



# 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:

Uganda

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

No

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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)

Signing the MOU, Annual survey of raptor populations, Annual survey of vulture population in Kampala, Secured integrity of important sites

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

Lack of budget line to specifically implement the MoU that was only signed recently, Limited awareness among implementing partners on the requirements of the MoU, Inadequate technical capacity

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

conservation and management of habitats and sites; assessing and responding to threats and pressures; action /integration across sectors; research, monitoring and information management; raising awareness; strengthening capacity

## III. RAPTOR CONSERVATION STRATEGIES AND EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS

### 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

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

Uganda is a new signatory to the MOU having signed on 19th March 2025. However, efforts are underway

- \* 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 was no specific framework for implementation of the MoU before committing to it.

## 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  
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 No  
 Not known

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

The Uganda Wildlife Act Cap 315. Section 34(2) Declares Wildlife species which are protected under any international convention or treaty to which Uganda is a party, to be protected species.

\* 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:

The National Environment Act Cap 181. Section 70 provides for prohibited or restricted import, export, manufacture, formulation, distribution and use of hazardous chemicals. Schedule 8 of the same Act lists chemicals that are prohibited under the Stockholm Convention on Restricted Organic Pollutants as well as those Prohibited or restricted under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone.

## 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:

Uganda being a new signatory, is still mobilizing itself.

\* 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:

No assessment has been made of the need for such intervention

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

- Yes  
 No  
 Not known

\* Please state why not:

No assessment has been made for the need of such action

## 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 give a brief summary:

### GUIDANCE:

*Please indicate what habitat type, where, and (broadly) what type of measures were involved. Comments on success (or otherwise) would also be valuable.*

Forests, savanna woodlands. Murchison Falls National Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park, Kidepo Valley National park, Luku Central Forest Reserve. Regulated access to National parks and forest reserves .

\* 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 give a brief summary:

NatureUganda annually embarks on vulture counts in Kampala to keep check on the endangered species. Assessment of the the population status of Rüppell's Vultures, breeding success, and specific threats affecting the species at Luku Central Forest Reserve

\* 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
- 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](#).

Enforcement of existing laws, community engagement

- \* 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

- \* Please give a brief summary of the requirements and their implementation, including the extent to which the results of these assessments are used to inform relevant consent decisions and associated mitigation measures:

All development projects including linear infrastructure that are likely to have a significant effect of migratory birds are required to propose measures to mitigate them.

## **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:

The National Environment Act is the overarching law on environment in Uganda. All environmental aspects are well articulated.

\* 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:

There is no specific policy document that has been developed to address the concerns of migratory birds of prey specifically.

## **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 give a brief summary, and highlight any particularly significant declines or increases that have been revealed for relevant species:

The populations appear to be stable

Please provide a copy of any relevant documents:

And/or provide a website link that will give access to relevant material:

\* 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

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Please give a brief summary:

NatureUganda with support from BirdLife Tokyo is implementing Rüppell's Vulture Conservation in Luku Central Forest Reserve, Uganda aimed to secure the future of Uganda's only known breeding population by empowering local communities to play a leading role in protecting this globally important species through community participation, environmental education, and sustainable livelihood initiatives.

Please provide a copy of any relevant documents:

And/or provide a website link that will give access to relevant material:

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

- Yes
- No
- Not known

\* Please give the source reference(s) and a brief summary:

These have been developed by Natureuganda. An established protocol is available where survey teams for particular routes are known. The counts involve a moving vehicle with 3 to 5 observers probably sitting on the roof in rural roads but not on public roads. The first consideration is made such that counts are done not to include raptors departing from and returning to their roosts and therefore the surveys are done from 0900 to 1600. This is to reduce time of day effects. The survey routes are usually 100 to 300 kilometers long. If the survey route involves more than one road, each road number and the time and place name where the route changes roads is recorded. The speed limits during counts are 30-50 kilometers per hour. Start and end time during the counts are recorded in hours and minutes. As a means to trace speed, the total distance traveled on the hour and on the half hour during the survey is recorded.

Please provide a copy of any relevant document(s):

And/or provide a website link that will give access to relevant material:

\* 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 give a brief summary:

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The Uganda Wildlife Policy , 2014, objective 5 provides mechanisms to Design, implement and or support wildlife research that is relevant to defined national development priorities; Conduct regular selective wildlife population surveys; Monitor wildlife species and their habitats; Support human resource capacity building for wildlife management and Collaborate with Universities and research institutions in wildlife research and training

Please provide a copy of any relevant document(s):

And/or provide a website link that will give access to relevant material:

\* 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 identify the relevant platform(s) and summarise its/their scope and function:

Wildlife clubs of Uganda a prominent, non-political conservation organization whose mission is to educate the youth, cultivate environmental awareness, and ensure the sustainable use of Uganda's natural resources. Wildlife Clubs of Uganda (WCU) is a country-wide association of young people's environmental clubs in schools that are committed to the conservation of Uganda's natural heritage and the wise use of environmental resources.

The Uganda Wildlife Authority through the Education, Advocacy and awareness program. The Wildlife Conservation Education Center is an avenue where such exchange can effectively take where the visiting population can get knowledge exchange. Community outreach at the respective protected areas is another avenue through which knowledge exchange cantake place.

## 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 state why not:

No specific program had been designed during the reporting period.

\* 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:

These take place only in regular academic programs.

## **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:

The Uganda Police Force (UPF) and the Centre for Basic Research (CBR) have actively conducted intensive workshops to strengthen the analytical and research capabilities of police. Scientific and Forensic Investigations have been expanded in law enforcement to enhance technical capacity by focusing on cyber and digital forensics, database (DNA) management, and forensic biology to modernize criminal investigations and improve prosecution success rates. To enhance the capacity to curtail Wildlife and Transnational Crime, Initiatives to significantly increase the capacity of the Uganda Wildlife Authority Canine Unit and the National Wildlife Crime Coordination Task Force (NWCCTF) to intercept smuggling and coordinate intelligence at border posts have been conducted.

\* 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:

No specific program has been designed

- \* 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

- \* Please state why not:

Since Uganda became a signatory at the tail end of a planning period for government no new resources could be allocated.

- \* 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

## **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

- \* 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  
 No  
 Not known

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Please identify the Range State(s) concerned, and the nature of the support or encouragement given:

The Republic of South Sudan.

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