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This week, BirdLife International unveils the latest edition of its flagship scientific publication, *State Of The World's Birds*. A comprehensive report that draws together all the data and trends accrued by our science team over the last five years, *State Of The World's Birds* gives us a snapshot not only of the health of the world's wild bird populations, but of the wider health of our planet, too. And its findings are cause for alarm. According to our data, the ongoing extinction crisis is spreading beyond birds isolated on small islands, to species that are familiar, widespread and not so long ago, known for being common. The report outlines many examples where conservation intervention has turned things around, but protecting birds with wider ranges requires a wider strategy. Which is why you are here in Abu Dhabi, a city that lies at the heart of the African-Eurasian Flyway, for this week-long Summit. The purpose of the Summit is to bring together and mobilise leading thinkers and actors in the conservation of flyways to share experiences, advance actions and set agendas that will make flyways safer for migratory birds. Through your attendance here this week, we can plot a safe course for the world's migratory birds to follow for many years to come. Thank you, and enjoy the Summit.

**Patricia Zurita, CEO, BirdLife International**



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# Bustard conservation: Status, trends, progress and achievements



**SESSION LEADER**

**HIS**

**EXCELLENCY  
MAJID ALI AL  
MANSOURI,**

*Managing Director,  
International  
Fund for Houbara  
Conservation*

**B**ustard species are among the most threatened bird families in the world: 15 of 26 species are globally threatened, or nearly, with extinction. Their impressive ranges, diversity of habitats and behaviours expose bustards to multiple threats requiring multifaceted conservation initiatives. The bustard conservation session aims to review the status and trends of most threatened species and present progress to date on

conservation actions implemented to tackle causes of decline and restore wild populations. Invited experts will particularly discuss how to scale up action and strengthen international cooperation for the conservation of Critically Endangered and Endangered bustards in India.

*Hosted by: the International Fund for Houbara Conservation (IFHC) in association with BirdLife International*

## OBJECTIVES

This session aims to review the status and trends of bustards, focusing on the most threatened species. In the morning, selected speakers will present progress to date on the conservation actions implemented for some of these most threatened species. In the afternoon, we will focus on bustards in India, and explore options and identify priorities for scaling up action and strengthening international cooperation for their conservation.

## KEY PARTICIPANTS

- Researchers working on conservation of threatened bustards
- CMS Secretariat
- BirdLife Partners working most actively on threatened bustards
- International Fund for Houbara Conservation Partners
- Other NGO Partners and networks



# AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>0900-0905</b>	1 Welcome and Opening Remarks	His Excellency Majid Ali Al Mansouri, International Fund for Houbara Conservation (IFHC)
<b>0905-1045</b>	2 Conservation of threatened bustards [Presentations followed by plenary discussion]	
	2.1 Conservation status and actions needed for threatened bustards	Nigel Collar, BirdLife International
	2.2 IFHC African Houbara Bustard conservation	Yves Hingrat, IFHC
	2.3 Conservation of Asian Houbara in Uzbekistan	Paul Dolman, University of East Anglia, UK
	2.4 IFHC Asian Houbara Bustard conservation	Loïc Lesobre, IFHC
	2.5 Bustard conservation in Europe	Juan Carlos Alonso, Spanish National Research Council, Spain
<b>1045-1115</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
	2.6 Conservation of Great Bustard in Asia	Mimi Kessler, Eurasian Bustard Alliance
<b>1115-1300</b>	2.7 Conservation of Asian Great Bustard in China	Yongfei Zhang, China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation
	2.8 Conservation of the Bengal Florican	Simon Mahood, WCS
	2.9 Brief update on the role of CMS in bustard conservation	Borja Heredia, Convention on Migratory Species
	2.10 Plenary discussion	
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>1400-1530</b>	3 Conservation of Indian Bustards [Presentations followed by plenary discussion]	
	3.1 Conservation of Great Indian Bustard	Kedar Gore, Corbett Foundation
	3.2 Conservation of the Great Indian Bustard and Lesser Florican	Sutirtha Dutta, Wildlife Institute of India
	3.3. Plenary discussion on options and priorities for scaling up action and strengthening international cooperation	
<b>1530-1600</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>1630-1730</b>	Plenary continued	
	4 Conclusions, Next Steps and Closing Remarks	

# Implementing the Vulture Multi-species Action Plan (CMS MsAP)



**SESSION LEADER**

**ROGER SAFFORD,**  
*BirdLife's  
Preventing  
Extinctions  
Programme  
Manager*

**T**he vultures of Africa and Eurasia are in crisis. These iconic, unsung heroes have extraordinary value as nature's landscape-cleaners, but they face a daunting range of threats – mainly from poisoning – but also collisions and electrocution with energy infrastructure, and loss and degradation of their habitats and food supplies. These threats are deep-rooted and so not easily countered. Moreover, these wide-

ranging birds encounter the threats over huge areas. The conservation challenge is immense, requiring innovation, collaboration and hard work across entire landscapes. A vital step has been the adoption in 2017 of the CMS MsAP, but it is time to turn this and other plans into further action.

*Key partner: Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)*

## OBJECTIVES

Advance implementation of the CMS Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP) by:

- Cementing alliances and donor or policy support for implementation of essential MsAP activities
- Promoting implementation of a key landscape approach to threat reduction for vulture conservation: Vulture Safe Zones

## KEY PARTICIPANTS

- CMS Secretariat and Raptors MOU Coordinating Unit
- BirdLife Partners working most actively on vultures from each of Europe, Africa (N, W, E and southern), Middle East, S Asia, SE Asia, C Asia
- Government representatives from strategic countries
- Other NGO Partners and networks
- CMS working groups and task forces
- Private Sector: including energy companies (cf. energy session)
- Donors: trusts, foundations, bilaterals, multilaterals



# AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>0900-0915</b>	1 Welcome and Opening Remarks	
<b>0915-1045</b>	2 Setting the Scene	
	2.1 Purpose, approach and expectations of this vulture session	<b>Presentation:</b> Roger Safford, BirdLife
	2.2 The vulture crisis across Africa and Eurasia	<b>Presentation:</b> Andre Botha, Endangered Wildlife Trust
	2.3 Vulture conservation works: successful long-term action in Europe and Asia	<b>Presentation:</b> Jorge Orueta, SEO/BirdLife & José Tavares, Vulture Conservation Foundation; Vibhu Prakash, BNHS)
<b>1045-1115</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>1115-1300</b>	3 The CMS Vulture MsAP – International Collaboration to Conserve Vultures	
	3.1 The Vulture MsAP: an overview	<b>Presentation:</b> Nick Williams, CMS Raptors MOU
	3.2 Poisoning: the biggest threat to vultures, with lessons from southern Africa	<b>Presentation:</b> Campbell Murn, Hawk Conservancy Trust
	3.3 Flagship projects for MsAP implementation	<b>Presentation:</b> Masumi Gudka, BirdLife
	3.4 Discussion and questions	<b>Panel discussion</b>
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>1400-1530</b>	4 Vulture Safe Zones (VSZs): an integrated, landscape approach to vulture conservation	
	4.1 Introduction to VSZs	Chris Bowden, RSPB/SAVE
	4.2 VSZs in South Asia	<b>Presentation:</b> Krishna Prasad Bhusal, Bird Conservation Nepal
	4.3 Africa's first VSZs, and action on poisoning in a key Kenyan landscape	<b>Presentations:</b> Chaona Phiri, BirdWatch Zambia; Paul Gacheru, Nature Kenya
	4.4 VSZs and landscape-scale approaches to threat reduction for vulture conservation in Africa, Europe and the Middle East	<b>Presentation followed by questions and additional examples from the floor:</b> Rob Sheldon, RDS Consulting
<b>1530-1600</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>1600-1740</b>	4.5 VSZ/landscape approaches per region	Working groups, including reporting back
<b>1740-1800</b>	5 Conclusions, Next Steps and Closing Remarks	



# Conserving critical networks of coastal wetlands for migratory waterbirds



**SESSION LEADER**

**BAREND VAN GEMERDEN,**  
*BirdLife's  
Global Flyways  
Programme  
Coordinator*

**M**igratory birds fly a thin line between survival and exhaustion, reliant on crucial coastal wetlands to rest and refuel. But these sites (and groups of birds) are under threat like never before: from land claim, pollution, upstream damming, alien invasive species and sea level rise. The re-planning (in response to climate change) and conservation of these sites is hampered by the fragmentation of

governance of the coastal zone, so we need a coherent international policy framework for coastal conservation. Each flyway's network of coastal IBAs must urgently be protected and restored, and the business sector must be engaged.

*Key partners: Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)*

## OBJECTIVES

- Review recent progress with flyway conservation and sharing of lessons learnt
- Progress towards a Global Coastal Forum under CMS/Ramsar/CBD that addresses the pressing needs of coastal wetlands and their migratory waterbirds in the different major flyways, reflected in a declaration from the Global Flyways Summit to the Ramsar CoP (Dubai, October 2018), CBD CoP (Egypt, November 2018) and AEWMA MOP (South Africa, December 2018)
- Generate a menu of coastal wetlands priority projects from each flyway to stimulate partnerships of key stakeholders.
- Strengthen flyways-scale partnerships for the conservation of migratory birds and coastal wetlands through sharing information and lessons learnt.

## KEY PARTICIPANTS

- Donors (Qiaonyu Foundation, Packard, MAVA)
- CMS, Ramsar, Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative, Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative
- BirdLife Partners, Wetlands International
- Government agencies



# AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>0900-0930</b>	1 Welcome from the Chair	David Stroud
	2 Opening remarks	Patricia Zurita, BirdLife
	3 Opening remarks	Bradnee Chambers, CMS
	4 Opening remarks	Martha Rojas Urrego, Ramsar
<b>0930-1045</b>	<b>Setting the stage</b>	
	5 Overview of coastal wetlands along major flyways and their relevance to the conservation of migratory waterbirds	Melanie Heath, BirdLife
	6 Connectivity of sites – tale of great knot and other shorebirds in EAAF	Theunis Piersma, University of Groningen & Global Flyway Network
	7 Coverage and gaps in coastal flyway-scale international conservation agreements and mechanisms	Taej Mundkur, Wetlands International
	8 Coastal wetlands Arabian peninsula	Ibrahim Kader, BirdLife & Ward Hagemeyer, Wetlands International
	9 Abu Dhabi wetlands	Dr Salim Javed, Environmental Agency Abu Dhabi
<b>1045-1115</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>1115-1300</b>	<b>Building on success – approaches tested &amp; lessons learned</b>	
	10 East Asian Australasian Flyway – progress, Yellow Sea	Lei Guangchun, Beijing Forestry University
	11 Raising public awareness and support for coastal wetlands in the EAAF	Vivian Fu, HKBWS
	12 Sustainable shores	Mike Clarke, RSPB
	13 Hemispheric Efforts for Conserving Key Sites for Shorebirds in the Americas	Rob Clay, WHSRN, Juliana Bosi de Almeida, SAVE Brasil & Matt Jeffery, National Audubon

