

# WINGS OVER WETLANDS

## The UNEP/GEF African Eurasian Flyways Project

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## 1. Executive Summary

Provide a short summary of BLI contribution towards project progress and achievements. Highlight key issues, constraints, challenges, risks and mitigation measures during the reporting period. This section should be divided by project component. This section must be kept very short: **maximum 350 words**.

### Component 1

BirdLife International has continued to play an important role in Component 1. The Consolidated reports of the regional gap identification and the regional monitoring workshops have been completed. The process of IBA boundary digitisation continues to progress well and further work has been done improve the linking of data sources behind the Critical Site Networks Tool. Development of the tool is progressing well, stimulated by team technical meetings and teleconferences held in June, July, September and November and through feedback from demonstrations of the test CSN tool at various meetings. Ecology information has now been compiled for all WOW species and is of a consistently high standard for display in the CSN tool. Good progress has been made in developing draft criteria to define the Critical Site Network for each population and the IBA data are being verified in readiness for criteria application in 2009.

### Component 2

BirdLife International has continued to support the development of the training component. During this period the primary focus was on reviewing the draft training modules, and attending the training modules adaptation workshop in Amman in June 2008.

### Component 3

BirdLife International continued to support the six BirdLife partner demonstration projects to ensure effective delivery of each project's objectives. Notable progress during this period included a mission to Yemen with recommendations to address national implementation issues, and participation at the Exchange Programme workshop, during which review meetings were held with each of the three Africa demonstration projects. Plans are in place to support all partners over the coming reporting period.

### Overall

BirdLife International has continued to work closely with the PCU and Wetlands International to ensure that the project responds to situations to ensure successful delivery. This collaboration also included arranging and hosting a two-day technical team meeting for 15 members of the core WOW team, to review progress and make recommendations for changes to the Project Steering Committee. The key challenge faced by BirdLife remains filling the funding gap to ensure delivery of the core project outcomes and management.

### **1.1 Key project achievements during the reporting period**

Highlight the five most important project achievements in the reporting period.

#	Key Project Achievements
1	The Critical Site Network criteria were drafted and sent out for review, paving the way for these criteria

	to be applied to the IBA and IWC data in 2009.
2	Stimulated by a number of technical team meetings good progress has been made on further developing the Critical Site Networks tool.
3	The Consolidated reports of the regional gap identification and the regional monitoring workshops have been completed and made available on the WOW website.
4	Effective support given to demonstration projects – working with national project staff to ensure effective delivery of each demonstration project.
5	Continued close collaboration with the PCU and WI to address overarching project management issues, and hosting of the WOW technical team meeting in November 2008.
6	Reviewed and commented on draft Training Modules, and participated in Amman training modules review workshop in June 2008.

## 1.2 Key issues & proposed solutions

Identify up to a maximum of 10 key project issues encountered by BLI requiring the attention of the UNEP/GEF, of the Steering Committee and/or of UNOPS. These issues should be extracted from sections 2 & 3 of this report.

#	Issue	Proposed Solution	Deadline	Party Responsible
1	Significant shortage of funding for BirdLife International activities in 2009 and 2010. Unless additional funds are secured it will prove impossible to sustain core activities at the current level.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget reallocation to cover the shortfall in sustaining core project activities for key outcomes – notably covering core staff positions.</li> <li>Urgent fundraising to cover co-funding shortfall</li> </ol>	ASAP	All

## 2. Project Management

Project management is a critical cross-cutting issue that affects all project components. Use this section to highlight issues that affect project performance and the achievement of expected outcomes, and propose next steps.

### 2.1 Key issues and proposed action

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>ISSUES</b> Description of issues affecting project performance during the reporting period	<b>PROPOSED SOLUTIONS</b> Description of decisions / actions to be taken	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>PARTY RESPONSIBLE</b>
Recruitment & management of staff and consultants	See below for issue with co-financing.	See below	N/A	N/A
Finance & administration	See below for issue with co-financing.	See below	ASAP	All
Logistics & operations	No issues	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reporting & communication	No issues	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coordination with project partners & demo projects	No issues: communications with all project partners are extremely good.	N/A	N/A	N/A
External issues (mobilization of co-funding, political/social/environmental reasons, etc.)	The significant shortfall in co-financing, and the reallocation between years of the GEF funds, means that BirdLife International faces considerable challenges during 2009 and 2010. There are currently insufficient funds remaining in the budget to retain core staff to deliver the key project outcomes (especially Component 1, Component 3, and overall	<b>PRIORITY:</b> Reallocate existing funds to cover the inputs necessary to achieve the key project outcomes.  <b>Secondary:</b> Continue to fundraise.	AS SOON AS POSSIBLE	PCU / WI / BLI

	project management). With the present budget it will be impossible to retain an appropriate BirdLife International staff involvement beyond June 2009, and this will have inevitable consequences on delivery of outcomes.			
Other (please specify)	A budget revision is necessary to achieve best outcome from the resources available.	Rebudget request	ASAP	BLI / PCU

### 3. Progress / Issues / Proposed Solutions

Provide an overview of the contribution BLI has made towards progress & achievements for each project outcome and activity during the reporting period.

