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1. Executive Summary

During this reporting period, Wetlands International continued to make significant progress in relations to all outcomes it is responsible for.

A new staff was employed to coordinate WI work in all project components, liaise with PCU, streamline reporting among the different donors and facilitate the filling of the funding gaps.

Component 1: results of the subregional gap identification and monitoring workshops have been summarized in two consolidated report and a data annex analysing the gaps in the current key site network, as defined by Important Bird Areas, for each waterbird population. In the meantime, the development of the prototype of the CSN Portal has continued and it has been presented at major international events (AEWA MOP4, Ramsar COP10, CMS COP9, BirdLife World Conference). Gap filling surveys have been carried out/ongoing in 12 countries in Africa (Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Zambia, Somaliland and Djibouti, Ivory Coast, Benin, Togo, Senegal, Gabon, Guinea, Niger, DR Congo) and Central Asia (Uzbekistan, Armenia).

Component 2 is almost completed. The Training Modules have incorporated all comments and inputs from the regional boards following the Amman workshop and a second advanced draft of the generic modules developed by the CDO and consultants was circulated to all Training Boards. Regional adaptations work has started and the East Africa Training Board has adopted the Modules. A leaflet promoting the ToT, to be used for awareness and fund raising has been produced in 1000 copies and is being distributed.

Component 4: following the decisions emerged at the January 2008 Exchange Programme Development Workshop, activities have focussed on promoting exchange between demo sites within each sub-region. Because of the geographical restriction of BfN funding, most activities have taken place in Africa. A training workshop took place in July in South Africa; it was held by BirdLife South Africa and was specifically designed for the demonstration project staff from Tanzania and Gambia. A Workshop, involving all East and South Africa demo projects took place in Tanzania in October-November. Plans for the implementation of the exchange programme in West Africa have been developed and a visit from Estonian Demo site staff to Senegal-Gambia is scheduled in January 2009 to help in the implementation of the IWC. Another workshop to develop a plan of activities between the most important wetlands sites in the region is scheduled for mid February 2009.

Resource mobilization: the WOW project has been presented at all relevant international events and meeting during the reporting period. In particular events and presentations highlighting the achievements and the funding gaps have been delivered at the AEWA MOP4 (Madagascar), CMS COP9 (Italy), Ramsar COP9 (South Korea). Specific request for support to high priority activities have been submitted by WI to the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV), the United Arab Emirates, and the Scottish

Natural Heritage (SNH). WI has developed, on request of AEWA, a proposal to the EU (DG Env.). In cooperation with BLI and the Bath University a proposal has been submitted to the Darwin Initiative (UK). WI has approached other potential donors, both governmental and private) but no further applications has been sent as yet. Resource mobilization toward the implementation of the ToT programme in the sub-region (activities not included in the WOW project) have already started and the first \$50,000 were raised from USFWS for West Africa and a new applications is planned for East Africa in 2009.

1.1 Key project achievements during the reporting period

#	Key Project Achievements
1	Gap identification process completed
2	CSN Tool prototype presented at several international meetings
3	Gap filling surveys carried out so far in 12 sites
4	Leaflet promoting the ToT Modules produced
5	ToT Modules approved by East and South Africa Training Board
6	Two exchange programme events held

1.2 Key issues & proposed solutions

Identify up to a maximum of 10 key project issues encountered 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	Delay with mobilizing AEWA co-funding.	Approach Governmental agencies as identified in cooperation with PSC Chair	February	AEWA, WI, PCU
		Assess co-funding potential of AEWA WET-CAP project	March	AEWA, WI
		Steer potential donors to WOW priority funding gaps as identified (CSN rather than gap filling).	Ongoing	AEWA
2	Delay with ToT finalization	Extra resources have been allocated for the completion of the task. New contract are being drawn with the consultants.	February 2009	WI

¹ Only parties, suggested to take the lead on the issue are mentioned here, but it assumes collaboration of all others.