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# AGENDA CONTINUED

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
	<b>14</b> Strengthening of communities for the management and conservation of coastal wetlands in the Americas	Carlos Ruiz, Asociacion Calidris & Matt Jeffery, National Audubon
	<b>15</b> Birdwatcher data: eBird an important tool for understanding movements of migratory birds	Marshall Iliff, Cornell University
	<b>16</b> Capacity and flyway-scale collaboration for conservation of coastal wetlands and migratory birds in the East Atlantic Flyway	Jaime Garcia Moreno, VBN
	<b>17</b> World Heritage Sites – opportunities and lessons for flyway conservation. (focus on Wadden Sea)	Jens Enemark
	<b>18</b> Supporting conservation of coastal Wetlands in East Atlantic Flyway	Charlotte Karibuhoye Said, MAVA
	<b>19</b> Identifying the next steps for coastal wetlands conservation	Barend van Gernerden, BirdLife
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>1400-1530</b>	<b>BREAKOUT</b>	
	<b>A.</b> Global	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Coastal Forum</li> </ul> James Santiago & David Stroud
	<b>B.</b> African-Eurasian Flyway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal Wetlands Arabian Peninsula</li> </ul> Ward Hagemeyer & Ibrahim Khader
	<b>C.</b> African-Eurasian Flyway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Atlantic Flyway</li> </ul> Jaime Garcia Moreno
	<b>D.</b> Americas Flyway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecological Networks: How to secure a network of sites for shorebirds?</li> </ul> Rob Clay and Matt Jeffery
	<b>E.</b> Central Asian Flyway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation CMS Central Asian Flyway Waterbird Action Plan (TBC)</li> </ul> Deepak Apte, BNHS
<b>1530-1600</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>1600-1700</b>	<b>BREAKOUT (continued)</b>	
<b>1700-1800</b>	Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report back from session leads</li> <li>• Discussion / finalisation Summit declaration</li> </ul>

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# Mainstreaming flyway conservation with wind energy and power-transmission sectors



**SESSION LEADER**

**CHARLIE BUTT,**  
*BirdLife's  
Business & Nature  
Partnerships  
Manager*

**W**hile BirdLife supports the transition from fossil fuels to clean renewable energy, inappropriately-placed or operated wind turbines and powerlines cause many migratory birds to die by collision or electrocution. The locations of new and existing infrastructure must be carefully considered, with appropriate safeguards and measures integrated into the energy sector. We will

explore the associated issues and identify practical solutions for business, governments, conventions, and civil society, to work towards a solution that works for all.

*Key partners: CMS Energy Task Force, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), United Nations Development Programme & Global Environment Facility (UNDP/GEF)*

## OBJECTIVES

Share experiences around effectively mainstreaming flyway conservation into the renewable energy and power transmission sectors  
Promote multi-stakeholder regional collaboration  
Profile key decision-support tools to private companies, NGOs, investment institutions and government agencies

## KEY PARTICIPANTS

- Energy companies and their trade associations
- The CMS Energy Task Force
- BirdLife Partners
- Finance institutions
- Government agencies

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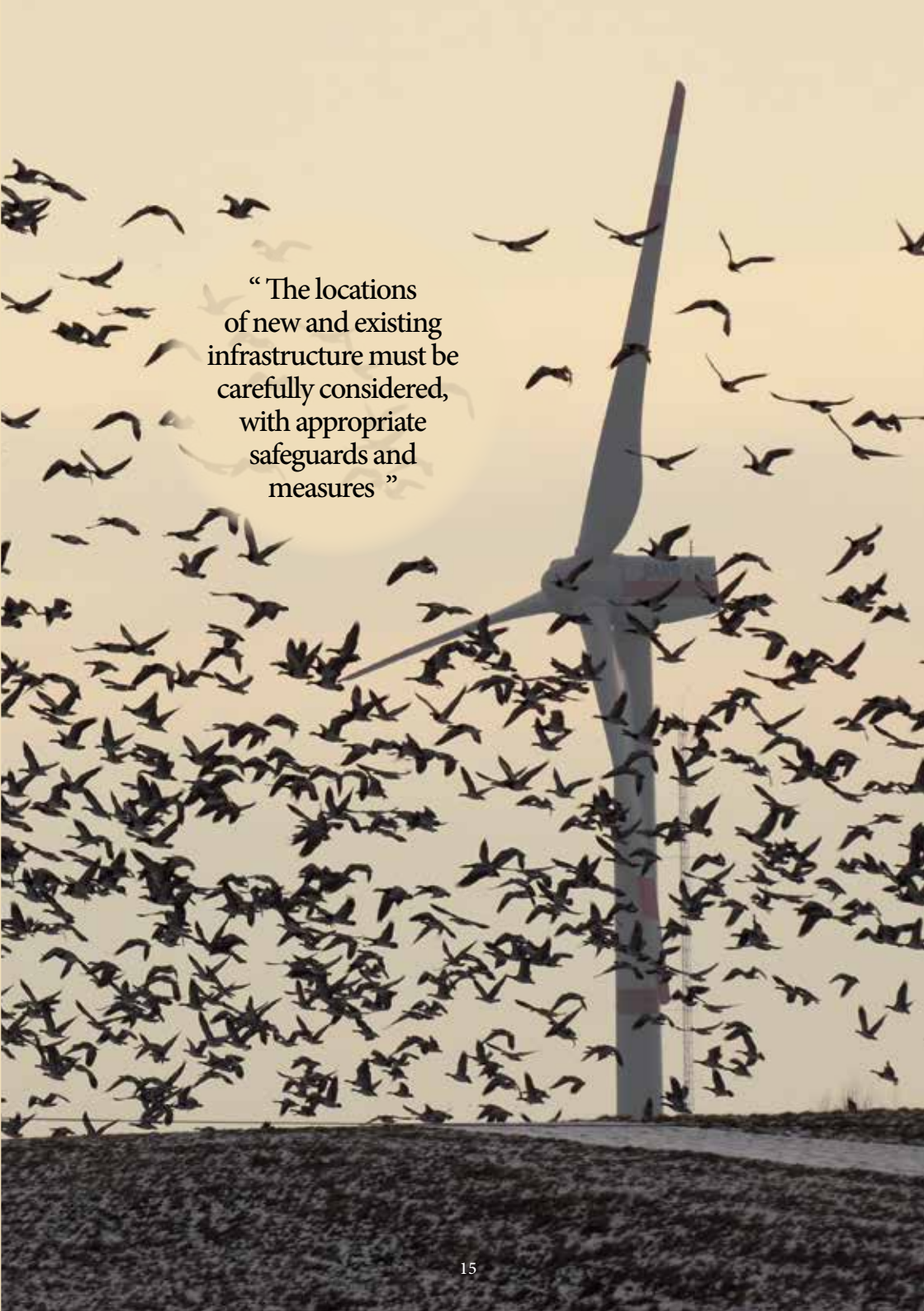
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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>0900-0930</b>	Coffee + Networking	
<b>0930-1030</b>	<b>Opening Plenary</b>	
	1 Welcome from the Chair	Khaled Irani, BirdLife Council
	2 CMS Energy Task Force, opening remarks	Bradnee Chambers, CMS ETF
	3 Safeguard application for migratory birds in Asia	Emma Frances Marsden, Asia Development Bank
	4 Role of cross-sector collaboration in mainstreaming	Antonella Battaglini, Renewables Grid Initiative, Europe
<b>1030-1100</b>	5 Round table	All speakers
<b>1100-1130</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>1130-1230</b>	6 Seabird Tracking Database	Carolina Hazin, BirdLife
	7 Windfarms and seabirds: NGO-Corporate Partnerships	Charles Nathan, RSPB
	8. Solutions & challenges: avoiding and minimising impacts on migratory birds	Osama El Gebaly and Ehab Kahil, UNDP-GEF MSB Project
	9 Scaling-up power transmission network across Africa; landscape-level planning	Benjamin Skolnik, Power Africa
<b>1230-1345</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>1345-1445</b>	<b>Talks and Breakout groups</b>	
	1 Overview	Intro Constant Hoogstad, CMS ETF
	2 Tools for business	MSB Sensitivity map Tris Allinson, BirdLife
	3 Impact avoidance and minimisation	Bird impact avoidance and mitigation approaches, wind farms in Jordan Laith El Moghrabi, Eco Consult
	4 Science perspective	Powerlines and migratory birds Mohammad Shobrak, Saudi Arabia