*Legend: abbreviations of project structures/organisations/positions*

AEWA	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat
BLI	BirdLife International
CO	Communications Officer (based in AEWA)
CTA	Chief Technical Advisor
PCU	Project Coordination Unit
PSC	Project Steering Committee
SRS	Sub-Regional Subcontractor
WCMC	UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre
WI	Wetlands International

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<b>Component 1: Establishment of a fundamental tool to assist planning and management in flyway conservation</b>				
<b>Outcome 1.1 The network of critical sites is available as a tool for use by practitioners to underpin planning and management of and catalyse site level activity in, flyway conservation.</b>				
<b>Activity 1.1.1 Establishment of inter-operability between the main data-sources.</b>				
1.1 1.1 WI issues a subcontract/MOA with WCMC (as a pre-selected sub-contractor, also identified in the Project Document) for the provision of technical advisory services towards the implementation of this component	WI			
1.1 1.2 Develop and map quality standards for databases	WI/(WCMC), BLI	C (-)		
1.1 1.3 Integrate standards, test	WI/(WCMC), BLI	C (-)		
1.1 1.4 Implement interoperability	WI/(WCMC), BLI	IP 80% (↗)	Names for flyway shapefiles were replaced with codes to facilitate storage and linkage of data behind the CSN Tool, and reduce the chance of errors arising. Further IBA boundaries were digitised,	

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			facilitating the process of matching IWC coordinates with IBAs. Discussion of how information on critical site networks will be stored resulted in agreement that these should be tagged in the WBDB.	
<b>Activity 1.1 2 Collection of spatial site reference data as a basis for database linkage in the site network</b>				
1.1 2.1 Map available data, gather new data	WI/(WCMC), BLI	IP 80% (⬆)	Good progress continues to be made in digitising WOW IBAs (see below). Available IBA data is currently being checked and verified to minimise errors in the CSN tool and to identify the best process for presenting data for sites in areas of flyway overlap.	
1.1 2.2 Digitise information	WI/(WCMC)	IP 75% (⬆)	Good progress continues to be made in digitising WOW IBAs. Tunisia and Russia have digitised their IBAs in country under contract. Approximately two-thirds of Middle East IBAs have now been digitised by the BirdLife Global Secretariat. Some gaps remain to be filled in Eastern Europe and for the Ukraine, and are being addressed for the Middle East.	
1.1 2.3 Make spatial info accessible	WI/(WCMC), BLI	IP 80% (⬆)	The set of WOW species range-maps have been provided to UNEP-WCMC and are accessible in the test CSN tool. Existing IBA polygons are accessible in the test CSN tool and more digitised IBA boundaries will be provided to UNEP-WCMC as they	



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			become available. Some flyway polygons have been amended by WI after input from the review process, so an updated definitive set is being collated by BirdLife for UNEP-WCMC.	
<b>Activity 1.1 3 Creation of the basis of the site network by linking the main data resources.</b>				
1.1 3.1 Link data sources by coordinates	WI/(WCMC), BLI	IP 50% (↗)	Where digitised boundaries are not yet available, central coordinates of IBAs have been supplied to UNEP-WCMC. These will be linked with IWC sites where IWC coordinates are already available.	
1.1 3.2 Link data sources by boundaries	WI/(WCMC), BLI	IP 40% (↗)	Site boundaries for IBAs that have been digitised so far have been provided to UNEP-WCMC.	
1.1 3.3 Analyse combined datasets	WI/(WCMC), BLI	IP 50% (↗)	IBA, dataset used for Gap Identification with consultation of regional experts. Overlap between IBAs and IWC sites will be analysed”	
<b>Activity 1.1 4 Development of a web-based portal to integrate the data from the main data sources, to display the network of critical sites to users via the Internet and to link into data on ecological requirements of species, site use and management advice</b>				
1.1 4.1 Develop plan for web based portal in consultation with custodians	WI/(WCMC)			
1.1 4.2 Programming of portal application, testing	WI/WCMC/BLI	IP 60 %	UNEP-WCMC continue to add functionality to the test CSN tool ( <a href="http://development-maps.unep-">http://development-maps.unep-</a>	Although this is classed as WI

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			<a href="http://wcmc.org/wow/default.aspx">wcmc.org/wow/default.aspx</a> . Development of web-portal discussed further during component 1 WOW teleconferences held in June, July and September 2008 (WI/ BirdLife/ UNEP-WCMC/ Regional Waterbird Officers). At a meeting in Cambridge on 23/7/08 (BLI/ WI/ WCMC) the CSN tool was presented to BirdLife staff to get technical feedback. At the BirdLife World Conference in September 2008 the tool was demonstrated at the Partnership fair. On 19/11/08 the CSN tool was discussed at a meeting in Cambridge between BirdLife and WCMC, followed up on 25/11/08 with a teleconference between BirdLife, WCMC and WI.	(WCMC) responsibility, BirdLife has been involved throughout. Perhaps the reporting framework should be amended to reflect this.
1.1 4.3 Adapt databases for portal-linking	WI/(WCMC), BLI	IP 50% (↗)	IBA data adapted and delivered to UNEP-WCMC in accordance with test portal requirements. Discussion started on how to tag CSN sites in the WBDB and how to make provision for non-IBA CSN site information to also be stored in the WBDB.	
<b>Activity 1.1 5 Compile the network of critical sites using Ramsar and IBA criteria</b>				
1.1 5.1 Review and apply criteria on datasets	WI, BLI	IP 10% (↗)	Following a meeting in Cambridge in July (WI/ BirdLife), teleconference in August (WI/ BirdLife), and a meeting in Buenos Aires in September (WI/ BirdLife), the CSN criteria were drafted and sent to a number of experts for comment. The second draft is	