	Workplans of regional CDOs revised to ensure regional endorsement by Training Board.	April 2009	
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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

CATEGORY	ISSUES Description of issues affecting project performance during the reporting period	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS Description of decisions / actions to be taken	DEADLINE	PARTY RESPONSIBLE
Recruitment & management of staff and consultants	None			
Finance & administration	None			
Logistics & operations	None			
Reporting & communication				
Coordination with project partners & demo projects				
External issues (mobilization of co- funding, political/social/envi- ronmental reasons, etc.)	Delay with mobilizing AEWA co-funding	 Approach Governmental agencies as identified in cooperation with PSC Chair Assess co-funding potential of AEWA WET-CAP project 	February March	WI, AEWA AEWA
Torring reasons, etc.)		 Steer potential donors to WOW priority funding gaps as identified (CSN) 		AEWA

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Other (please specify)		

WOW – Wings Over Wetlands – The UNEP/GEF African Eurasian Flyways Project

3. Progress / Issues / Proposed Solutions

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
RWO Regional Waterbird Officer
SAR Semi-annual Report

SRS Sub-Regional Subcontractor

WCMC UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre

WI Wetlands International

ACTIVITIES

Output/Service (as listed in the approved project document)

PARTY RESPONSIBLE

% completed to date (and in parenthesis: % in prior progress report)

STATUS

PROGRESS

Description of work undertaken during the reporting period

ISSUES

Description of problems encountered; Issues that need to be addressed; Decisions / Actions to be taken

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Component 1: Establishment of a fundamental tool to assist planning and management in flyway conservation

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.

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Activity 1.1 1 E	Establishment o	of inter-operability bel	tween the main data-sources.	
1.1 1.1 WI issues a subcontract/MOA with WCMC (as a pre-selected subcontractor, also identified in the Project Document) for the provision of technical advisory services towards the implementation of this component	WI	С	See SAR #1	
1.1 1.2 Develop and map quality standards for databases	WI/(WCMC), BLI	С	See SAR #2	
1.1 1.3 Integrate standards, test	WI/(WCMC), BLI	n C 100%	Application of integrated standards have been tested in the CSN prototype.	
1.1 1.4 Implement interoperability	WI/(WCMC), BLI	∩ IP 80%	As a result of the testing, linking species, populations and flyway polygons had to be revised and a new coding system for populations have been implemented in collaboration with BirdLife. For verification of IWC coordinates see 1.1.2.1	
Activi	ty 1.1 2 Collection	on of spatial site refere	ence data as a basis for database linkage in th	e site network

PARTY **ACTIVITIES STATUS PROGRESS ISSUES RESPONSIBLE** Output/Service (as listed in the Description of work undertaken during the reporting period Description of problems encountered: % completed to date (and in approved project document) Issues that need to be addressed: parenthesis: % in prior Decisions / Actions to be taken progress report) 1.1 2.1 Map available data, WI/(WCMC), Significant progress has been made on gather new data BLI verifying IWC coordinates. Coordinates still **O** IP 70% need to be verified once more from 31 countries in Eats Africa and Europe. 1.1 2.2 Digitise information WI/(WCMC) RBCU has completed the digitalization of Russian IBAs under subcontract issued by **1** IP 75% WI. 1.1 2.3 Make spatial info WI/(WCMC), accessible BLI Available locations of IWC and Ramsar sites, Protected Areas and, where **O** IP 80% available, boundaries of protected areas, Ramsar sites and IBAs are accessible through the prototype of the CSN Tool. Activity 1.1 3 Creation of the basis of the site network by linking the main data resources. 1.1 3.1 Link data sources by WI/(WCMC), C See SAR #3 coordinates BLI 1.1 3.2 Link data sources by WI/(WCMC), C See SAR #3 boundaries BLI 1.1 3.3 Analyse combined WI/(WCMC). (-)50%See SAR #3 BH datasets Activity 1.1 4 Development of a web-based portal to integrate the data from the main data sources, to display the