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## AGENDA CONTINUED

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>1445-1545</b>	Break out groups to explore one of following issues:  (1) Sensitivity mapping and landscape-level planning (2) Key requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) (3) Next steps for policy, including through the CMS Energy Task Force and in relation to the biodiversity mainstreaming agenda of the forthcoming Convention on Biological Diversity's 14th Conference of the Parties (CBD COP14)	
<b>1545-1615</b>	Feedback from each breakout group on each theme (5-10 mins each)	
<b>1615-1630</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>1630-1650</b>	Summing up from sessions and closing session, including official session declaration	
<b>1650-1700</b>	Wrap-up from Chair	
<b>1700-1800</b>	Networking and refreshments	

A photograph of a white wind turbine on a grassy hill. The sky is filled with a large number of birds in flight, their silhouettes appearing as dark shapes against the light background. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

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# Bringing an end to the illegal killing/hunting of migratory birds



**SESSION LEADER**

**BAREND VAN GEMERDEN,**  
*BirdLife's  
Global Flyways  
Programme  
Coordinator*

**T**he illegal killing/hunting of migratory birds is a pressing global conservation issue of our time, and increasingly on national and international agendas. In the Mediterranean alone, an estimated 25 million migratory birds are illegally killed or taken each year, and work elsewhere is revealing that this is a widespread issue. Birds are killed illegally for a variety of socio-economic and deeply-embedded cultural reasons, therefore, in addition to the immediate need for effective enforcement alongside

strong legislation, achieving zero tolerance of illegal killing calls for long-term change in the attitudes of people towards migratory birds and nature. These require long-term collaboration between many stakeholders, and we have some inspiring examples to build from.

*Key partner: Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), United Nations Development Programme & Global Environment Facility (UNDP/GEF)*

## OBJECTIVES

- Review the scope and scale of Illegal Killing/Hunting of Birds (IKB) in different flyways, including identification of knowledge gaps, and sharing of successful approaches to eliminating IKB
- Report on the development and progress of the intergovernmental task forces on IKB for the Mediterranean and Europe and within the East Asia Australasia flyway
- Identify the long-term approaches to changing hearts, minds and attitudes towards birds and the environment so that killing birds becomes history
- Raise support for action against IKB in the Arabian Peninsula, Iran and Iraq (response to IKB review), and for developing IKB reviews for the remainder of Asia and Africa
- Build alliances between multiple stakeholders, especially towards concrete funding proposals

## KEY PARTICIPANTS

- Raptor MOU and Africa Eurasia Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) secretariats
- Donors
- Government agencies
- Responsible hunting associations
- Nature conservation NGOs working on IKB



# AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>0900-0930</b>	1 Welcome from the Chair	Olivier Biber
	2 Opening remarks	Patricia Zurita, BirdLife
	3 Opening remarks	Borja Heredia, CMS
<b>0930-1010</b>	<b>Setting the stage</b>	
	4 Overview: IKB in all major flyways	Vicky Jones, BirdLife
	5 IKB review of Arabian peninsula, Iran and Iraq	Rob Sheldon, OSME
<b>1010-1045</b>	<b>Building on success – approaches tested &amp; lessons learned</b>	
	6 International frameworks to address illegal killing of birds	Borja Heredia, CMS
	7 Keeping score – tracking progress to tackle IKB in the Mediterranean basin	Sergei Golovkin, Consultant to Bern Convention
	8 IKB, priority species and strong organisations – joint strategy to end IKB in the Mediterranean	Paule Gros, MAVA
<b>1045-1115</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>1115-1300</b>	9 Contributions of the hunting sector to stopping illegal killing and taking of birds	David Scallan, FACE
	10 Working in partnership to address IKB in Lebanon	Assad Serhal, SPNL
	11 Cultural and socio-economic dimensions of IKB in Egypt	
	12 Changing hearts & minds: tackling IKB in Cyprus	Martin Hellicar, BirdLife Cyprus
	13 Spoon-billed Sandpiper and illegal hunting - Myanmar, Bangladesh, Southern China	Pyae Phyo Aung, BANCA & Vivian Fu, HKBWS
	14 Preventing illegal or unsustainable shorebird harvesting in the Americas	Rob Clay, WHSRN
	15 From the Mediterranean initiative to a National Action Plan to combat IKB in Italy	Fernando Spina, CMS/ISPRIA
	16 Identifying the next steps for tackling IKB Introduction to breakout	Barend van Gernerden, BirdLife

