

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats



Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 121 (2006) of the Standing Committee on the implementation of six new action plans for most threatened birds in the Convention's area

(adopted by the Standing Committee on 30 November 2006)

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

Having regard to the aims of the convention, which are to conserve wild flora and fauna and their natural habitats;

Recalling that the convention gives particular emphasis to the conservation of endangered and vulnerable species;

Recalling that Article 3 of the convention requires Parties to take the necessary steps to promote national policies for the conservation of wild flora, wild fauna and natural habitats, with particular attention to endangered and vulnerable species, especially endemic ones, and endangered habitats;

Recalling that Article 4.1 of the convention requires Parties to take appropriate and necessary legislative and administrative measures to ensure the conservation of the habitats of the wild flora and fauna species, especially those specified in Appendices I and II, and the conservation of endangered natural habitats;

Recalling the 2003 Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity, which includes the commitment to “halt the loss of biodiversity by 2010”, as adopted by Environment Ministers and Heads of delegation from 51 countries in the Pan-European region;

Recalling the 2005 Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and its finding that “unprecedented increased efforts” are needed to achieve the 2010 biodiversity target at national, regional and global levels;

Desirous to halt the loss of bird species in Europe;

Recalling the 2004 Strasbourg Declaration on the role of the Bern Convention in the preservation of biological diversity, and the need to reinforce the implementation and coherence of global and European biodiversity instruments such as the Convention on Biological Diversity and the European Community Birds and Habitats Directives;

Recalling its Recommendations No. 48 (1996) on the conservation of European globally threatened birds; No. 60 (1997) on the implementation of the actions plans for 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 Mediterranean regions; No. 75 (1999) on the implementation of new action plans for globally threatened birds in Europe; 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; and No. 103 (2003) on five new Action Plans for most threatened birds in the Convention's area.

Aware that the design and implementation of recovery plans may be a useful tool to redress the situation of European globally threatened birds and recalling in this context its Recommendation No. 59 (1997) on the drafting and implementation of action plans of wild fauna species;

Referring to the Action Plans submitted by BirdLife International and the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), and presented in the following documents: T-PVS/Inf (2006)2 revised on the international action plan for the Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*); T-PVS/Inf (2006) 12 on the international single species action plan for the Light-bellied Brent Goose (*Branta bernicla hrota*); T-PVS/Inf (2006) 13 on the international single species action plan for the Northern Bald Ibis (*Geronticus eremita*); T-PVS/Inf (2006) 9 on the international single species action plan for the Corncrake (*Crex crex*); T-PVS/Inf (2006) 14 on the international single species action plan for the White-headed Duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*); and T-PVS/Inf (2006) 10 on the international single species action plan for the Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*),

Recommends that Contracting Parties and observer States to the Convention:

1. draw up and implement national action plans or other relevant measures, as appropriate, on the species listed in the Appendix to this Recommendation, taking into account the international action plans mentioned above.

Appendix

Falco cherrug

Branta bernicla hrota

Geronticus eremita

Crex crex

Oxyura leucocephala

Aythya nyroca