

The conservation programme of the BirdLife International Africa Partnership 2004–2008

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The 58 countries and territories that make up Africa and its associated islands support 2,313 (23%) of the world's 9,917 bird species. The continent holds almost 1,400 endemic species in a breathtaking diversity of habitats. About 10% or 234 of the continent's bird species are globally threatened and these represent 19% of the world's total. A network of 1,230 Important Bird Areas covering 2 million sq km² (7% of the region's land area) have been identified across the continent. Africa's 800 million people (a rich kaleidoscope of cultures and languages) have co-existed with birds and other biodiversity for centuries, largely using indigenous knowledge to maintain the ecological balance. However, escalating human activities (e.g. unplanned agricultural expansion, logging and deforestation) now pose major threats. Balancing much needed development with conservation will be a major challenge.

BirdLife Presence in the Region

The BirdLife Africa Partnership is a network of 18 African countries comprising independent, supporter based, grassroots, conservation-oriented NGOs. BirdLife country programmes are operative in two additional countries and there are collaborative projects in a further three countries. The Partnership currently comprises 10 Partners, 2 Partners Designate and 6 Affiliates with more than 300 staff and 30,000 members. An additional 200,000 children from 5,000 wildlife clubs are involved in Partnership activities every year. More than 70 Site Support Groups have been established to contribute to the management and monitoring of over 50 IBAs across the continent. Most Partners in Africa have a more general agenda than birds, and BirdLife's work in Africa gives high priority to empowering people to manage and benefit from the sustainable use of natural resources. An Africa Partnership Secretariat has offices in Nairobi, Kenya and Accra, Ghana.

BirdLife Regional Directions and Priorities

The BirdLife Africa programme has been mainly driven over the past five years by a process to survey, identify and document Important Bird Areas and latterly to develop Action Plans for threatened species across the continent. These two processes have culminated in identification of 1,230 IBAs across the continent and publication of a regional IBA directory plus the development of seven International Action Plans and 15 National Action Plans for threatened species. The programme has been underpinned by extensive capacity development and training. The emphasis of the programme is now shifting to monitoring, advocacy and conservation action for identified IBAs backed up by the implementation of Species Action Plans and consolidation of capacity development. The empowerment and development of Site Support Groups, capacity development at all levels and the integration of conservation with development and poverty alleviation will be the main cross-cutting themes in the new programme.

The main priorities of the Africa Programme over the next five years will therefore be as follows:

Saving Species

1. Conduct research on Critically Endangered Species (at least 85% of Africa network NGOs conduct conservation relevant research on appropriate Critical species by 2008)
2. Develop and implement International and National Action Plans for Globally Threatened Birds (GTBs) in Africa (at least 25 such plans for GTB species are planned in the next four years; minimum of four Critically Endangered species tackled)
3. Disseminate information and campaign on behalf of Critical species in need of conservation action

Protecting Sites

1. Increase the current number of active Site Support groups (SSGs) in the Africa network by 50% by 2008
2. Mobilise and develop capacity of core IBA teams (all partners to have functional IBA programmes by end 2005)
3. Develop capacity of stakeholders to implement monitoring on a sustainable basis (monitoring taking place in at least 20% of IBAs by different stakeholders by end 2005 and 50% by 2008)

Conserving Habitats

1. Partners identify, map and prioritise habitats within their countries that need protection (mechanism for prioritising key habitats developed by end 2005)
2. Develop partnerships with Government and other stakeholders for management and maintenance of key habitats

Empowering people

1. Develop and implement programmes that link biodiversity conservation to livelihoods for the mutual benefit of people and birds
2. Develop and implement an overall strategy encompassing advocacy, communication and education of people concerning birds and their natural environment, together with relevant stakeholders
3. Develop the fundraising capacity of BirdLife Africa Partnership members

Vision for the Future

The BirdLife Africa Partnership envisions a future in which the Millennium Development Goals for Africa are met, especially Goal 1 – to halve poverty by 2015 and Goal 7 – to integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and reverse the loss of environmental resources. More specifically, there is no reason why all 1,230 IBAs in Africa could not in the next 50 years have Site Support Groups sustainably managing them, where appropriate, such that the status of all threatened species in Africa improves greatly.

Our task now is to make this happen.