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## AGENDA CONTINUED

TIME	TOPIC		SPEAKER
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
<b>1400-1530</b>	<b>BREAKOUT</b>		
	Global	Changing hearts & minds	Vivian Fu
	African-Eurasian Flyway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arabian Peninsula IKB review follow-up</li> <li>• review IKB in Africa</li> </ul>	Rob Sheldon
	African-Eurasian Flyway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review IKB in Africa and Central Asia</li> </ul>	
	East Asian – Australasian Flyway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Situation analysis, Asia</li> <li>• Establishing the mandated CMS/EAAFP/AMBI TF</li> </ul>	Borja Heredia & Anuj Jain
<b>1530-1600</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		
<b>1600-1700</b>	<b>BREAKOUT (continued)</b>		
<b>1700-1800</b>	Conclusion & closing		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report back from session leads</li> <li>• Discussion / finalisation Summit declaration</li> </ul>		
	Wrap-up from Chair		Olivier Biber

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# A global action plan for Saker Falcon conservation



**SESSION LEADER**

**NICK WILLIAMS,**  
Programme Officer  
- Birds of Prey  
(Raptors), CMS

**S**aker Falcon *Falco cherrug* (Endangered) populations have suffered rapid declines driven by threats including electrocution on powerline poles, unsustainable trapping for falconry purposes and habitat degradation. Parties to the CMS adopted the Saker Falcon Global Action Plan (SakerGAP) in 2014. It brought together more than 80 countries, organisations, scientists, falconers and other

stakeholders with the shared goal to re-establish a healthy, self-sustaining wild population throughout its range. The session will present an update of conservation actions, an outline SakerGAP Summary Implementation Plan with key priorities, and encourage collaboration and support across participating sectors.

*Convened by: CMS Raptors MOU*

## OBJECTIVES

To advance implementation of the Saker Falcon Global Action Plan (SakerGAP) by:

- Providing an overview of the SakerGAP, its opportunities and challenges
- Providing an update of actions undertaken to date to implement the SakerGAP
- Outlining the draft SakerGAP Summary Implementation Plan 2018-20, underlining key priorities and resources required
- Seeking support and potential collaboration from Summit delegates including highlighting synergies with other initiatives

## KEY PARTICIPANTS

- CMS Raptors MOU Coordinating Unit
- International and national NGOs
- BirdLife Partners and affiliates from Saker Falcon Range States
- International Association of Falconry, Emirates Falconry Club
- Leading Government partners, focal points, and the Saker Falcon Task Force (STF)
- Donors



# AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC	INPUTS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES	COMMENTS
<b>0830-0915</b>	<p><b>Opening Plenary</b></p> <p>Building networks for flyways: making collaborations work            Collaboration is appealing in concept but challenging in practice. Effective flyway conservation requires collaboration, often across borders and regions with complex issues of their own. This plenary will introduce a tested framework for making collaboration more effective and less painful, with concrete examples and tools that can be put to use immediately</p>		
<b>0930-0945</b>	<p><b>1 Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>            Welcome: Nick P. Williams</p> <p>Opening Remarks:            His Excellency Mohamed Ahmed Al Bowardi, Managing Director, Environment Agency Abu Dhabi</p> <p>Session Chair: Colin Galbraith</p>		Key messages recorded as bullet points
<b>0945-1045</b>	<p><b>2. Setting the Scene</b></p> <p><b>2.1</b> The SakerGAP – introduction            Presentation: Nick P. Williams</p> <p><b>2.2.</b> Flagships            Presentations: Janusz Sielicki, Andras Kovacs, Andrew Dixon</p> <p><b>2.3</b> Questions &amp; discussion</p>	<p>Input: Saker Falcon Global Action Plan (SakerGAP)</p> <p>Outcomes: Participants aware of the aims of the SakerGAP, how it incorporates the flyways approach, and progress to date</p>	Key messages recorded as bullet points
<b>1045-1115</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		

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## AGENDA CONTINUED

TIME	TOPIC	INPUTS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES	COMMENTS AND INPUTS
<b>1115-1300</b>	<b>3.</b> Implementing the SakerGAP	Input: Draft SakerGAP Summary Implementation Plan	Key messages recorded as bullet points
	<b>3.1</b> Draft SakerGAP Summary Implementation Plan – Overview Presentation: Rob Sheldon	Outcomes: Participants aware of the implementation priorities for the SakerGAP, and contributed ideas and suggestions to address implementation challenges	
	<b>3.2</b> Implementation challenges  Working Groups: to consider key issues in relation to flyways approach		
	<b>3.3</b> Feedback and discussion: reports from Working Groups		
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
<b>1400-1530</b>	<b>4</b> Sustainable Use of the Saker Falcon	Input: Draft bullet points for the Summit Declaration	Summary note taken of the discussion
	<b>4.1</b> Overview, challenges and opportunities Presentations: Colin Galbraith, Adrian Lombard	Outcomes: Participants aware of the significance of sustainable use of the Saker Falcon for falconry purposes; Session contribution to the Summit Declaration finalise	
	<b>4.2</b> Questions and discussion Facilitator: Colin Galbraith		
	<b>5</b> Summit Declaration – session contribution Facilitator: Nick P. Williams		
	<b>6</b> Conclusions and Closing Remarks Colin Galbraith and Nick P. Williams		
<b>1530-1600</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		
<b>1600-1830</b>	Closing plenary session of the summit		



“ The Saker Global Action Plan has brought together more than 80 countries with the goal of re-establishing a healthy, self-sustaining wild Saker population ”



# Capacity development for flyway conservation



**SESSION LEADER**

**KIRAGU MWANGI,**  
*Senior Capacity Development Manager, BirdLife*

**E**verywhere migratory birds fly, someone will be watching. We need to build a bigger and stronger network of people and organisations taking action for conservation in every country along a flyway. Strengthening the existing network, and identifying and building expertise for countries currently under-represented, is a key response to tackling threats facing migratory species. Our effectiveness

and influence will be aided through stronger collaboration and sharing of expertise. We will create a common agenda for developing conservation capacity along flyways that will select priority projects and identify how they will be implemented and funded.

