



# National Report Form for the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors MOU).

Fields marked with \* are mandatory.

## Introduction

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### Introductory remarks

This is the National Report form for the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia ([Raptors MOU](#)).

The purpose of the National Report is to provide information on your country's implementation of the Raptors MOU including the Action Plan (Annex 3). The format provided here has been designed to generate information that can be synthesised in a comparable way for each future Meeting of Signatories, to give a meaningful picture of progress and reflect the achievements of Signatories and other stakeholders, but also to be as streamlined as possible to keep the work involved in reporting to a necessary minimum.

The format was tested ahead of the third Meeting of Signatories (MOS3) and formally was approved by MOS3 in 2023. The Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU will compile and analyze the National Reports and present a summary on the implementation of the Raptors MOU Action Plan to MOS4.

### Reporting period

To enable proper analysis, it is important that all respondents relate their answers (throughout this form) to the same reporting period. On this occasion we are asking you to report on the period between November 2021 and April 2026.

The previous implementation survey covered the period July 2019 - October 2021, the results of which can be found in the Synthesis of national reports submitted by [Signatories and Cooperating Partners on their implementation of the MOU](#).

## Instructions

Please answer all questions as fully and as accurately as you can. Wherever possible, please indicate the source of information used to answer the question, particularly if a published reference or report is available. For each relevant question there are icons that can be used to attach a document and/or provide a web link.

When working on the online version of the report, save your information by clicking on the “Save all” button inside each section. An auto-save feature also saves any changed responses every 30 seconds, and whenever you move between sections.

Guidance notes are provided throughout the format to assist you in answering the questions.

**Deadline for submission: 30 June 2026**

## I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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\* Name of Signatory State:

Yemen

\* Any territories which are excluded from the application of the MOU:

Regarding Yemen, there are some areas that are difficult to reach due to the current crisis.

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## II. HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY OF KEY MESSAGES

### GUIDANCE:

*This section invites you to summarise briefly the most important positive aspects of Raptors MOU/Action Plan implementation in your country and the areas of greatest concern.*

*Your answers should be based on the information contained in the body of the report: the intention is for this section to distil the technical information in the report into some very brief and simple "high-level" messages for decision-makers and for wider audiences.*

*Although keeping it brief, please try also to be specific where you can, e.g. "New wildlife legislation enacted in 2020 doubled penalties for poisoning birds of prey" is more informative than "stronger laws"; "50% shortfall in match-funding for GEF project on vultures" is more informative than "lack of funding".*

### GUIDANCE:

*Please limit this specifically to the current reporting period only. For this present round of reporting, the period is from 1 November 2021 to the present.*

## In your country, in the reporting period, what does this report reveal about:

- \* The most successful aspects of implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan? (List up to five items)

National plans and strategies for biodiversity conservation provide suitable tools for protection, but there is a need to review protection priorities and focus on developing a national plan specifically for the protection of Raptors . During the recent period of war in Yemen, there is a need to update information on old bird record sites, especially in some locations near military barracks in Bab al-Mandab. Furthermore, lax enforcement of regulations and systems has led to an increase in indicators of illegal trade

- \* The greatest difficulties in implementing the MOU and/or Action Plan? (List up to five items)

The instability that followed the war led to weak law enforcement, in addition to a decline in research and monitoring of Raptors due to the prevailing situation. - Insufficient government budgets for conducting surveys and monitoring, and limited international support at present. - National legislation is inadequate for deterrence and needs updating; there is also a lack of public awareness

- \* The main priorities for future implementation of the MOU and/or Action Plan? (List up to five items)

- Updating studies on the distribution sites of Raptors
- Developing specific plans to protect Raptors and conserve their habitats during migration season
- Managing these species' sites within a framework aligned with national plans and strategies can save time and money
- Seeking financial resources to fund research, monitoring, and the implementation of protection plans
- Developing national legislation and establishing strict measures to prevent the killing and illegal trade of Raptors

## III. RAPTOR CONSERVATION STRATEGIES AND EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS

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### GUIDANCE:

*A central provision of the MOU (paragraph 12) is for Signatories to prepare national or regional (e.g. EU) strategies or equivalent documents (e.g. Single Species Action Plans) for category 1 and, where appropriate, category 2 species in Table 1 in the Action Plan. The Action Plan itself foresees its listed actions being addressed by these strategies / equivalent documents.*

- \* Does a national and/or regional Raptor Conservation Strategy or equivalent document exist in relation to your country?
  - Yes
  - In preparation
  - No

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Please state the reasons why a national and/or regional Raptor Conservation Strategy or equivalent document has not been developed:

There are plans and strategies to conserve biodiversity in general, and there is consideration being given to developing specific plans to protect birds of prey in Yemen in the near future.

\* Does the strategy or equivalent document address all of the activities listed in Table 2 of the Action Plan?