Saving Species

1. Conserve the diversity and distribution of wild bird species worldwide as an integral part of nature

Global Objective

1.1 **Prevent** extinctions

Activities

1.1.1 Conduct research on Critically Endangered species

1.1.2 Develop and implement Action Plans for Critically Endangered species

1.1.3 Disseminate information and campaign on behalf of priority species in need of conservation action

1.1.4 Africa network will collaborate with other organisations committed to the prevention of extinctions e.g. Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE)

Targets

1.1.1a 85% of Africa network non-governmental organisations (NGOs) conduct conservation-relevant research on appropriate Critical species by 2008

1.1.2a International and National Action Plans available for at least 25% of the Critically Endangered species in Africa

1.1.2b Implementation initiated for at least 50% of available Action Plans

1.1.2c Species focused projects designed to improve conservation status carried out for 25% of Critical species in Africa by 2008

1.1.3a BirdLife Global and Africa Secretariat will work with Partners to campaign for Critically Endangered species

1.1.4a Collaborative programme exists with at least one such organisation committed to the prevention of extinctions

Saving Species

Global Objective

Activities

Targets

1. Conserve the diversity and distribution of wild bird species worldwide as an integral part of nature

- 1.2 **Improve** the status of Globally Threatened Birds (GTBs)
 - 1.2.1 Collect and maintain data on GTBs (including Critical species and species threatened by trade) in Africa
 - 1.2.2 Undertake research (including surveys and breeding success monitoring) into the conservation status, ecology and habitat requirements of threatened species and encourage research institutions and individuals to do the same
 - 1.2.3 Develop and maintain a range of threatened species focused projects (see also 1.2.2 above)
 - 1.2.4 Implement existing International and National Species Action Plans and develop new ones for GTBs
 - 1.2.5 Review and update all existing International and National Species Action Plans for GTBs in the Africa network
 - 1.2.6 Promote the coordination and effective implementation of species conservation in the BirdLife Africa network
 - 1.2.7 Promote effective national and international advocacy for improved policy and legislation for the conservation of resident and migratory GTBs
 - 1.2.8 Undertake a wide range of education and awareness-raising programmes to raise conservation awareness of threatened bird species to major stakeholders and the general public at a variety of levels
 - 1.2.9 Undertake training and capacity development programmes for species conservation
- 1.2.1a Africa Network NGOs and Africa Species Working Group (ASWG) have up-to-date information on the national status of Critical species and contribute annually to the web-based *Threatened birds of the world* update
- 1.2.1b Africa network NGOs have national Red Data lists and prioritise species for conservation action at national level by 2008
- 1.2.1c Regional Red Data lists produced
- 1.2.1d Data on GTBs threatened by trade in Africa exists, is updated annually, results published and supplied to World Bird Database (WBDB)
- 1.2.1e Advice on trade quotas and listings provided to national governments and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) as appropriate
- 1.2.2a All network NGOs have undertaken research projects on threatened species by 2008

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Targets continued

- 1.2.3a Species focused projects to improve conservation status carried out for 25% of non-critical GTBs in Africa by 2008 (including seabirds)
- 1.2.4a At least seven existing (2004) International Species Action Plans (ISAPs) implemented for GTBs by 2008
- 1.2.4b A further three ISAPs developed by 2008
- 1.2.4c At least 14 existing (2004) National Species Action Plans (NSAPs) implemented by 2008
- 1.2.4d At least eight further NSAPs developed for GTBs by 2008
- 1.2.5a Reviews (2nd editions) of at least five existing (2004) ISAPs and 50% of existing (2004) NSAPs published
- 1.2.6a Network NGOs have a National Species Action Plan coordinator and contribute to the functioning of the BirdLife Africa Species Working Group
- 1.2.6b At least 50% of existing International Species Interest Groups (ISIGs) strengthened (each ISIG executing at least one project) and a further three ISIGs for GTBs developed
- 1.2.6c At least 10 existing National Species Interest Groups (NSIGs) strengthened and a further 10 NSIGs for GTBs developed
- 1.2.6d Minimum of 60% of the Africa network have at least one NSIG by 2008
- 1.2.7a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Range States for the priority threatened migratory species under the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), developed and implemented
- 1.2.7b Listing of species under CMS appendices reviewed and upgraded in 10 network countries
- 1.2.7c 75% of Africa network NGOs review national protected species lists and make recommendations to their governments by 2008
- 1.2.7d 80% of Africa network NGOs involved in development and implementation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs)
- 1.2.7e A draft strategy to improve the conservation status of bird species on islands developed
- 1.2.8a Production and distribution of posters and brochures on selected threatened species
- 1.2.8b Environmental Education programmes for threatened species implemented by 80% of network NGOs by 2008
- 1.2.9a Regional and national training needs assessments to undertake effective species conservation prepared by end 2005 by 90% of NGOs