*Key partners: Converge for Impact, Wetlands International, MAVA Foundation*

## OBJECTIVES

- Share experiences of innovative capacity building approaches that deliver successful conservation outcomes.
- Identify critical questions/challenges on flyways system conservation that can be addressed with capacity building interventions.
- Develop recommendations and relationships to strengthen BirdLife's capacity development work for flyway conservation.

## KEY PARTICIPANTS

- BirdLife Partners working on flyways conservation at site level from across the Partnership
- Collaborating NGOs working on Flyways e.g. East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership; Wetlands International; Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network
- Other NGO Partners working on Capacity building e.g. Fauna & Flora International; AP Leventis Ornithological Research Institute; National Geographic Society
- Other NGOs interested and supporting conservation of birds e.g. African Bird Club and Ornithological Society of the Middle East.
- Donors e.g. MAVA Foundation and Mohamed Bin Zayed Species Fund
- Private sector e.g. Converge for Impact



# AGENDA

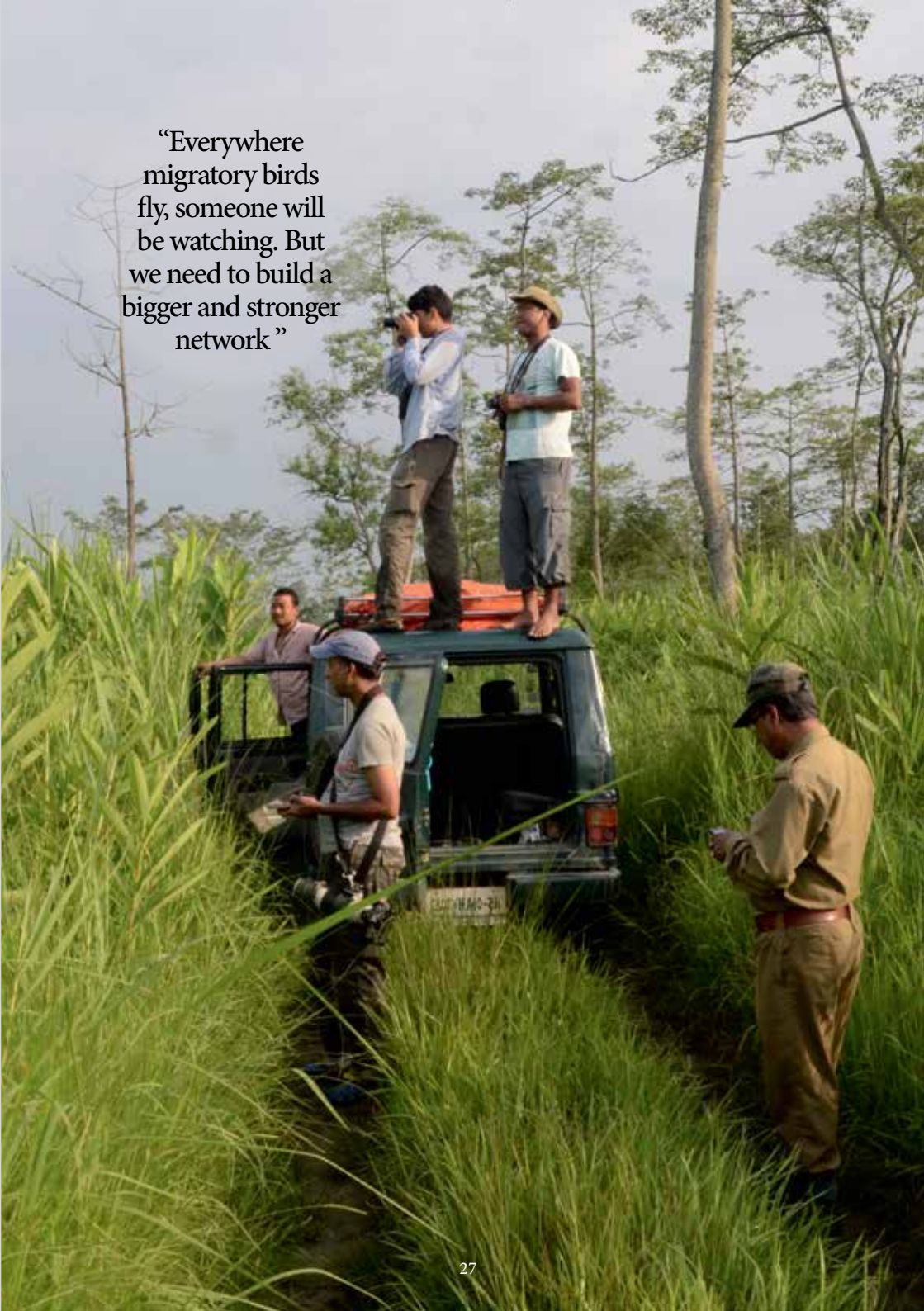
TIME	TOPIC
<b>0830-0915</b>	<p><b>Opening Plenary - Speaker Zach Anderson, Converge for Impact</b></p> <p>Building networks for flyways: making collaborations work            Collaboration is appealing in concept but challenging in practice. Effective flyway conservation requires collaboration, often across borders and regions with complex issues of their own. This plenary will introduce a tested framework for making collaboration more effective and less painful, with concrete examples and tools that can be put to use immediately</p>
<b>0930-0945</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Framing</b>  <b>Purpose: Setting the context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hello and welcome</li> <li>• Julius Arinaitwe Introduces session: (5 mins)</li> <li>• Why we're here – high level purpose of the gathering</li> <li>• Other important framing TBD</li> <li>• Zach introduces himself, sets up the day and the context for the agenda</li> </ul>
<b>0945-1000</b>	<p><b>Stand Up Sit Down</b>  <b>Purpose: Understanding who's in the room</b></p> <p>Participants stand up based on if the phrase applies to them. Questions are about work focus, geography, some lightly personal stuff. To get a sense of who we are as a group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• Species focus</li> <li>• How long you've been in the field</li> <li>• Family Life</li> </ul>
<b>1000-1015</b>	<p><b>Opening Conversations</b>  <b>Purpose: Cultivate Trust</b></p> <p>Brief rotating pairs with people you don't know to stimulate dialogue and connection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What's something that's going really well in your work?</li> <li>• What's something that's challenging?</li> <li>• What's the best advice you ever got from your father or mother?</li> <li>• What's a hope you have for today?</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments from whole group</b></p>
<b>1015-1045</b>	<p><b>Making Collaboration Work</b>  <b>Purpose: Developing shared language and understanding.</b></p> <p>Zach will present a broad overview of effective collaboration in network structures, and also specific content to frame the challenges and opportunities of flyway capacity building from the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Case Study presentations</li> </ul> <p>What your thoughts, concerns and questions about what you've heard?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole group Q&amp;A 15m</li> </ul>
<b>1045-1115</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>

