

**TENTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP TO THE RAPTORS
MOU**

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UPDATE ON ACTIONS IDENTIFIED AT TAG9

1. The ninth meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG9) convened to discuss various agenda points and identify a series of actionable items. The actions identified during the meeting are detailed in the main text of the report, as well as in Annex 1 of the same report. That list served to ensure that all suggestions, ideas, and commitments are appropriately documented, contributing to the development and implementation of the TAG Work Plan of the Raptors MOU Action Plan.
2. An important aspect of this process is the value of keeping track of progress. Systematic monitoring allows the TAG to evaluate the effectiveness of implemented actions, identify areas for improvement, and ensure accountability among members.
3. The table below provides an update from the Coordinating Unit on the actions implemented since February 2025.

Action required

4. TAG is requested to review to provide further updates and comments ahead of and during the meeting.

Action	Status
Action TAG9-1: TAG members were encouraged to promote the Raptors MOU and to help the CU in bringing new countries on board as Raptors MOU Signatories.	Ongoing: Uganda and Zimbabwe joined the Raptors MOU in 2025
Action TAG9-2: TAG members were requested to help fill gaps in STF membership for North and East Africa.	Ongoing: the STF membership will be renewed after COP15
Action TAG9-3: The Raptors MOU CU was planning a virtual meeting of the Vulture MsAP Working Group to launch the WG, agree on TOR and a Work Programme and invite further nominations.	Pending due to lack of staff resources in 2025
Action TAG9-4: TAG members were invited to consider options for and encourage	

identification of (inter)national ambassadors for vultures and/or the threats they faced.	
Action TAG9-5: The TAG was encouraged to suggest actions to promote synergies between CMS-led activities and the Raptors MOU.	Ongoing: The IIRAs are a factual contribution to a standardized CMS approach to area-based conservation and the CMS-lead Connectivity initiative
Action TAG9-6: The TAG was requested to take note of the Report on progress from Task Leaders and suggest ways to address the challenges.	
Action TAG9-7 – Task 2: On behalf of the TAG, the CU with support of Ms Vicky Jones would prepare a TAG proposal for MOS4 to include Bonelli's Eagle in the Raptors MOU Annex 1 (Species List).	Work pending the identification of the host and suitable dates.
Action TAG9-8 – Task 4: The TAG was invited to review the draft Resolution on Internationally Important Raptor Sites and the draft Decision, and provide comments to the CU by the end of March 2025.	Inputs received and the document was finalised and submitted to the ScC SC8 where was well received and will be discussed at COP15 (https://www.cms.int/document/internationally-important-sites-raptors). ScC recommended expanding the concept to global scope.
Action TAG9-9 – Task 4: On behalf of the TAG, Mr Des Thompson, Mr Mátyás Prommer and Mr Mohammed Shobrak would develop an appropriately worded document with clear justification for the TAG recommendation not to downlist the Peregrine Falcon from CITES Appendix I by the end of March 2025; this would be circulated to the TAG for comment within ten days. The revised document would then be submitted to the Raptors MOU Signatories, who would be encouraged to present it to their CITES counterparts.	Completed. The draft document was extensively discussed and the TAG endorsed it. It was circulated by the Coordinating Unit as a TAG position to all Signatories.
Action TAG9-10 – Task 4: The Raptors MOU would provide this document to the CMS ScC by July 2025, for CMS to submit a comment to CITES.	The document was shared with the CMS ES who attended the CITES COP.
Action TAG9-11 – Task 9: Ms Vicky Jones agreed to draft a discussion paper, for TAG comment, on regional assessment that would recommend an approach to the presentation of regions, unfavourable conservation status, regional guidance and concerning the identification of potential Category 2 species.	Work pending the identification of the host and suitable dates.
Action TAG9-12 – Task 13: TAG members were requested to take note of the plan for the next phase of the Site Network Analysis, and to provide guidance on the identification of sites and gaps by the end of March 2025.	Work pending the identification of the host and suitable dates.

<p>Action TAG9-13 – Task 15: The TAG was requested to provide input to the CSAR2 proposal and produce a draft document by September 2025, which would include improved visual content and highlight the endangered status of (migratory) raptors.</p>	<p>Work pending the identification of the host and suitable dates.</p>
<p>Action TAG9-14 – Task 15: The CU would produce a visually-appealing summary version of the CSAR2 in time for MOS4.</p>	<p>Work pending the identification of the host and suitable dates.</p>
<p>Action TAG9-15 – Task 16: The TAG was invited to submit comments on the document Review of best practice of using drones by the end of April 2025.</p>	<p>Done. As TAG does not produces its own guidelines and - as done for the satellite tag attachment which was produced by the Vulture SG - the Raptors MOU CU invited INRA to produce the report that would them be posted on the Raptors Website among the resources</p>
<p>Action TAG9-16 – Task 18: The TAG Chair would enquire about progress in studying the impact on raptors of locust and Quelea control programmes with the Task lead, Mr Neil Deacon.</p>	<p>The CU has sent a letter in January 2026 to the Director of Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA) inviting to cooperate and sharing of information. We are awaiting a response.</p>
<p>Action TAG9-17 – Task 19: On behalf of the TAG, Mr Mátyás Prommer, Mr Des Thompson and Mr Ralph Buij would formulate a concise document for Signatories highlighting the impacts of climate change on migratory birds of prey.</p>	
<p>Action TAG9-18 – Task 19: On behalf of the TAG, Mr Mátyás Prommer, Mr Des Thompson and Mr Ralph Buij would produce a short document for the CMS ScC by the end of August 2025 to highlight the impact of climate changes on raptors linked to the Samarkand SPMS.</p>	
<p>Action TAG9-19 – Task 23: Mr Murn Campbell would seek input from the TAG on a list of topics on which to determine priority research needs, after which the TAG would produce a decision-making framework for guiding research on migratory raptors.</p>	
<p>Action TAG9-20 – Task 24: On behalf of the TAG, Mr Des Thompson would seek further input to a horizon scanning exercise in 2025 across the MOU region, and would take this to a global level thereafter.</p>	
<p>Action TAG9-21 – Task 25: On behalf of the TAG, Mr Campbell Murn, Ms Arianna Aradis, Mr Jovan Andevski and Mr Des Thompson would develop by the end of September 2025 implementation guidelines specific for raptor reintroduction to complement the existing</p>	<p>The Coordinating Unit, with the support of a few Interns has produced a draft report based on interviews to experts in Europe and Asia. The report is produced as INFO doc to this meeting.</p>

<p>IUCN Reintroduction Guidelines; this would start through development of a draft document to seek input on which areas needed more detail with respect to raptors.</p>	
<p>Action TAG9-22 – Task 26: The CU would explore how to support the development of a raptor-specific sub-indicator for the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership Biodiversity Barometer.</p>	<p>No action due to lack of capacity</p>
<p>Action TAG9-23: The CU would organise a TAG meeting in June 2025, which would probably be online.</p>	<p>CU has followed up the delivery of several Work Plan Tasks individually.</p>
<p>Action TAG9-24: The CU invited TAG members to approach their national MOU Focal Points to consider hosting MOS4.</p>	