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Targets continued

- 1.2.9b Training needs assessment recommendations implemented by end 2008 to ensure training of a range of stakeholders
- 1.2.9c A regional bird guide trainers association developed and functioning by end 2006
- 1.2.9d Threatened species conservation integrated into school curricula and higher education curricula by end 2008 in 40% of Africa network countries

Saving Species

1. Conserve the diversity and distribution of wild bird species worldwide as an integral part of nature

Global Objective

- 1.3 **Keep** common birds common – reduce the decline in common species

Activities

- 1.3.1 Obtain baseline information and monitor the status of selected bird species at national level (including birds traded in the region; congregatory species; migratory species and waterbirds)
- 1.3.2 Undertake research into the conservation status, ecology and habitat requirements of selected species and encourage research institutions and individuals to do the same
- 1.3.3 Publish popular books on common birds of particular areas with a focus on charismatic birds
- 1.3.4 Establish programmes in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to monitor and control alien invasive and eruptive native species where appropriate

Targets

- 1.3.1a 50% of network to develop and maintain database on common birds (including list of birds traded in the region)
- 1.3.1b 80% of network have a programme to monitor common birds by 2008
- 1.3.1c Partners keep the WBDB updated with new information on Africa's birds and regularly send copies to the BirdLife Global Secretariat
- 1.3.1d 40% of network provide annual updated traded species list and associated information to all bird trade relevant stakeholders
- 1.3.1e Partners participate in bi-annual waterbird counts (African Waterfowl Census (AFWC))
- 1.3.1f Online Bird Monitoring Programme established in the Africa region by 2007
- 1.3.2a 80% of network NGOs undertake research projects on common bird species by 2008
- 1.3.3a Common bird books published by 60% of Africa network by 2008
- 1.3.4a 20% of network have programmes to monitor and control alien invasive and eruptive native species by 2008

Protecting Sites	2. Identify, conserve and promote a global network of internationally important sites for birds and biodiversity	
Global Objective	2.1	Identify and monitor a network of international Important Bird Areas (IBAs)
Activities	2.1.1	Develop a regional strategy for IBA conservation in Africa and provide toolkits in English and French
	2.1.2	Mobilise and develop capacity of core IBA teams (staff, volunteers or institutions)
	2.1.3	Collect, monitor, document and maintain data on the status of IBAs nationally and regionally
	2.1.4	Conduct national and regional IBA programmes in partnership with government and other stakeholders for IBA conservation
	2.1.5	Promote and implement standardised monitoring of IBAs throughout Africa (inside and outside the BirdLife network)
Targets	2.1.1a	90% of the Africa network countries contribute to and adopt the regional IBA conservation strategy and have access to the toolkits for its implementation by end 2005
	2.1.2a	Skill/staff database of all Partner NGOs include people from relevant institutions and volunteers for IBA conservation by end 2005
	2.1.2b	Training needs of IBA teams assessed nationally in 70% of Africa network and recommendations of assessments implemented
	2.1.3a	All Partners have copies of WBDB by 2005 and WBDB updated annually
	2.1.3b	National and regional assessments on the status of IBAs carried out by 2007
	2.1.3c	National IBAs review reports produced by 2007 and a regional review available by 2008
	2.1.3d	Network countries produce National IBA directories by 2006
	2.1.3e	2nd Edition or supplement of regional IBA Directory available by 2008
	2.1.4a	IBA set-up workshops conducted in four network countries
	2.1.4b	National Liaison Committees (or similar coordination bodies) functioning in 90% of network countries
	2.1.4c	All Partner NGOs have functional IBA programmes by end 2006
	2.1.4d	IBA programme launched and functional in three new countries by 2008
	2.1.5a	Basic monitoring taking place at 50% of IBAs in countries with BirdLife representation by 2005 and 90% by 2008
	2.1.5b	Monitoring by stakeholders taking place in at least 20% of IBAs in countries without BirdLife representation by 2008

