



EYES ON THE FLYWAYS CONFERENCE

24 May 2018

Museum of Natural Sciences, rue Vautier 29, 1000 Brussels

Detailed draft Agenda

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 9:50 Opening speech: Angelo Caserta (BirdLife International); Humberto Delgado Rosa (European Commission, Directorate General for the Environment)

9:50 - 10:30 Introduction to the LIFE EuroSAP Project

- *Anna Staneva, LIFE EuroSAP Project Coordinator (BirdLife International) will present the LIFE EuroSAP Project and its outputs, the methodology followed to develop the 8 Single and one Multi-species Action Plans, the process of engaging stakeholders and the priority work that needs to continue after the project ends.*
- *3-minute presentations by the project partners: the highlights of each of the 9 Species Action Plans will be presented by the Species Coordinators/compilers (HOS, LOD, LPO, NABU, RSPB, SEO, SPEA, and VCF)*

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee

11:00 - 11:55 Session 1: Land use changes (10 min presentation + 45 min panel debate)

Panel members

- **Harriet Bradley** (BirdLife Europe) will give an introductory presentation on why changes in the land use practices impact bird populations and what are the lessons learnt from the Species Action Planning work under the LIFE EuroSAP Project
- **DG AGRI/DG ENV** (speaker to be confirmed)
- **David Scallan** (FACE, European Federation of Associations for Hunting & Conservation)
- *Ministry of Agriculture of a Member State (speaker to be confirmed)*
- *Land manager from a Member State (participation to be confirmed)*
- *COPA COGECA (participation to be confirmed)*

Discussion focus (based on needs identified in the European Turtle-dove ISSAP and the MSAP for lowland breeding waders):

- *Developing National Conservation Strategies for Turtle-dove and lowland breeding waders – who and how?*
- *Including agri-environmental packages for Turtle-dove and lowland breeding waders in the National Conservation Strategies and Rural Development Programmes*
- *Removing detrimental for Turtle-dove and lowland breeding waders incentives/policies from the new Common Agricultural Policy*
- *Identifying the mechanisms for promoting and financing of agri-environmental packages*
- *Priority Intervention Areas for European Turtle-dove in Europe – how science can support decision-making and resources saving*
- *Securing Turtle-dove friendly management of High Nature Value farming systems*

11:55 - 12:50 Session 2: Threats in the sea – by-catch, oil spills, plastic pollution (10 min presentation + 45 min panel debate)

Panel members:

- **Joana Andrade** (SPEA, BirdLife Partner in Portugal) will give an introductory presentation on threats for seabirds and the lessons learnt from the Species Action Planning work under the LIFE EuroSAP Project
- **Julius Morkunas** (LOD, BirdLife Partner in Lithuania) will present the preliminary results of a by-catch project on Velvet Scoter and Long-tailed Duck from the Baltic Sea
- **Katarzyna Janiak** (DG MARE)
- **Bruna Campos** (BirdLife Europe)
- **Brian O’Riordan** (Low Impact Fishers of Europe)
- *Fisheries representative from Lithuania (participation to be confirmed)*

Discussion focus (based on needs identified in the Velvet Scoter and Yelkouan Shearwater ISSAPs):

- *Developing National Plans of Action to tackle seabird by-catch*
- *Collecting standardised by-catch data across Europe – is the mission possible?*
- *Different fishing methods, different consequences – can science and decision-making find better solutions for birds and people?*

12:50 - 13:45 Lunch

13:45 - 14:40 Session 3: Sustainable hunting across flyways (10 min presentation + 45 min panel debate)

Panel members:

- **Jesper Madsen** (Aarhus University) will present the Adaptive Harvest Model as a decision-making tool for huntable species with declining populations
- **Micheal O’Briain** (DG ENV)
- **Ariel Brunner** (BirdLife Europe)

- **Iben Hove Sørensen** (Danish Hunting Association) will show as example the experience with the Pink-footed Goose management as part of the International Species Management Plan
- **ISPRA** (speaker to be confirmed)
- **FACE** (speaker to be confirmed)

Discussion focus (based on needs identified in the Turtle-dove ISSAP and examples from other existing SAPs/Species Management Plans):

- *Data, data, data – identifying and assessing the problem*
- *Sustainable hunting vs. precautionary hunting measures – how science and policy can work together*
- *Bringing stakeholders together*

14:40 - 15:10 Coffee

15:10 – 15:30 Session 4: Multi-species Action Plans as a model for international species conservation (20 min presentation).

Speakers:

- **Szabolcs Nagy** (Wetlands International) will present the concept of a MSAP
- **Andre Botha** (Raptors MoU, tbc) will present the recently developed Vultures MSAP
- **Stoyan Nikolov** (BSPB, BirdLife Partner in Bulgaria) will present a new LIFE Project as an example of implementing the Egyptian Vulture Flyways Species Action Plan (part of the Vultures MSAP)
- **Ana Carricondo** (SEO/BirdLife Spain) will present the idea for a future Multi-species Action Plan for steppe birds

15:30 – 16:00 Session 5: Making a difference for SAP implementation (15 min presentations + 15 min for questions)

Speakers:

- **Anna Staneva** (BirdLife International) will present the mechanisms created under the LIFE EuroSAP Project to facilitate/coordinate and monitor SAP implementation (African-Eurasian Species Coordination Group, International Working Groups, SAP Tracking Tool)
- **Sergey Dereliev** (AEWA) will present the concept of International Working Groups

16:00 – 16:50 Session 6: Funding opportunities for SAP implementation: Open panel discussion of mechanisms to fund SAP implementation with the participation of DG ENV, AEWA, the MAVA Foundation for Nature, SEGRE Foundation, the Baltic Foundation, and other institutions and private donors.

16:50 - 17:00 Closing

17:00 - 18:00 Guided visit of the Museum – (optional, for 30 participants).