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			currently being produced taking into account expert comments. In addition IBA data are currently being checked and verified in readiness for application of the criteria. The process of analysing the combined datasets will now take place, not by merging the data, but by applying the criteria separately to a) the IBA data and b) the data for IWC sites which do not overlap with an IBA. In preparation for this phase BirdLife are currently cleaning and verifying their IBA data to prevent errors in the CSN tool, and the CSN criteria have been drafted.	
1.1 5.2 Analyse resulting site network	WI, BLI	NA	As planned this activity will not take place until the CSN criteria have been finalised and applied.	
1.1 5.3 Consult experts in region on results	WI, BLI, SRSS	NA	As planned this activity will not take place until the CSN criteria have been applied and the resulting site network has been analysed.	
<b>Activity 1.1 6 Publication of the network of critical sites on CD ROM, in printed format (as a static document), and launch of the dynamic and interactive version on the internet</b>				
1.1 6.1 Compiling results of act. 1.1 1.5 into publication	WI/(WCMC), BLI	N/A	Not planned for this period	

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1.1 6.2 Edit and publish network	WI, BLI	N/A	Not planned for this period	
1.1 6.3 Launch portal	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSSs	N/A	Not planned for this period	
<b>Activity 1.1 7 Raise awareness amongst practitioners, and train them in the use of the network of critical sites</b>				
1.1 7.1 Disseminate concept of critical site network at appropriate occasions like conferences, meetings, workshops (active participation to raise awareness)	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSSs	IP 40% (↗)	BirdLife World Conference (September 08): BirdLife presented the concept of CSN and the CSN tool to participants in the Site workshop and WI presented the WOW project in the Flyway workshop. Both BirdLife and WI demonstrated and publicised the CSN tool at the World Conference Partnership Fair.	
<b>Activity 1.1 8 Promote the network of critical sites as a conservation tool</b>				
1.1 8.1 Develop communication plan for publicising the network of critical sites as a tool for conservation	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSSs	C		
1.1 8.2 Implement communication of network tool	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSSs	IP 30% (↗)	At BirdLife World Conference Leaflets re: CSN tool were distributed and the CSN tool was demonstrated at the Partnership Fair and introduced during the Sites and Flyways workshops.	
<b>Activity 1.1 9 Production of a publication to raise awareness of key issues in the flyway using the network as the basis</b>				

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1.1 9.1 Compile awareness publication	WI, BLI	N/A		
1.1 9.2 Produce and distribute publication	WI, BLI, SRSSs	N/A		
<b>Outcome 1.2 Primary data resources that underpin flyway conservation, planning and management activities enhanced to include all critically important sites in the AEWA region</b>				
<b>Activity 1.2.1 Identify gaps in spatial coverage and mobilise existing information</b>				
1.2 1.1 Map coverage of databases	WI, BLI	IP 95% (-)	For each population, geographic coverage by the existing IBA network was calculated and summarised in the Consolidated Report on the Subregional Gap Identification Workshops. IWC data will be incorporated in the analysis at the later stage of criteria application. IBA data is currently being checked and verified in relation to flyway boundaries to ensure sites in areas of flyway overlap are allocated to the most appropriate flyway population.	
1.2 1.2 Sub-regional check of coverage	WI, BLI, SRSSs	C (-)		
1.2 1.3 Compile existing information through sub-regions	WI, BLI, SRSSs	IP 85% (↗)	Gaps identified through regional workshops and expert consultation.. RWOs continue to search for available information on sites to be surveyed within sub-regions Identified gaps have been prioritised for	

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			selecting proposals for survey work. Results of these surveys can be incorporated into the databases of WI and BirdLife and will therefore be presented in the CSN tool.	
1.2 1.4 Organise regional workshops	WI, BLI, SRSs	C (-)		
<b>Activity 1.2 2 Fill the information gaps in the data sources</b>				
1.2 2.1 Increase and focus sub-regional coordination of IWC and IBA to fill gaps	WI, BLI, SRSs	IP 50% (⬆)	Key gaps were identified in each sub-region during the regional gap-identification workshops. The RWOs are following up with IWC and IBA national coordinators to see how best to fill these gaps, whether through expanding existing monitoring or through special surveys. WOW funding is being allocated accordingly.	
1.2 2.2 Perform additional targeted censuses to cover and fill gaps	WI, BLI, SRSs	N/A	WI to report	
1.2 2.3 Organise sub-regional workshops (same workshops as under act 1.2 1.4 above)	WI, BLI, SRSs	C (-)		
<b>Outcome 1.3 Flyway data gathering and monitoring capacity strengthened to support the updating and maintenance of primary data resources that underpin conservation of the network of critical sites</b>				

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<b>Activity 1.3 1 Harmonizing and strengthening data gathering capacity, thus ensuring better compatibility between and sustainability of monitoring networks</b>				
1.3 1.1 Map and analyse overlap and differences in monitoring activities between IWC and IBA and Wetland Inventories	WI, BLI	C (-)		
1.3 1.2 Develop input for manuals on streamlining and integrating monitoring activities	WI, BLI, SRSS	(-)	Not considered necessary, see previous report.	
1.3 1.3 Sub-regional Workshops to implement integrated monitoring	WI, BLI, SRSS	C (-)	Integrated monitoring workshops report completed and available on the WOW website.	
<b>Activity 1.3 2 Strengthening capacity for data gathering and monitoring</b>				
1.3 2.1 Print and provide monitoring manuals	WI, BLI		See 1.3.1.2	
1.3 2.2 Experts to lead surveys to train on (integration of) monitoring activities	WI / (consultants), BLI, SRSS		WI to report	
1.3 2.3 Sub-regional training censuses	WI, BLI, SRSS		WI to report	