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# AGENDA CONTINUED

TIME	TOPIC
<b>1115-1200</b>	<p><b>Cultivating trust</b>  <b>Purpose: Experience rapid trust building</b></p> <p>Emphasizing that trust and connection is not a nice to have but a must have.            Practice true stories – developing authentic trust for impact</p>
<b>1200-1245</b>	<p><b>Rapid Coordination</b>            Demonstrating the power of coordinating existing actions</p> <p>Based on who is in the room we can develop affinity groups based on geography, populations served, or issue area. Group size will vary.</p> <p>What's a priority project you're currently working on (2m apiece)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name, title</li> <li>• 1m description of the project and its context</li> <li>• 1m specific need you could use help with</li> </ul> <p>Other members of the group listen, and raise their hand if they feel they could assist with the project. Share business cards and/or connect during the networking session.</p>
<b>1245-1300</b>	<p><b>Setting up leverage point conversation</b>            Explain the concept of leverage points and prepare groups so they can come back from lunch ready to hit the ground running.</p>
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1400-1500</b>	<p><b>Identifying leverage points</b>  <b>Purpose: begin to understand what might be accomplished together that cannot be accomplished alone</b></p> <p>In small groups participants will propose and refine places for intervention and potential actions for building flyway capacity. Top proposals will be shared with the larger group. Finally, each person will have the opportunity to define their commitment to Lead, Partner, or Follow on the initiatives identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (5 mins) Directions and context for the activity</li> <li>• (5 mins) Participants generate ideas individually on sticky notes. Less is more. Start with a verb. What do I have energy around? What would I want to put effort toward? What's something that's currently happening that's working well that we should spread or scale? What is a leverage point that would make big impact in the entire system?</li> <li>• (15 mins) Place ideas on Impact/Do ability Matrix, explaining their ideas to the others in their group.</li> <li>• (15 mins) Group discussion, adjusting the matrix.</li> <li>• (15 mins) As a group, select &amp; prioritize top 3 strategies (in terms of potential impact and doability)</li> <li>• (15 mins) Small groups report on one strategy to the entire group</li> <li>• (15 mins) Participants select strategies that they want to continue to explore, refine, and take action on by indicating lead, partner or follow.</li> </ul>
<b>1500-1530</b>	<p><b>Wrap up and next steps:</b> Clarifying what's next for Flyway capacity building</p> <p><b>Closing thoughts</b>            Final reflections on the day, pairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Something important I learned today</li> <li>• A hope moving forward</li> </ul> <p><b>Followed by closing plenary (1600)</b></p>

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# A Global Alliance for Bird Conservation



**SESSION LEADER**

**PATRICIA ZURITA,**  
*BirdLife CEO*

**T**he planet is going through what has been described as the 6th Mass Extinction. 13.4% of bird species, or one in eight, are on the verge of extinction. Birds are extraordinary indicators of the health of nature as a whole and reversing the threats to their extinction leverages the conservation of critical biodiversity around the world. Birds have huge popular appeal and provide an entry point for connecting people with nature, joining people across countries and continents, and mobilising support for conservation

of the natural world. Today we will take the first steps to build a new alliance across the supporters of bird conservation worldwide. *The State of the World's Birds* brings the most up to date data and analysis to inform decision-making on strategies and programmes for bird conservation globally. This is the first time that donors have been assembled to identify common bird conservation strategy and together achieve maximum impact.

## OBJECTIVES

The session is tailored to explore the opportunity to build an Alliance that will align support agendas, to maximise the impact of East-West philanthropy to achieve the long term conservation of birds and their habitats through enhanced applied research, cost effective conservation action and strong engagement with long-lasting stewards of sites and species by supporting the largest Partnership for Nature and the conservation of birds as ambassadors of biodiversity.

## KEY PARTICIPANTS

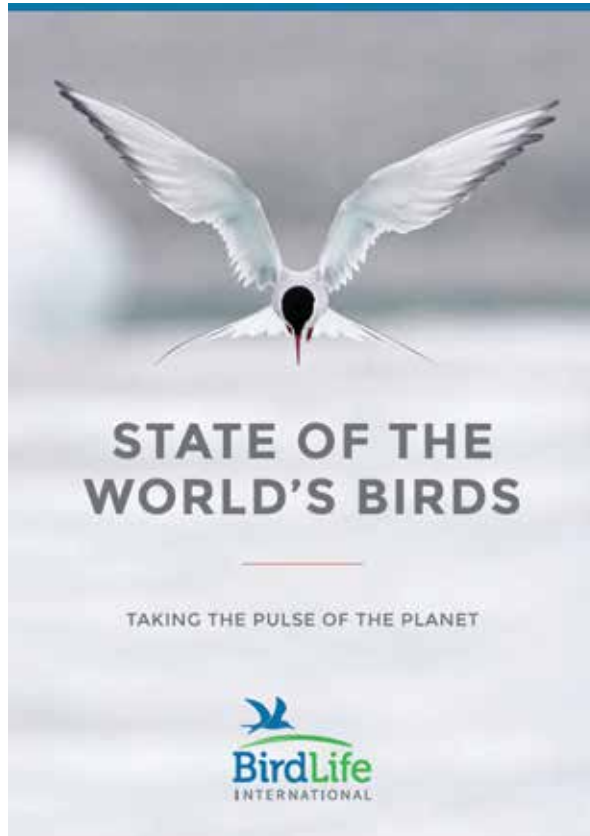
- Agree on an overarching programme of bird conservation globally
- Share information on individual strategy and plans that contribute to delivery of the programme
- To identify opportunities for greater leverage both within the group and externally
- Agree a plan to act as a common alliance to capitalise on these opportunities