Protecting Sites	2. Identify, conserve and promote a global network of internationally important sites for birds and biodiversity	
Global Objective	2.2	Conserve, protect and restore the global network of IBAs
Activities	2.2.1	Undertake a National IBA Conservation Strategy (NIBACS) planning process for IBA conservation through partnerships with government and other stakeholders
	2.2.2	Prioritise sites (at a national and regional level) for conservation action
	2.2.3	Assess costs for conserving priority IBAs and lobby for these resources
	2.2.4	All Partners implement and/or promote interventions at priority sites within their countries in collaboration with other stakeholders
	2.2.5	Promote transboundary site conservation at priority IBAs
	2.2.6	Strengthen existing and develop new Site Support Groups (SSGs) at IBAs
	2.2.7	Demonstrate linkages between IBA conservation and sustainable livelihoods
	2.2.8	Promote interventions at top-priority sites in non-network countries
	2.2.9	Regional training in IBA conservation (working with local communities, advocacy, site action, etc)
Targets	2.2.1a	Functional relationships with government and other stakeholders for IBA conservation in 95% of network by 2008
	2.2.2a	Regional and national priority lists available by end 2005 and updated by 2008
	2.2.3a	Cost of IBA conservation determined by 2006 and strategies to meet them in place by 2008
	2.2.4a	90% of network countries have ongoing conservation action at 20% of priority sites by 2008
	2.2.5a	At least six transboundary initiatives ongoing by 2008
	2.2.6a	At least 80% of the existing SSGs successfully implement projects at IBAs
	2.2.6b	Current number of active SSGs increased nationally by 50% by 2008
	2.2.6c	60% of network NGOs have an active SSG programme by 2008
	2.2.6d	Impact of SSGs on conservation investigated and results published by 2008
	2.2.7a	At least 30 site projects demonstrating impact of conservation completed or ongoing by 2008
	2.2.8a	At least three site conservation programmes addressing priority IBAs in non-network countries initiated
	2.2.9a	At least two regional training workshops addressing IBA conservation organised per year by 2008

Protecting Sites	2. Identify, conserve and promote a global network of internationally important sites for birds and biodiversity	
Global Objective	2.3	Promote IBAs as key biodiversity areas
Activities	2.3.1	Promote the legal protection of IBAs as key biodiversity areas in national legislation (where such an approach is appropriate)
	2.3.2	Explore modalities for reporting to Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and other conventions and contribute to reports at national and thematic levels
	2.3.3	Promote IBAs as key areas for biodiversity conservation in NBSAPs and/or other relevant national planning documents
	2.3.4	Contribute to a protocol under CBD for IBAs as key biodiversity areas and promote IBAs as conservation targets under Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), East Africa Community (EAC), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and others
	2.3.5	Advocate for ratification of environmental conventions and promote IBA listing and conservation under relevant conventions (e.g. Ramsar, World Heritage Convention)
Targets	2.3.1a	30% of the Africa network succeeds in getting currently unprotected IBAs designated as protected areas
	2.3.1b	A further 60% of network countries succeed in improving the status of IBAs by 2008
	2.3.2a	IBA information included in relevant convention reports in network countries by 2008
	2.3.3a	The NBSAP (and other planning processes) in 70% of network countries consider IBAs as priority biodiversity areas in prioritisation, protection, site action and monitoring by 2008
	2.3.4a	IBAs recognised and integrated in planning as an initial set of key biodiversity areas in 40% of network countries
	2.3.4b	At least three regional and sub-regional organisations recognise IBAs as key biodiversity areas in their plans and programmes by 2008
	2.3.5a	The relevant authorities receive materials from the BirdLife network, urging them to sign relevant international conventions by 2006
	2.3.5b	Potential Ramsar sites listed in 50% of network countries by 2008