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<b>Activity 1.3 Provide materials and equipment to facilitate and assist the training and data collection</b>				
1.3 3.1 Develop, print and provide field guide in Russian	WI/(consultants), BLI, SRS Central Asia	N/A		
1.3 3.2 Provide optical and other equipment	WI, BLI, SRSs	IP 40% (-)	WI to report	
<b>Outcome 1.4 Species and critical site knowledge base supports management and planning decision-making in flyway conservation</b>				
<b>Activity 1.4 1 Compile existing ecological knowledge on species' migratory characteristics, site function and population delimitation</b>				
1.4 1.1 Subcontract expert (consultant) to compile review of knowledge	WI, BLI	C		
1.4 1.2 Consultation of network and literature	WI / (consultant – identified: BLI)	C (↗)	Literature search completed for all species, and information improved for the remaining threatened WOW species.	
1.4 1.3 Compile overview existing ecological knowledge and identify gaps in knowledge	WI / (consultant), BLI, SRSs	C (↗)	Overview of ecological knowledge now compiled for all WOW species. Accounts all brought up to a common standard for display in the web portal.	



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**Activity 1.4 2 Facilitate research to cover the gaps in knowledge of the use of sites by migratory waterbirds and of population limitation**

1.4 2.1 Make available 'seed money' to help develop proposals to obtain funding for research to fill the gaps in knowledge	WI, BLI, SRSS	NA	Activity dropped due to funding constraints.	
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Component 2: Establishing a basis for strengthening decision-making and technical capacity for wetland and migratory waterbird conservation

**Outcome 2.1 Transferable model Training and Awareness Raising Programme framework produced for developing wetland and waterbird conservation capacity**

**Activity 2.1 1 Develop a working draft of the model Training and Awareness Raising Programme**

2.1 1.1 Develop the draft Programme	WI (consultant)			
2.1 1.2 Series of meetings with key training institutes	WI, SRSS			
2.1 1.3 Translate, print & distribute first draft model	WI, SRSS			

**Activity 2.1 2 Training and Awareness Raising Programme Development Workshop**

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2.1 2.1 Plan workshop	WI, PCU			
2.1 2.2 Hold Development Workshop	WI, PCU, SRSs			
<b>Activity 2.1 3 Draft the first full version of the model programme</b>				
2.1 3.1 Draft first full version of model	WI (consultant)			
<b>Activity 2.1 4 Review of the programme model draft</b>				
2.1 4.1 Perform external review of training and awareness model	WI, PCU, SRSs		The STOs (Networks and Demonstration Projects) reviewed the draft programme and provided comments to the consultants. The STO (Demonstration Projects) also participated in the review workshop held in Amman, Jordan in June 2008.	
2.1 4.2 Conduct a full review of the model programme	SC (sub-group), WI, PCU, SRSs			
<b>Activity 2.1 5 Finalise the programme model</b>				
2.1 5.1 Prepare the final version of the programme	WI			

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model				
2.1 5.2 Translate & print final model, and distribute to contributing partners / networks and to project sub-regional centres for wide dissemination	WI, PCU, SRSs			
<b>Outcome 2.2 Wetland and waterbird conservation Training and Awareness Raising Programmes produced ready for implementation in four sub-regions</b>				
<b>Activity 2.2 1 Establish 4 Sub-regional Training Boards</b>				
2.2 1.1 Informal meetings in sub-region to establish board	SRSs, WI, BLI			
2.2 1.2 Organise & hold training boards meetings	SRSs, WI, BLI			
2.2 1.3 Meeting reports	SRSs, WI, BLI			
<b>Activity 2.2 2 Design and establish 4 Sub-regional Training &amp; Awareness Programmes</b>				
2.2 2.1 Produce draft Training and Awareness Raising Programme models for consultation	WI, SRS, BLI			

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2.2 2.2 Training and Awareness Raising Programme Review Workshops & prioritisation of courses	WI, SRS, BLI			
<b>Activity 2.2 3 Finalise 4 Sub-regional Training &amp; Awareness Programmes</b>				
2.2 3.1 Prepare final draft for approval by Training Boards	WI, SRS, BLI			
2.2 3.2 Publish & print the Training and Awareness Raising Programme	WI			
2.2 3.3 Hold awareness-raising meetings to publicise & introduce the Training and Awareness Raising Programme	SRS, WI, BLI			
<b>Activity 2.2 4 Mobilise resources for the implementation of the sub-regional training and awareness raising programmes</b>				
2.2 4.1 Mobilise resources outside the sub-regions	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar, PCU			
2.2 4.2 Mobilise resources from within the sub-regions	SRSs, WI, BLI			
<b>Component 3: Improved conservation status at sites critical for waterbirds, and knowledge is generated on how to enhance conservation</b>				

