

Sooty Falcon: A Regional Knowledge Exchange for Collaborative Conservation

19 November 2025

Agenda

- Introduction
- The International Sooty Falcon Action Plan
- National Updates
- Guest Presentation:
 - *The Eleonora's Falcon – Parallels and Lessons Learned*
- Open Discussion:
 - *Research Priorities for Conservation and Next Steps*



Introduction

- First coordinated action under the [International Single Species Action Plan](#) (ISSAP) for the Sooty Falcon
- Exchange insights on research, monitoring, and conservation efforts.
- Identify shared priorities to guide implementation of the ISSAP.

The International Single Species Action Plan for the Sooty Falcon 2024 – 2036 (ISSAP)

- Aims to reduce the risk of extinction of the Sooty Falcon (*Falco concolor*) by halting the decline of its population to a point where it qualifies for downlisting to at least Near Threatened.
- Applies to 29 countries, which are considered Range States of the Sooty Falcon



The International Single Species Action Plan for the Sooty Falcon 2024 – 2036 (ISSAP)

- The first draft was developed in 2013 under the CMS Raptors MOU, alongside establishing a Sooty Falcon Working Group.
- WG re-established and compiler hired in 2022
- 2022 - 2023 : Consultation and Finalization
- February 2024: CMS COP14 requested StC to consider it
- September 2024: the CMS Scientific Council recommended endorsement
- March 2025: adoption by the CMS Standing Committee at its 56th meeting.



The International Single Species Action Plan for the Sooty Falcon 2024 – 2036 (ISSAP)

The 12-year-long Plan covers approximately three generations of the species and puts in place actions under three objectives:

- (1) protect the species;
- (2) improve knowledge through monitoring and research; and
- (3) exchange lessons learnt and raise awareness.

Aim of the International Single Species Action Plan for the Sooty Falcon 2024 – 2036:

To reduce the risk of extinction of the Sooty Falcon by halting the decline of its population to a point where it qualifies for downlisting to at least Near Threatened by 2036

Objective 1 – Protect the species

Action	Outcome	Countries ¹¹	Stakeholders	Priority
1.1 Enact legislation at national level across the species' range to legally protect it from unsustainable killing and take (including the poaching of eggs and chicks) and disturbance	The species is legally protected across its range against unsustainable killing and take, as well as disturbance	AE, BH, CD, CF, DJ, EG, EH, ER, IL, IR, JO, KE, KW, LY, MG, MZ, OM, PK, RW, SA, SD, SO, SS, TD, TZ, UG, YE, ZA, ZM	Relevant national authorities	High

National summaries

10 Minutes Max

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Open Discussion

- Research Priorities for Conservation
- Last locations
- Next steps



Thank you for your attention

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