Conserving Habitats

Conserving Habitats	3. Maintain, manage and restore the diverse habitats that sustain vital ecological services
Global Objective	3.1 Identify and monitor habitats of international importance for birds and the environment
Activities	3.1.1 Review and update habitat atlas and policy work already carried out by BirdLife Africa Network NGOs 3.1.2 Partners identify, map and prioritise habitats within their countries that need protection 3.1.3 Assess and monitor key habitats using satellite technology and other tools
Targets	3.1.1a Reviews of habitat atlas and policy work published by 2006 3.1.2a Mechanism for prioritising key habitats developed by end 2005 3.1.2b Key habitats prioritised by 2005 and a list of priority habitats (including marine habitats) produced and distributed involving all stakeholders 3.1.3a Priority habitats assessed and monitored using satellite technology and other methods by 2008 3.1.3b 80% of network NGOs contribute habitat information to World Bird Database (WBDB) annually and when required

Conserving Habitats

3. Maintain, manage and restore the diverse habitats that sustain vital ecological services

Global Objective

3.2 **Develop, implement** and **advocate** policies to safeguard priority habitats for birds

Activities

- 3.2.1 BirdLife Council for the African Partnership (CAP) to develop and effectively disseminate position statements on key habitats and priorities for action at these habitats
- 3.2.2 Promote the coordination of habitat conservation in the BirdLife Africa network
- 3.2.3 Partners lobby governments to put in place legal instruments (e.g. Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)) for sustainable use of habitats and to sign, ratify and implement international conventions
- 3.2.4 CAP engages with appropriate regional and international conventions and institutions relevant to IBA conservation for concerted action between countries to restore and maintain bird habitats

Targets

- 3.2.1a Habitat information is regularly updated in the WBDB by all network NGOs
- 3.2.1b Position statements are developed by CAP and disseminated at key fora
- 3.2.2a Network NGOs have a national policy and advocacy focal point and contribute to the functioning of the BirdLife Africa Policy and Advocacy Working Group (APAWG)
- 3.2.2b Additional resources obtained for functioning of national and regional policy and advocacy focal points
- 3.2.2c The APAWG develops a BirdLife habitat conservation strategy for Africa
- 3.2.3a 80% of network countries have evidence to show they have influenced governments to put in place new legal instruments for conservation or to sign up to international conventions on the environment
- 3.2.4a Regular attendance and interventions at Conference of Parties (COP), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Ramsar, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (policy statements produced)
- 3.2.4b Relevant Information on NEPAD and the African Convention obtained and disseminated to Partners
- 3.2.4c Engagement and input into NEPAD and the African Convention at national and regional levels

Empowering People

4. Empower, mobilise and expand a worldwide constituency of people who care for birds and their natural environment

Global Objective

4.1 **Engage** and **expand** a global constituency of people who are passionate about birds and nature

Activities

- 4.1.1 Develop and implement an overall strategy encompassing advocacy, communication and education of people concerning birds and their natural environment, together with relevant stakeholders
- 4.1.2 Engage regional (African Union, NEPAD) and sub-regional (ECOWAS, SADC) institutions to increase BirdLife's profile and influence in Africa
- 4.1.3 Promote the involvement of women and marginalised groups in all BirdLife activities
- 4.1.4 Develop and promote bird and other environmental events and membership activities (including wildlife clubs) to enlarge the social basis of NGOs
- 4.1.5 Develop marketing strategies to promote BirdLife's activities, raise funds and implement effective conservation

Targets

- 4.1.1a 85% of network NGOs develop and implement a national advocacy, communication and education strategy by 2008
- 4.1.1b A regional strategy developed, implemented and targets set in strategy being met by 2008
- 4.1.2a Recognition of the BirdLife Africa Partnership enhanced through participation in relevant meetings
- 4.1.3a Baseline status of involvement of women and marginalised groups in the BirdLife network established by end 2005
- 4.1.3b Gender policy of BirdLife Africa network developed, published and implemented at national (75% of network NGOs) and regional levels by 2008
- 4.1.3c Involvement of women and marginalised groups in the BirdLife network throughout Africa increased by 25% by 2008
- 4.1.4a Membership of network NGOs (70%) in Africa increased by 50% by 2008
- 4.1.4b Current network of wildlife clubs in the Africa Partnership increased by 50% by 2008 and 75% of network NGOs have active wildlife clubs
- 4.1.4c BirdLife network NGOs in Africa participate annually in World Bird Festival events
- 4.1.4d Conservation education integrated into school curricula (nine countries), and higher education curricula (nine countries) by end 2008
- 4.1.5a Marketing strategy developed and implemented regionally and by 50% of network NGOs
- 4.1.5b BirdLife's visibility and recognition in Africa increased through effective publicity by 2008