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<b>across the African-Eurasian flyways.</b>				
<b>Outcome 3.1 Demonstrations of best practice management of migratory waterbirds and wetlands available across the flyway</b>				
<b>Activity 3.1.1 Execution of demonstration projects</b>				
3.1.1.1 Haapsalu-Noarotsi Bays, Estonia	WI (SRS) and the local executing agency (State Nature Conservation Centre)			
3.1.1.2 Biharugra Fishponds, Hungary	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (MME/ BirdLife Hungary)	IP 60% ↗ (40%)	Have supported and advised MME (the local executing agency) on project management and activities. Including advising on revising some activities relating to the ecotourism component.  Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the demonstration project progress.	No issues pending.
3.1.1.3 Nemunas River Delta, Lithuania	WI (SRS) and the local			

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	executing agency (Institute of Ecology of Vilnius University)			
3.1.1.4 Banc D'Arguin, Mauritania	WI (SRS) and the local executing agencies (WIAP & PNBA)			
3.1.1.5 Namga-Kokorou Complex, Niger	WI (SRS) and the local executing agency (WWF & DFPP)			
3.1.1.6 Hadejia Nguru Wetlands, Nigeria	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (Nigerian Conservation Foundation)	IP 60% ↗ (40%)	Supported NCF (the local executing agency) in implementing the project on the ground. Including additional support for financial and management reporting in addition to technical advice. Meetings were also held with the site Project Manager during the Africa Exchange Programme meeting in Dar es Salaam (Nov 2008). Progress is good.	No immediate issues pending.

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			A BirdLife news alert highlighting the successes of the project was written and released.  Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the demonstration project progress.	
3.1.1.7 Saloum/Niumi, Senegal/Gambia	WI (SRS) and the local executing agency (Department of Parks & Wildlife Management, Direction des Parcs Nationaux)			
3.1.1.8 Wakkerstroom, South Africa	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (BirdLife South Africa)	IP 70% ↗ (50%)	The local executing agency has been performing well and little support has been needed during this reporting period. Meetings were also held with the site Project Manager and Project assistant during the Africa Exchange Programme meeting in Dar es Salaam (Nov 2008).  Please refer to the demo project progress report for	No immediate issues pending

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			further information about the demonstration project progress.	
3.1.1.9 Dar es Salaam Wetlands, Tanzania	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania)	IP 35% ↗ (15%)	<p>BirdLife has supported the local executing agency (WCST) by providing technical and management advice remotely. This focused especially on the continued discussions surrounding progress with the wetlands education centre (Outcome 1) and the revision of the centre plans. In general, progress in the field remains behind schedule.</p> <p>The Senior Technical Officer and Technical Officer conducted a support mission (02-07 November 2008), to visit the site and provide further advice. A number of issues were identified in relation to further (unapproved) changes to the education centre, and a plan was agreed with the PCU and WCST to ensure that the project is implemented effectively.</p> <p>Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the demonstration project progress.</p>	The construction of the education centre remains an issue that needs close monitoring, as does communication from the project manager.
3.1.1.10 Lake Burdur, Turkey	BLI (SRS) and the local	IP 65% ↗ (50%)	The local executing agency has been performing well	No issues pending.



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	executing agency (Doga Dernegi)		and little support has been needed during this reporting period.  Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the demonstration project progress.	
3.1.1.11 Aden Lagoons, Yemen	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (BirdLife International Middle East Division & Yemen Society for the Protection of Wildlife)	IP 50% ↗ (40%)	Technical and managerial support has been provided to this demo project over this reporting period. Progress is acceptable. However, there are a number of outstanding issues relating to visibility and collaboration.  Some issues were identified with sub-optimal national collaboration (see previous report), and a mission took place between 16-22 June to resolve these and ensure effective project delivery. Recommendations were given to the local partner (including replacing the project manager and recruiting a contact point in Sana'a to improve collaboration with the national government agency and UNDP), and these have been partially implemented.  BirdLife have also arranged the review of the management plan, and a mission by a technical expert to assist in the revision of the management	There are still suboptimal national collaboration links as well as national project management weaknesses. A further support mission (with the PCU) is anticipated during the next reporting period.  BirdLife and the PCU are pursuing the missing funds transfer.

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			plan as well as monitoring activities.  Despite this progress, the project is currently facing a cashflow problem due to a missing transfer from UNOPS, and this is forcing the local team to suspend activities.  Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the demonstration project progress.	
<b>Activity 3.1.2 Publication of a book summarising the lessons learned from the demonstration project activities</b>				
3.1.2.1 Consultant contracted and structure for the book worked out	WI, PCU			
3.1.2.2 Demonstration projects contribute information for book	WI (consultant), BLI, PCU			
3.1.2.3 Consultant compiles and edits the book	WI (consultant)			
3.1.2.4 Book reviewed	WI, SC, PCU			
3.1.2.5 Book finalised	WI (consultant)			

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3.1 2.6 Book printed, publicised and disseminated

WI, PCU

### Component 4: Catalyzing the exchange of information for wetlands and migratory waterbird conservation

#### Outcome 4.1 Strengthened mechanisms for governments and NGOs to communicate and work together on wise use of wetlands and migratory waterbirds