- Yes
- Partly
- No

\* Please state the reasons why all of the Table 2 activities are not addressed:

There are no strategies specifically designed for Raptors

## IV. LEGAL PROTECTION OF SPECIES AGAINST KILLING AND UNSUSTAINABLE EXPLOITATION

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\* Are all species of migratory birds of prey (present in your country) listed in Annex I of the Raptors MOU granted full legal protection from deliberate killing and taking from the wild?

### GUIDANCE:

Follow this [link](#) to see the species listed in Annex 1.

If you are answering "yes", please make sure that the statute(s) concerned is/are clearly identified by giving details of title, date, etc.

If you are answering "only partly", please be clear whether this is because legal protection only applies to some aspects, or because only some species are covered (please identify the species) or because only some areas are covered - (or any combination of these types of partial coverage); and give the reasons for this.

- Yes
- Partly
- No
- Not known

\* Please state why all species are not (yet) fully covered:

National legislation does not provide sufficient protection and needs updating.

\* Is there legislation in place which bans the use of exposed poison baits and other toxic chemical methods of predator or pest control?

**GUIDANCE:**

The CMS [Guidelines to prevent the risk of poisoning to migratory birds](#) provide further background on legislative (and other) means of reducing harm to migratory birds (including raptors) from toxic chemicals.

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please indicate the statute(s) concerned, and summarise the provision:

3. Legislative recommendations

Paragraph 1:

national governments are deciding whether to allow import of pesticides: Risks to migratory birds should be made a mandatory and more prominent component of the guidance so that countries can assess the likelihood of risks to migratory birds in their own region. This information is highly influential because many countries do not carry out their own risk assessments but follow international guidance (Wesseling, et al. 2005).

3.2. Substitute (remove from the market and replace with environmentally safe with alternatives) substances of high risk to birds and incentivise alternatives, such as integrated pest management; introduce mandatory evaluation mechanisms for existing and new products

## V. SPECIES POPULATION MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAMMES

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Have any Single or Multi-species Action Plans been published for any species of migratory bird of prey in your country?

- Yes
- No
- In preparation

\* Please state why not:

Not yet

- \* Have any reintroduction or restocking projects been implemented involving migratory birds of prey in accordance with prevailing international guidelines?

**GUIDANCE:**

One of the most relevant international guidelines documents for this question is the IUCN publication "[Guidelines for reintroductions and other conservation translocations](#)".

- Yes
- No
- Not known

- \* Please state why not:

There are priorities related to setting priorities and assessing the protection status at the current stage, which will lead to the development of reintroduction programs into nature later on – as advanced programs in the medium term

- \* Have any supplementary feeding initiatives been established and maintained for necrophagous birds of prey?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

- \* Please state why not:

It does not exist at present.

## **VI. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HABITATS AND SITES**

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- \* Have any measures been implemented to improve or restore the habitats of species of birds of prey?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

- \* Please state why not:

Policies have been put in place to assess ecosystems in general, but they have not been specifically defined for the restoration of systems related to Raptors . However, they may be included in some locations, but this is still under development

- \* Which sites in your country listed in Table 3 of the Action Plan are designated as protected areas, or are otherwise appropriately managed taking into account the conservation requirements of migratory birds of prey?

Please indicate in this online file ([link](#)) for each of the relevant sites listed in Table 3 of Annex 3 of the MOU whether the site is (a) fully designated as a protected area or covered by an instrument ensuring proper management, (b) partially so designated/covered, or (c) not so designated/covered. If you experience any issues accessing the online file, please contact the Raptors MOU Coordinating Unit at [umberto.galloorsi@un.org](mailto:umberto.galloorsi@un.org) to request a copy as an email attachment.

**GUIDANCE:**

*The list is extracted from the List of internationally important sites for migratory birds of prey in Africa and Eurasia (Table 3 of Annex 3 of the Raptors MOU) as approved by the Third Meeting of Signatories. Please answer this question in relation to the sites that are listed there. Please provide your answers in the online file by following the link above. The file will automatically save your answers.*

- I have added the relevant information for my country's sites
- My country does not have sites listed

## VII. ASSESSING AND RESPONDING TO THREATS AND PRESSURES

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- \* Have any assessments been made of the nature, likelihood, severity or potential consequences of threats facing birds of prey, and measures identified to maintain their Favourable Conservation Status?

**GUIDANCE:**

*“Favourable Conservation Status” should be interpreted for this question in accordance with the definition provided in Article I (1) (c) of the Convention on Migratory Species. ([Link to text here](#)).*

- Yes
- No
- Not known

- \* Please state why not:

This was not done due to reasons mentioned previously related to the prevailing situation in Yemen.