Empowering People	4. Empower, mobilise and expand a worldwide constituency of people who care for birds and their natural environment	
Global Objective	4.2	Grow and empower a worldwide network of grassroots conservation organisations
Activities	4.2.1	Develop institutional capacity and core competencies of all Partners through appropriate training, experience-exchange and other types of support (South-South/North-South)
	4.2.2	Develop and empower a network of sustainable SSGs as the local foundation for good governance and grass roots conservation in BirdLife
	4.2.3	CAP to address the issue of expanding the network into sparsely covered regions, such as North and Central Africa, on the basis of species projects and establishment and maintenance of IBAs
Targets	4.2.1a	All current network NGOs (Partners, Partners Designate and Affiliates) have the necessary skills to sustain their organisation by 2008
	4.2.1b	All network NGOs continue to satisfy and exceed BirdLife network criteria
	4.2.1c	No BirdLife network NGO removed from the BirdLife network for failing to satisfy criteria or reduced in status
	4.2.2a	The current network of SSGs in Africa sustained and expanded by 50% by 2008
	4.2.3a	Africa network development plan implemented as agreed by CAP 2002. Maximum growth envisaged is the addition of seven new countries putting Africa network strength at 25 countries in 2007/2008

Empowering People

4. Empower, mobilise and expand a worldwide constituency of people who care for birds and their natural environment

Global Objective

4.3 **Expand** and **maintain** the funding needed to achieve conservation and sustainability

Activities

4.3.1 Review (annually), update and implement the regional fundraising strategy for CAP and its members

4.3.2 Further develop the fundraising capacity of CAP members

4.3.3 Raise funds from all potential sources of income, including the institutional sector, the private sector, previously untapped sources

Targets

4.3.1a All network NGOs have and are implementing a national fundraising strategy by 2008

4.3.1b Regional fundraising strategy implemented and targets set in the strategy being met

4.3.2a 70% of current network NGOs have trained fundraising personnel by 2008

4.3.3a Income of network NGOs (50%) increased by 25–50% by 2008

4.3.3b Funds raised for BirdLife activities in Africa increased by 50% by 2008

Empowering People	4. Empower, mobilise and expand a worldwide constituency of people who care for birds and their natural environment	
Global Objective	4.4	Promote and foster the links between biodiversity conservation and sustaining people's livelihoods
Activities	4.4.1	Develop programmes and projects at all levels that link biodiversity conservation to livelihoods for the mutual benefit of people and birds
	4.4.2	Promote bird-related tourism and the wider benefits arising there from
	4.4.3	Integrate important socio-economic issues such as HIV/AIDS, illiteracy, conflict resolution, poverty and hunger into BirdLife projects in Africa when that is required and possible
Targets	4.4.1a	80% of network NGOs are implementing integrated conservation and development projects by 2008
	4.4.1b	Number of projects that integrate conservation and development objectives in Africa doubled by 2008
	4.4.2a	The number of bird-related tourism projects, and their financial benefits, increased across the Africa network by 25% by 2008
	4.4.3a	Relevant models and tools to achieve strategic sectoral partnerships and programmes are developed and shared across the African Partnership
	4.4.3b	Collaborative programmes developed with development NGOs and other stakeholders who are more specialised in those fields (six network countries)

Glossary

AFWC	African Waterfowl Census
APAWG	African Policy and Advocacy Working Group
ASWG	African Species Working Group
AZE	Alliance for Zero Extinction
CAP	BirdLife Council for the African Partnership
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CMS	Convention on Migratory Species
COP	Conference of the Parties
EAC	East Africa Community
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
GTB	Globally Threatened Bird
IBA	Important Bird Area
ISAP	International Species Action Plan
ISIG	International Species Interest Group
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NBSAP	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NIBACS	National IBA Conservation Strategy
NSAP	National Species Action Plans
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
SSG	Site Support Group
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
WBDB	World Bird Database

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