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	ork of critical si nanagement ac		ernet and to link into data on ecological requir	ements of species, site use	
1.1 4.1 Develop plan for web based portal in consultation with custodians	WI/(WCMC)	С	See SAR #3		
1.1 4.2 Programming of portal application, testing	WI/WCMC/BL	∩ IP 60%	The programming of the CSN prototype has continued on the basis of monthly consultation between the parties ² . The earlier mapping engine has been replaced by a new one to improve reliability of the tool and make the site loading faster. A first version of an online Threshold Look-up Tool has been developed to aid selection of Critical Sites.		
1.1 4.3 Adapt databases for portal-linking	WI/(WCMC), BLI	(-) 75%			
Activity 1.1 5 Compile the network of critical sites using Ramsar and IBA criteria					
1.1 5.1 Review and apply criteria on datasets	WI, BLI	O IP 25%	CSN Criteria has been drafted by BLI and WI staff, sent to the AEWA TC and RWOs for comments and finalized based on the comments.		

² http://development-maps.unep-wcmc.org/wow/default.aspx

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1.1 5.2 Analyse resulting site network	WI, BLI	NA	Not scheduled for reporting period.			
1.1 5.3 Consult experts in region on results	WI, BLI, SRSs	NA	Not scheduled for reporting period.			
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						
1.1 6.1 Compiling results of act.1.1 1.5 into publication	WI/(WCMC), BLI	NA	Not scheduled for reporting period.			
1.1 6.2 Edit and publish network	WI, BLI	NA	Not scheduled for reporting period.			
1.1 6.3 Launch portal	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSs	NA	Not scheduled for reporting period.			
Activi	Activity 1.1 7 Raise awareness amongst practitioners, and train them in the use of the network of critical sites					
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, SRSs	(-) 50%	See SAR #3. The CSN leaflet has been distributed at event mentioned under 1.1.8.2.			
Activi	ty 1.1 8 Promot	e the network of critico	al sites as a conservation tool			

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			CMS COP9 in Rome by the WOW Team and attended by some 30 delegated and a stand.		
Activity 1.1 9 Production of a publication to raise awareness of key issues in the flyway using the network as the basis					
1.1 9.1 Compile awareness publication	WI, BLI	NA			
1.1 9.2 Produce and distribute publication	WI, BLI, SRSs	NA			
	_	resources that underpi ant sites in the AEWA r	n flyway conservation, planning and managen	nent activities enhanced to	
Activi	ty 1.2 1 Identify	gaps in spatial coverc	age and mobilise existing information		
1.2 1.1 Map coverage of databases	WI, BLI	O C 100 %	Consolidated Gap Identification workshop report and its data annex have been finalized. (See Annex 2)		
1.2 1.2 Sub-regional check of coverage	WI, BLI, SRSs	С	See SAR #3		
1.2 1.3 Compile existing information through sub-regions	WI, BLI, SRSs	O C 100 %	See SAR #3. Data annex developed and circulated among RWOs (See annex 2)		
1.2 1.4 Organise regional	WI, BLI,	С	See SAR #3		

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workshops	SRSs			
Activi	ity 1.2 2 Fill the	information gaps in th	ne data sources	
1.2 2.1 Increase and focus sub- regional coordination of IWC and IBA to fill gaps	WI, BLI, SRSs	O IP 50 %	RWOs are following up the implementation of the Gap filling strategy.	
1.2 2.2 Perform additional targeted censuses to cover and fill gaps	WI, BLI, SRSs	•• IP 75%	Following the identification of the areas from which data are missing or outdated a call for proposals has being launched. All received proposals are verified against the priority list (Annex 2a) an budget availability. Application Forms and Priority Gap Tables & Map are available on-line at: http://wow.wetlands.org/INFORMATIONFL YWAY/CRITICALSITESNETWORKTOOL/WOWGapFillingSurveys/tabid/1371/langua ge/en-US/Default.aspx) So far in 2008 Surveys has been launched in 12 countries. Annex 3 provides the list of gap areas and priorities.	The SC maintained that the project should neither focus nor earmark additional funds on gap filling efforts within fundraising efforts. Only existing funds (i.e.: already confirmed cash) should be used to complete gapfilling efforts. From a project perspective, the SC agreed to shift future resource mobilisation efforts on addressing staff costs and other existing gaps. It is recognized that some donors are more receptive to proposals for field work. These efforts should continue but only