##### Activity 4.1 1 Increase capacity for electronic exchange of information

4.1 1.1 Creation of project web area in the AEWA web-site

PCU, AEWA  
CO, WI, BLI

4.1 1.2 Creation of an intranet facility in the project web-site

PCU, AEWA  
CO, WI, BLI

4.1 1.3 Creation of an email discussion group

PCU, AEWA  
CO, WI, BLI

4.1 1.4 Promotion of the new electronic communication facility

PCU, AEWA  
CO, SRSSs,  
WI, BLI,  
Ramsar

##### Activity 4.1 2 Augmentation of and increased access to flyway contact information

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4.1 2.1 Compile existing information from partner organizations for use in the contacts database	AEWA CO, PCU			
4.1 2.2 Develop data agreement	AEWA CO, PCU			
4.1 2.3 Create, populate and maintain database on the AEWA web-site	AEWA CO, PCU			
4.1 2.4 Plan and implement data collection activities	AEWA CO, PCU, SRSs			
<b>Activity 4.1 3 Provide project information (updates, progress reports, publicity materials) in four languages for stakeholders</b>				
4.1 3.1 Compile annual newsletters	AEWA CO, PCU, WI, BLI			
4.1.3.2 Disseminate newsletters	AEWA CO, PCU, WI, BLI, SRSs			
4.1 3.3 Disseminate other project information	AEWA CO, PCU, SRSs, Demonstration Projects			
<b>Outcome 4.2 Mechanisms of exchange between and within sub-regions for improved flyway-level migratory waterbird and wetland</b>				

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<b>management established</b>				
<b>Activity 4.2 1 Establish informal networks along the main migratory flyways within the AEWA area</b>				
4.2 1.1 Liaison with WI/BLI to agree on key sites / flyway networks	WI, BLI, AEWA, PCU			
4.2 1.2 Develop preliminary networks of people for selected flyways	WI, BLI, AEWA, PCU			
4.2 1.3 Detail and publicise networks on project website	WI, BLI, AEWA, PCU			
<b>Activity 4.2 2 Designate focal points, responsible for servicing networks</b>				
4.2 2.1 Identify & designate focal points for each flyway	WI			
4.2 2.2 Focal points develop, maintain and service networks	WI			
<b>Activity 4.2 3 Exchange Programme Planning Workshop</b>				
4.2 3.1 Organise and hold Planning Workshop	WI, PCU			
4.2 3.2 Distil flyway-level schedules and	WI			

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recommendations				
<b>Activity 4.2 4 Implement Exchange Programme activities</b>				
4.2 4.1 Exchanges of key site personnel between sites in different parts of the flyways	WI			
4.2 4.2 Exchanges of key sites personnel within their sub-region	WI, SRSSs, demo projects, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar			
4.2 4.3 Exchanges of demonstration site personnel	WI, SRSSs, demo projects, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar		The STO (Demonstration Projects) participated in the exchange programme meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (04-07 November 2008). This meeting included the project managers from the three BirdLife partner demonstration projects, and reviewed and discussed shared issues encountered by each project. This meeting resulted in constructive sharing of experience between participants as well as ideas for improving future information sharing.	No issues.
<b>Activity 4.2 5 Develop strategic partnerships and mobilise co-financing</b>				

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4.2 5.1 Promote partnerships through communication & liaison	WI, SRSs			
4.2 5.2 Develop strategic partnership proposals	PCU, WI, SRSs			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Outcome 4.3 The wise-use of migratory waterbirds and wetlands is better understood and implemented by governments in focal sub-regions</b></p>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Activity 4.3 1 Development of sub-regional mentoring capacity</b></p>				
4.3 1.1 Development of shadowing timetable for each staff member to coincide with appropriate MEA (Multilateral Environmental Agreements: i.e. AEWA, RAMSAR) activities	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar, PCU, SRSs			
4.3 1.2 Shadow activities in MEA offices	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar, PCU, SRSs			
4.3 1.3 Shadow activities in the field	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar, PCU, SRSs			

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<b>Activity 4.3 2 Production of key MEA texts and information in the predominant languages of the focal sub-regions</b>				
4.3 2.1 Translation of key MEA texts	PCU, AEWA, Ramsar, SRSs, WI, BLI			
4.3 2.2 Printing and dissemination of translated documents	PCU, AEWA, Ramsar, SRSs, WI, BLI			



## 4. Report on the use of Funds

### 4.1 GEF Funds

Report on the status of GEF Funds managed under this Agreement with UNOPS.

Total Budget approved for the provision of technical services:	USD 225,930
Funds advanced by UNOPS to date:	USD 115,640
Total expenditure this reporting period:	USD 36,665
Funds requested (as per revised disbursement schedule):	USD 58,941
Balance (if applicable):	USD -48,751

Certified by: Carolyn Musk (Finance Officer) and Jonathan Barnard (Project Manager)

The Lead Contractor to import an MS Excel sheet of the financial report table below.

