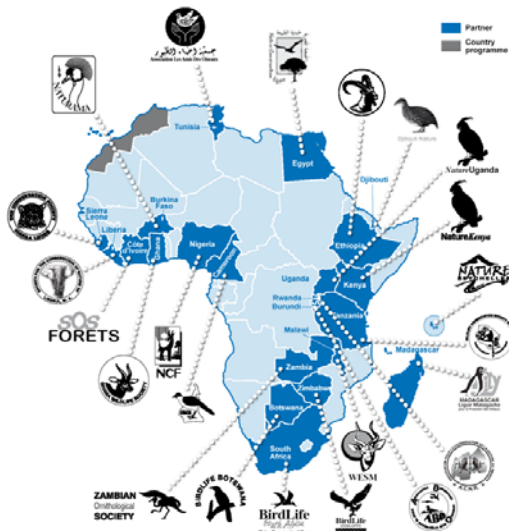
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## AFRICA PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

The BirdLife Programme in Africa covers the conservation of wild birds as an integral part of nature, protection of important Bird Areas (IBAs), management and restoration of the diverse habitats that sustain vital ecological services and the empowerment and expansion of an Africa-wide constituency of people who care for their natural environment. The main activities include development and implementation of Species Action Plans; identification, monitoring and taking conservation for IBAs; the development and empowerment of Site Support Groups; linking conservation with development and poverty alleviation; and capacity development at all levels.



## BIRDLIFE AFRICA PARTNERSHIP VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The BirdLife Africa Partnership envisions a future in which the Millenium Development Goals for Africa are met, especially Goal 1 – to halve poverty by 2015 and Goal 7 – to ensure environmental sustainability.

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## AFRICA IN ACTION

BirdLife's work in Africa gives high priority to empowering people to manage and benefit from sustainable use of natural resources through livelihoods improvement, and all these are achieved through a four-pronged strategic objective of: Species, Sites, Habitats and People.

BirdLife Africa Division is involved in and coordinates a number of regional and national initiatives. A full list is available on request. These projects include:

### 1. Species Research and Conservation

- Preventing Extinctions (BirdLife and British Bird Fair)
- Saving Africa's threatened vultures (Rufford Foundation)
- Common birds and Ecological function in Agricultural land in Kenya (IFS)
- African Vultures (NEZS)

### 2. Identification, Monitoring and Conservation of IBAs

- Capacity Development for biodiversity conservation in Zambia (NORAD/NOF)
- Instituting effective monitoring of Protected Areas in Africa (EC)
- Monitoring Africa's IBAs through Remote Sensing (RSPB,IFS)
- Assessing Long term cover change (CCI)
- Transboundary Peace Park between Sierra Leone and Liberia(EC)
- Institutional Development & Wetland Protection in Madagascar (Jensen Foundation)
- Strategic Partnerships to improve the Protected Areas effectiveness in Botswana (GEF, UNDP)
- Lake Natron Conservation Project (Jensen Foundation)
- Madagascar Institutional Development and Wetland Protection (Jensen and MacArthur Foundation)

### 3. Improving Livelihoods and building a constituency for Biodiversity Conservation

- Improving Livelihoods of local communities by promoting sustainable use of renewable natural resources and policy (Swedbio)
- Harnessing community support for site conservation (Jensen Foundation)
- Linking African Children through the Global conservation community, Wildlife Clubs of Africa (Jensen Foundation)
- Sustaining and Securing Capacity in Upper Guinea, West Africa (CEPF)
- Enhancing the rights and Livelihoods of forest dependent Communities in Ngovayang-Cameroon (CEPF)
- Improving livelihoods through eco-tourism (TAIWAN)
- Policy making and Improving Livelihoods (AECID)

### 4. Addressing Climate Change

- Developing an Adaptive Management Framework (MacArthur Foundation)
- Implementing and Monitoring an Adaptive Management Framework (MacArthur Foundation)

### 5. Flyways Conservation

- Conservation of Soaring Migratory Birds (GEF-UNDP)
- Conservation of Migratory Birds and their Habitats along the Coast of West Africa (MAVA)
- Development of a Flyways Conservation Programme, with a special focus on West Africa (VBN)
- Great Rift Valley World Heritage serial nominations (JNF)
- Wings over Wetlands (GEF,UNEP,AEWA,Wetlands International)



The Preventing Extinctions Initiative targets critically endangered species e.g. Taita Thrush © Hans Matheve



IBA network for Africa and other associated islands © George Eshiamwata



Restoration of the Sourou Valley IBA in Burkina Faso © Jane Gaithuma



Lesser Flamingos at Lake Natron © James Warwick

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