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				for monitoring purposes.		
1.2 2.3 Organise sub-regional workshops (same workshops as under act 1.2 1.4 above)	WI, BLI, SRSs	С	See SAR #3			
	•	_	ng capacity strengthened to support the updat n of the network of critical sites	ting and maintenance of		
	-	nizing and strengthenion monitoring networks	ng data gathering capacity, thus ensuring bet	ter compatibility between		
1.3 1.1 Map and analyse overlap and differences in monitoring activities between IWC and IBA and Wetland Inventories	WI, BLI	С	See SAR #2			
1.3 1.2 Develop input for manuals on streamlining and integrating monitoring activities	WI, BLI, SRSs	(-) 75%				
1.3 1.3 Sub-regional Workshops to implement integrated monitoring	WI, BLI, SRSs	С	See SAR #3			
Activity 1.3 2 Strengthening capacity for data gathering and monitoring						
1.3 2.1 Print and provide monitoring manuals	WI, BLI		See SAR #2			

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1.3 2.2 Experts to lead surveys to train on (integration of) monitoring activities	WI / (consultants), BLI, SRSs	∩ IP 25%	All surveys used to train local volunteers and staff as appropriate. Publication on the Surveys in West and central Africa published by ONCFS (see Annex 4)	See comment in Activity 1.2 2.2
1.3 2.3 Sub-regional training censuses	WI, BLI, SRSs	(-) 20%	All surveys used to train local volunteers and staff as appropriate.	See comment in Activity 1.2 2.2
Activi	ty 1.3 3 Provide	e materials and equip	ment to facilitate and assist the training and d	ata collection
1.3 3.1 Develop, print and provide field guide in Russian	WI/(consultan ts), BLI, SRS Central Asia		This activity has been dropped from the project workplan.	
1.3 3.2 Provide optical and other equipment	WI, BLI, SRSs	60% ೧	Three new scopes, several second hand binoculars and 25 copies of "Birds of Africa South of Sahara" acquired for East Africa. Three oculars and 200 copies of ONCFS field guide acquired for West Africa. The books have been eventually offered by ONCFS as in kind contribution	The SC has decided to: (a) consider this activity as completed once all equipment for Africa is delivered; (b) drop the equipment for Central Asia and Middle

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				East.		
Outcome 1.4 conservation	-	sical site knowledge bo	ase supports management and planning decision	on-making in flyway		
	ity 1.4 1 Compile lation delimitat		nowledge on species' migratory characteristics,	site function and		
1.4 1.1 Subcontract expert (consultant) to compile review of knowledge	WI, BLI	С	See SAR #1			
1.4 1.2 Consultation of network and literature	WI / (consultant – indentified: BLI)	С	See SAR #3			
1.4 1.3 Compile overview existing ecological knowledge and identify gaps in knowledge	WI / (consultant), BLI, SRSs	n IP 100%	Review of ecological knowledge is now available through the Species section of the BirdLife DataZone and linked into the CSN Tool prototype.			
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	WI, BLI, SRSs	(-)	This activity has been dropped from the			

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research to fill the gaps in knowledge			project workplan.			
Outcome 2.1 Transfe	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 wor	king draft of the mode	el Training and Awareness Raising Programmo	2		
2.1 1.1 Develop the draft Programme	WI (consultant)	С	See SAR # 3			
2.1 1.2 Series of meetings with key training institutes	WI, SRSs	С	See SAR #3			
2.1 1.3 Translate, print & distribute first draft model	WI, SRSs	NA		Under the current funding situation it is considered a low priority. Consultation has been done through email and based on the English version.		
Activity 2.1 2	Training and A	Awareness Raising Prog	gramme Development Workshop			

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				Stroud, who is preliminarily identified as the external reviewer/editor for the final version (available on a voluntary basis)
Activity 2.1 5	Finalise the pr	ogramme model		
2.1 5.1 Prepare the final version of the programme model	WI	∩ IP 80%	Consultants have been working since June. In November a new workplan has been developed for the delivery of the generic modules (now expected in February 2009).	Following Amman Workshop a number of comment and input were received. The scope of the Training Modules has been expanded and this has taken more time that planned. Revised ToRs developed.
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	∩ IP 30%	TOR for the lay-out prepared and list of potential sub-contractors created. Proposal for funding the printing of 1,500 copies of the Generic module, as a tool for resource mobilization and promotion, developed and submitted to SHN (UK).	The WOW Team meeting held in Nov. 2008 reconsidered the decision of not producing a printed version (See SAR #3). Further fund-raising efforts