**Table 1. Financial Report**

General Category of Expenditure		Total budget	Total expenditure to date	Total budget balance	Opening balance this reporting period	Last payment received	Expenditure in reporting period	Balance at end of reporting period
<b>10</b>	PERSONNEL COMPONENT							
	1100 Project Personnel							
	1101 Senior Staff Coordinator	5,350	5,366	-16			0	
	1102 Senior Technical Officer (networks)	27,011	26,983	28			10,187	
	1103 Senior Technical Officer (demo projects)	88,508	73,737	14,771			18,711	
	1104 Senior Technical Officer (Information management)	0	0	0			0	
	1105 Technical Officer (Africa)	53,109	20,163	32,946			0	
	1106 Technical Officer (data management)	6,651	6,665	-14			5205	
	1199 sub-total	<b>180,629</b>	<b>132,914</b>	<b>47,715</b>			<b>34,103</b>	
	1600 Travel on official business	45,301	31,476	13,825			2,561	
	1699 sub-total	<b>45,301</b>	<b>31,476</b>	<b>13,825</b>			<b>2,561</b>	
	1999 COMPONENT TOTAL	<b>225,930</b>	<b>164,391</b>	<b>61,539</b>			<b>36,665</b>	
<b>99</b>	GRAND TOTAL	<b>225,930</b>	<b>164,391</b>	<b>61,539</b>	<b>-71,027</b>	<b>58,941</b>	<b>36,665</b>	<b>-48,751</b>

## 4.2 Status of co-financing

Include a financial report on the status of funds received by other donors and partners as co-financing for this project. The Lead Contractor to import an MS Excel sheet of the financial report table below.

Sources of co-financing	Total funds committed (cash)	Total in-kind contribution	Total co-financing (cash + in-kind)	Total received to date	Balance
BirdLife International	0	USD 674,225	USD 674,225	USD 309,596	USD 364,629
<b>totals</b>				USD 309,596	USD 364,629
<b>List any additional sources of co-financing mobilized during project implementation</b>					
<b>totals</b>					

## 5 Evaluation of Project Impact

Please provide relevant information (and attach supporting documentation) for inclusion in the project monitoring and evaluation framework.

QUESTION	ANSWER
<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>	
# of BLI staff involved in the implementation of the project	11
# of Volunteers involved in this project	1
<b>TARGET BENEFICIARIES</b>	
# of people involved in project workshops organised by BLI	0 during this reporting period
# of people BLI has trained to date under this project	0
<b>COMMUNICATION ISSUES</b>	
# of press articles produced and disseminated by BLI featuring the project	<p>Four stories relating to WOW published on the <a href="http://www.birdlife.org">www.birdlife.org</a> website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b><u>Nigerian community empowered by wetland project</u></b>                      A collaborative project by BirdLife and the Nigerian Conservation Foundation has empowered a community to improve a local wetland. Habitat management has greatly improved the wetland, and local...                      News : News Stories : 28-11-2008</p> </li> <li> <p><b><u>Delegates discuss flyway conservation</u></b>                      Over 150 representatives of government and non-governmental organisations as well as waterbird experts from 80 countries are meeting in Madagascar this week. They are discussing urgent...                      News : News Stories : 15-09-2008</p> </li> <li> <p><b><u>International agreement join-ups flyway conservation</u></b>                      A new resolution has been agreed which recognises the importance of promoting international cooperation for the conservation of migratory waterbirds...                      News : News Stories : 03-11-2008</p> </li> <li> <p><b><u>BirdLife Olympics - Marathon event – webpage deleted:</u></b>                      “The Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i> is a full long-distance migratory shorebird. However, it's not quite a gold-medal winner. Last year a radio-tagged Bar-tailed Godwit clocked up over 18,000-miles (29,000 km), flying from New Zealand, to China, then over to Alaska to breed, then back to New Zealand. By way of comparison with humans, Guinness</p> </li> </ul>

	<p>World Records earlier this year announced the record for running around the world: it took 2,062 days. <a href="#">Click here for more information.</a></p> <p>Migratory shorebirds, and the wetland habitats they require to complete their annual journeys, are under threat. The BirdLife Partnership is part of the Wings over Wetlands project. The project is helping to foster international collaboration along an entire flyway, and building capacity for monitoring and conservation and demonstrate best practice in the conservation and wise use of wetlands in the twelve countries selected. <a href="#">Click here for more information.</a>”</p>
# of TV/radio programmes featuring the project and/or related issues promoted by the BLI Communications team	0
# of publications BLI has produced under this project	0
Estimated # of people BLI has targeted through institutional communication efforts	<p>632,023 unique visitors to BirdLife.org</p> <p>860 page views for <a href="#">Nigerian community empowered by wetland project</a></p> <p>1456 page views for - <a href="#">Delegates discuss flyway conservation</a></p> <p>1647 page views for - <a href="#">International agreement join-ups flyway conservation</a></p> <p>WOW project webpage on birdlife.org: 203 page views</p> <p>Older WOW stories viewed during the period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.Birdlife.org/news/pr/2006/11/wow_project_launch.html">www.Birdlife.org/news/pr/2006/11/wow_project_launch.html</a> 138 page views</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.Birdlife.org/news/news/2008/03/WOW_Kazakh_IBA.html">www.Birdlife.org/news/news/2008/03/WOW_Kazakh_IBA.html</a> 71 page views</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.Birdlife.org/news/news/2006/11/wow_launch.html">www.Birdlife.org/news/news/2006/11/wow_launch.html</a> 11 page views</li> </ul>

## 6. Key Lessons Learned

Report on any key lessons learned by BLI during project preparation and implementation. Please focus on issues that may (a) help in the design of future projects, and/or (b) help in improving performance of the WOW project as a whole, and (c) contribute to best practice in wetlands management and conservation of migratory waterbirds.

Early responses to funding issues and other project changes are essential to permit effective adaptive management and delivery of key project outcomes. This requires close collaboration between all partners, and an effective and fast decision making process.
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## **7. Workplan for the Next Semi-annual Period**

### ***7.1 Updated overall project workplan***

Provide BLI's overall project workplan, to reflect the actual start date and status of project activities.

