

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats



Standing Committee

Recommendation no. 48 (1996) concerning the conservation of European globally threatened birds

(Adopted by the Standing Committee on 22 January 1996)

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under the terms of Article 14 of the Convention,

Having regard to the aims of the Convention to conserve wild fauna and its natural habitats;

Recalling that Article 1, paragraph 2 of the Convention requires Parties to give particular emphasis to the conservation of endangered and vulnerable species;

Noting that a considerable number of bird species of Europe have suffered a decreased in their numbers, a reduction in their geographical distribution or have critically endangered populations;

Desirous to avoid a further loss of biological diversity in Europe;

Aware that the design and implementation of Recovery Plans may be a useful tool to redress the situation of European globally threatened birds;

Aware of the obligations under the Africa-Eurasia Waterfowl Agreement concluded in the framework of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn) and of the efforts to amend the Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas (Geneva) (Protocol to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution) to include provisions on the protection of threatened birds;

Welcoming the intention of UNEP/CMS to increase coordination with the Bern Convention in the implementation of the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds Agreement and other agreements under the Bonn Convention;

Recalling Resolutions (67) 24 and (73) 31, and the Recommendation (82) 10 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, on birds in need of special protection in Europe;

Referring to the Action Plans on European globally threatened birds presented by BirdLife and Wetlands International;

Desirous to take prompt action for the conservation of Europe's most threatened birds;

Recommends that Contracting Parties to the Convention or States invited to accede thereto or to attend sessions of the Standing Committee as observers:

consider carrying out (or, if appropriate, reinforcing) National Action Plans for the species listed in Appendix A to the recommendation; take note, in that context, of the above-mentioned Action Plans on European globally threatened birds.

Appendix A to the Recommendation

Macaronesian and Iberian endemics

Pyrrhula murina
Pterodroma madeira
Pterodroma feae
Columba trocaz
Columba bolli

Columba junoniae
Fringilla teydea
Chlamydotis undulata
Aquila adalberti

Waterbird species

Numenius tenuirostris
Pelecanus crispus
Phalacrocorax pigmaeus
Oxyura leucocephala

Marmaronetta angustirostris
Branta ruficollis
Anser erythropus

Non-waterbird species

Aquila heliaca
Aegypius monachus
Falco naumanni
Otis tarda

Larus audouini
Acrocephalus paludicola
Crex crex