

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats



Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 103 (2003) on five new Action Plans for most threatened birds in the Convention's area

(adopted by the Standing Committee on 4 December 2003)

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

Recalling its recommendations:

- No. 48 (1996) on the conservation of globally threatened birds in Europe;
- No. 61 (1997) on the conservation of the White-headed Duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*);
- No. 62 (1997) on the conservation of regionally threatened birds in the Macaronesian and the Mediterranean regions;
- No. 88 (2001) on the implementation of five new action plans for globally threatened birds in Europe;
- No. 92 (2002), on sixteen new Action Plans for most threatened birds in the Convention's area;
- No. 93 (2002), on the further implementation of Action Plans for Globally threatened birds and on other issues of interest for bird conservation in the Convention's range;

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 globally threatened birds in the Convention's area;

Noting the value and usefulness of birds action plans already endorsed by the Committee in previous recommendations and carried out by numerous states,

Welcoming collaboration with the European Commission, with the Secretariat of the Africa-Eurasian Migratory Waterfowl Agreement (UNEP/AEWA), with the Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas of the Barcelona Convention, with the Ramsar Convention and other appropriate biodiversity related treaties and programmes, in the implementation of the actions plans, and recognising equally the positive co-operation established with BirdLife International and its partners and Wetlands International;

Referring to the 5 new Action Plans on European globally threatened birds presented by to the Committee by BirdLife [documents T-PVS/Inf (2003)13, 14, 17, 18 and 19];

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:

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

Appendix to Recommendation No. 105 (2003)

List of 5 bird species concerned by the Recommendation

1. Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*
2. Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*
3. Sociable Lapwing *Chettusia gregaria*
4. Great Snipe *Gallinago media*
5. Cinereous Bunting *Emberiza cineracea*