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TIME	OVERVIEW	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>0830-0915</b>	Opening Plenary		
<b>0930-1000</b>	Registration & Networking		
<b>1000-1030</b>	Welcome and opening address for the day	<b>1</b> Welcome from the Chair of BirdLife's Global Advisory Group	Susan Orr
		<b>2</b> The importance of birds	Tom Lovejoy
		<b>3</b> The power of Global Alliances	William Ce Dong
		<b>4</b> A global agenda for Bird Conservation	Patricia Zurita
<b>1030-1045</b>	Donor interests	<b>5</b> Brief presentation of main donors' interests (10 mins each plus q's)	• Qiaoyu Foundation
<b>1045-1115</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		
<b>1115-1300</b>	Donor interests	<b>4</b> Brief presentation of main donors' interests (10 mins each plus q's – 15 mins per donor)  NB: prayer time: 1238hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IFHC</li> <li>• MAVA Foundation</li> <li>• Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation</li> <li>• Packard Foundation</li> <li>• CEPF</li> <li>• Others TBC</li> </ul>
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
<b>1400-1530</b>	Coordination, leverage and declaration	<b>5</b> Discussion – what are the opportunities for synergies and leverage?	Discussion facilitated by His Excellency Majid Ali Al Mansouri, IFHC
		<b>6</b> Agree a common statement, declaration	Susan Orr
		<b>7</b> Wrap up – next steps, close	Chair
<b>1530-1600</b>	Meeting ends	Afternoon tea break NB: prayer time: 1548hrs	
<b>1600-1830</b>	Closing plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and discussion of the Abu Dhabi declaration</li> <li>• Launch of the Alliance for Bird Conservation</li> <li>• Vote of thanks</li> <li>• Formal close</li> </ul>	



## REPORT LAUNCH

# State of the World's Birds 2018

**M**onday's opening event will host the launch of State of the World's Birds 2018, BirdLife International's flagship publication on the health of global bird populations. With the tagline "Taking the Pulse of the Planet", the report uses birds to assess the condition of our ecosystems as a whole.

Five years in the making, this latest analysis of the scientific literature will pinpoint the major trends and changes in bird populations,

exploring the causes and identifying conservation solutions. It will present the latest conservation successes, while looking ahead to future battlegrounds – all distilled into a clear and visually appealing summary.

Pick up your copy from the BirdLife Comms Team in the hotel lobby, or download a pdf from [datazone.birdlife.org/sowb](http://datazone.birdlife.org/sowb)



BirdLife International is the world's largest nature conservation Partnership. Together we are 121 BirdLife Partners worldwide – one per country or territory – and growing with 13 million members and supporters, over 7,000 local conservation groups and 7,400 staff. BirdLife's vision is a world rich in biodiversity, where people and nature live in harmony. We are driven by our belief that local people, working for nature in their own places and connected nationally and internationally through our global Partnership, are the key to sustaining all life on this planet. This unique local-to-global approach delivers high impact and long-term conservation for the benefit of nature and people.



Initiated by the late Sheikh Zayed, Abu Dhabi undertook a programme to restore the threatened Houbara bustard. A global conservation strategy was developed and implemented over the past forty years with the objective of ensuring the species has a sustainable future in the wild through effective and appropriate conservation programmes and management plans. From 1995, the conservation strategy adopted consisted in an integrated approach combining sound ecology, protection measures in the wild, conservation breeding and reinforcement programmes. IHFC was created in 2006 to take the original programme further by managing international assets and securing partnerships across the range of the Houbara that encourage sustainable practices to ensure the conservation of Houbara.



Established in 1996, the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) is committed to protecting and enhancing air quality, groundwater as well as the biodiversity of our desert and marine ecosystem. By partnering with other government entities, the private sector, NGOs and global environmental agencies, we embrace international best practice, innovation and hard work to institute effective policy measures. We seek to raise environmental awareness, facilitate sustainable development and ensure environmental issues remain one of the top priorities of our national agenda.



The Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) is an environmental treaty that operates under the aegis of UN Environment (formerly UNEP). CMS provides a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory animals and their habitats. It brings together the States through which migratory animals pass, the Range States, and lays the legal foundation for internationally coordinated conservation measures throughout a migratory range.



The Ornithological Society of the Middle East, the Caucasus and Central Asia (OSME) is a charity that aims to promote a greater public understanding of Middle Eastern, Caucasian and Central Asian ornithology and thereby to encourage and facilitate conservation of the region's birds. This is achieved by the twice-yearly publication of a scientific journal, Sandgrouse, the hosting of meetings and events, and an active media presence. The OSME Conservation Fund awards small grants to conservation projects throughout the region.



The MAVA Foundation was established in 1994 and is a Swiss-based, family philanthropic foundation focussed on biodiversity conservation and natural resource management. MAVA supports projects through four programmes: Coastal West Africa, Mediterranean Basin, Switzerland, and a fourth programme focussed on fostering a sustainable Economy. The foundation grants approximately CHF 70 million per year to implementing organisations. MAVA has a sunset date of 2022 which will be its last year of grant-making.