### ***7.2 Workplan for next six months***

Provide a detailed workplan for the coming six-month period. You may add rows under each planned activity, do reflect any sub-activity that may be envisaged.

## ANNEXES

In each report, please include the following information in the annexes:

- ✓ List of workshops (title, date, location, # of participants) held in the period covered by this report
- ✓ List of technical reports produced in the period covered by this report
- ✓ List of media communication (TV/radio/press) released in the period covered by this report
- ✓ List of publications produced in the period covered by this report
- ✓ Updated inventory of equipment purchased with project funds (please use the table provided – double-click on the file icon below, insert items, and the “save” the file)



inventory

Please send by email to the PCU:

- ✓ 1 photograph of the project team as a group, and passport size photo of project manager (if not already submitted)
- ✓ Photographs representing main aspects of project work, and illustrating project impact (i.e. of workshops, field research, education and awareness, training ecotourism, volunteer groups etc. Please provide pictures that may help illustrating the impact of the project, i.e. of the situation “before”, “during” and “after” the project)
- ✓ Soft copy of technical reports produced by project
- ✓ Soft copy of workshop reports

Please keep records of (for later review/consultation by the PCU)

- ✓ Financial records (original invoices, receipts) of all expenditure incurred with project funds
- ✓ Hard copy of press articles and publications produced by the project
- ✓ Copy of TV/radio programs



## Annex 1: Inventory of Outputs/Services

### a) Meetings (BLI-convened meetings only)

No	Meeting Type <sup>4</sup>	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organized by	# of Participants	Report issued as doc no	Language	Dated
1.	Project evaluation meeting	WOW mid-term evaluation	BirdLife International, Cambridge	25-26 June 2008	Leon Bennun	Jonathan Barnard/ Vicky Jones (BirdLife)	6	See PCU	English	See PCU
3.	Technical Meeting	WOW CSN tool demonstration and review	BirdLife International, Cambridge	23 July 2008	Vicky Jones	Vicky Jones/ Ian May (BirdLife)	12	n/a	n/a	n/a
2.	Management Meeting	WOW Technical Team Meeting	BirdLife International, Cambridge	13-14 November 2008	PCU / Jonathan Barnard	Jonathan Barnard / Sue Patterson (BirdLife)	15	see PCU	English	see PCU
4.	Management Meeting	WOW Portal review meeting	BirdLife International, Cambridge/ teleconference WI	19 November 2008	Ian May	Ian May	4	n/a	n/a	n/a

<sup>4</sup> Meeting types (Inter-governmental Meeting, Expert Group Meeting, Training Workshop/Seminar, Other)

**b) Printed Materials**

No	Type <sup>5</sup>	Title	Author(s)/Editor(s)	Publisher	Symbol	Publication Date	Distribution List Attached Yes/No
1.	Technical report	No. 11 Consolidated Report on the Regional Monitoring Workshops under the Wings Over Wetlands Project	Szabolcs Nagy, Vicky Jones, Nicky Petkov, Sharif Jbour, Alexander Solokha, Oliver Nasirwa & Moussa Diop	n/a		October 2008	Available on WOW website
2.	Technical report	No. 12 Consolidated Report on the Subregional Gap Identification Workshops under the Wings Over Wetlands Project	Szabolcs Nagy, Vicky Jones, Nicky Petkov, Oliver Nasirwa, Moussa Diop, Alexander Solokha & Sharif Jbour	n/a		November 2008	Available on WOW website

<sup>5</sup> Material types (Report to Inter-governmental Meeting, Technical Publication, Technical Report, Other)

**c) Media coverage**

No	Description	Date
1.		
2.		
3.		

**d) Technical Cooperation with relevant parallel initiatives**

No	Type <sup>6</sup>	Purpose	Venue	Duration	For Grants and Fellowships		
					Beneficiaries	Countries/Nationalities	Cost (in US\$)
1.	Staff involvement	BirdLife Senior Technical Officer (Demonstration Projects) is ensuring full synergy between the WOW project and the GEF/BirdLife 10-year, 11-country, project " <i>Mainstreaming conservation of migratory soaring birds into key productive sectors along the Rift Valley/Red Sea flyway</i> ".	UK & Jordan	Ongoing			

**e) Other Outputs/Services (e.g. Networking, Query-response, Participation in meetings etc.)**

No	Description	Date
1.	STO (Demonstration Projects) mission to Amman, Jordan to participate in training module review workshop, and support regional centre.	11-17 June 2008

<sup>6</sup> Technical Cooperation Type (Grants and Fellowships, Advisory Services, Staff Mission, Others)

2.	STO (Demonstration Projects) mission to Yemen to review project progress and provide technical and management support.	17-22 June 2008
3.	STO (Demonstration Projects) and TO (Demonstration Projects) mission to Tanzania to review project progress and provide technical and management support.	01-03 November 2008
4.	STO (Demonstration Projects) mission to Tanzania to participate in Exchange Programme planning workshop.	04-06 November 2008
5.	STO (Demonstration Projects) mission to Tanzania to review project progress and provide technical and management support to demo project staff from Nigeria and South Africa.	04-06 November 2008
6.	STO (Networks) and STO (Demonstration Projects) mission to Argentina to present WOW at the BirdLife International Partnership World Conference and Partnership Meetings.	21-27 September 2008
7.	STO (Demonstration Projects) mission to Jordan to support regional centre.	11-13 August 2008.