- \* Based on the assessment referred to above (or if none, on your own knowledge and judgement) please identify (tick) the **three most important** categories of threat affecting birds of prey in your country:

**GUIDANCE:**

*This question asks you to identify the important pressures that are reliably known to be having an actual adverse impact on migratory birds of prey at present. Please avoid including speculative information about pressures that may be of some potential concern but whose impacts have not yet been demonstrated.*

Exactly 3 selection(s)

- Direct killing and taking
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Collisions and electrocution

- Alien and/or invasive species
- Disturbance and disruption
- Habitat destruction/degradation
- Climate change
- Levels of knowledge, awareness, legislation, management etc.
- Other (please specify below)

\* Add comments here on any particular actions in response to these threats:

#### **GUIDANCE:**

*You may find it helpful here to refer to actions assisted by relevant existing response tools and initiatives in the framework of mechanisms such as the CMS. Examples could include the [Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean](#) (MIKT), [Intergovernmental Task Force to Address Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway](#) (ITTEA), [South-West Asia Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force](#) (SWA ITB TF), the [CMS Energy Task Force](#), and the adopted [Guidelines to Prevent the Risk of Poisoning to Migratory Birds](#).*

South – west Asia National Action Plans and Monitoring Protocols for Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds (ITB)

\* Are requirements in place to ensure that proposals for activities that may have significant effects on birds of prey or their habitats are subject to Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) or Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)?

#### **GUIDANCE:**

*Helpful pointers on this subject (and reference to sources of further guidance) are given in [CMS Resolution 7.2 \(Rev.COP14\)](#) on "Impact assessment and migratory species".*

*Comments on the general standard and quality of EIAs/SEAs that are undertaken would be valuable.*

*Any use that has been made of "sensitivity mapping" techniques in this context should be mentioned here.*

- Yes
- No
- Not known

## **VIII. ACTION / INTEGRATION ACROSS SECTORS**

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\* Is the conservation of migratory birds of prey integrated within the policies of sectors such as agriculture, forestry, energy, transport, waste, tourism and others?

- Yes
- Partly
- No
- Not known

\* Please give a brief summary:

Environmental impact assessment studies take into account conservation and sometimes recommend keeping Raptors sites away from those projects

\* Have any programmes been implemented during the reporting period among government departments (other than the department that has lead responsibility for the Raptors MOU) to inform decision makers of the conservation needs of migratory birds of prey?

- Yes
- No
- Not knowm

\* Please state why not:

Due to the war and the ongoing crisis in Yemen

## **IX. RESEARCH, MONITORING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

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\* Have any overall assessments been made of the status and trends of any populations of migratory birds of prey in your country, during the reporting period?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please state why no such assessments have been made:

There are no projects currently underway.

\* Are any systematic and coordinated monitoring programmes operated in your country in relation to breeding populations, reproductive success or migration counts of birds of prey?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please state why not:

There are no projects currently underway.

\* Have any guidelines or protocols been published concerning systematic or coordinated monitoring programmes for migratory birds of prey?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please state why not:

not yet

\* Does any process exist for establishing multi-stakeholder agreement about priorities for research on issues of relevance to the conservation of birds of prey?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please state why not:

There is some scattered research on birds in general, but there is no updating or monitoring.

\* Are suitable platforms in place in your country to exchange knowledge, experience and information about the conservation of birds of prey?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please state why not:

not yet

## X. RAISING AWARENESS

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\* Have any public awareness programmes been implemented during the reporting period to promote the importance of birds of prey, their migrations and their conservation needs?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please give a brief summary including comments on the impact and success (or otherwise) of these programmes:

Nature conservation issues are addressed in workshops and training, and the importance of birds of prey is highlighted – as part of awareness programs.

\* Have any education programmes or teaching resources been provided during the reporting period to inform young people and students about migratory birds of prey and their conservation needs?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please give a brief summary:

It happens rarely

## **XI. STRENGTHENING CAPACITY**

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\* Have any training or other support programmes been implemented during the reporting period to strengthen the capacity of agencies responsible for the application of relevant laws and regulations?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please give a brief summary:

in general

\* Have any training or other initiatives been implemented during the reporting period to support activities undertaken by local communities or voluntary groups in relation to birds of prey surveys, monitoring, site protection work or related outreach?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please state why not:

Community awareness programs are needed.

\* During the reporting period, has your country *provided* any new financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory birds of prey?

**GUIDANCE:**

*“Other resources” in this context could include, for example, “in-kind” forms of support such as staff time or administrative infrastructure, loan of equipment, provision of data processing facilities or technology transfer. (Do not include training or mentoring schemes and other initiatives for capacity building however, as these are covered separately in the preceding two questions).*

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* During the reporting period, has your country *received* any new financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory birds of prey?

**GUIDANCE:**

*See guidance on interpretation of “other resources” provided in relation to the preceding question.*

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please state why not:

We are still seeking funding

## **XII. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

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\* During the reporting period, has your country participated in any international cooperation activities as provided by paragraph 8 of the MOU?

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please state why not:

not yet

\* During the reporting period, has your country taken any steps to support or encourage any other Range State (s) to sign the Raptors MOU?

- Yes
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No

Not known

\* Please state why not:

We hope that all countries will become members of this Memorandum of Understanding.

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