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			Regional Translations in Russian will be done in house by CARSC CDO. Translation in French is planned in 2009 with funds made available by Ramsar. The AEWA Wet-Cap project may contribute to the translation in Arabic.	were made. Integration of WOW and WETCAP project need to be developed in details.	
			to the translation in Arabic.		
Outcome 2.2 Wetlan implementation in f			ng and Awareness Raising Programmes produc	ed ready for	
implementation in f	our sub-regions			ed ready for	
implementation in f	our sub-regions	5		ed ready for	
implementation in f Activity 2.2 1 2.2 1.1 Informal meetings in	our sub-regions Establish 4 Sub	o-regional Training Bo	ards	ed ready for	
Activity 2.2 1 2.2 1.1 Informal meetings in sub-region to establish board 2.2 1.2 Organise & hold training	our sub-regions Establish 4 Sub SRSs, WI, BLI	p-regional Training Bo	ards See SAR #2	ed ready for	
implementation in f Activity 2.2 1 2.2 1.1 Informal meetings in sub-region to establish board 2.2 1.2 Organise & hold training boards meetings 2.2 1.3 Meeting reports	Establish 4 Sub SRSs, WI, BLI SRSs, WI, BLI SRSs, WI, BLI	o-regional Training Boo C C	See SAR #2 See SAR #3	ed ready for	

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consultation			the workshop have been included in the draft generic module. French and Russian adaptation and translation scheduled and fund-raised for (see 2.1 5.2). Guidelines on what the regional training boards are expected to do in order to regionalize the modules developed and circulated to all CDOs.	
2.2 2.2 Training and Awareness Raising Programme Review Workshops & prioritisation of courses	WI, SRS, BLI	∩ IP 25%	East and South Africa adaptation workshop held (Addis Ababa, Nov 2008) All other workshops have been scheduled for 2009	Delay in the finalization of the generic module required the re-scheduling of regional workshops which are now scheduled in the first third of 2009
Activity 2.2 3	Finalise 4 Sub-	-regional Training & A	wareness Programmes	
2.2 3.1 Prepare final draft for approval by Training Boards	WI, SRS, BLI	∩ IP 25%	East and South Africa Training Board held back to back with the adaptation workshop. The TB has approved the modules in November 2008. All other workshops have been scheduled for 2009	Delay in the finalization of the generic module required the re-scheduling of regional workshops which are now scheduled in the first third of 2009

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2.2 3.2 Publish & print the Training and Awareness Raising Programme	WI	NA	Publication scheduled for next reporting period	WOW SC agreed to change the language of this activity to reflect the regionalisation process. The generic version of the training programme should be translated if possible. Regional Centres should receive resource copies of the generic programme in English. Each time a training workshop is to be held a set of copies in that particular language should be printed.
2.2 3.3 Hold awareness-raising meetings to publicise & introduce the Training and Awareness Raising Programme	SRS, WI, BLI	∩ IP 25%	A brochure promoting the ToT modules has been produced in Nov 2008. The ToT component was promoted as part of the WOW project at a side event presented at CMS COP9 in Rome by the WOW Team and attended by about 30 delegated and a stand.	

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2.2 4.1 Mobilise resources outside the sub-regions	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar, PCU	∩ IP 25%	50,000 USD for the implementation of the first TOT course in West Africa have been mobilized from USFWS by WI. A similar application is planned in 2009 for East Africa. Ramsar Secretariat offered 25,000 EUR for translations in French of the ToT. Further funds are available (French funds through AEWA) for the printing of the West Africa Training kit. IUCN Caucasus has expressed interest in contributing to fund-raising efforts for the ToT in CARCS Sub-region.	
2.2 4.2 Mobilise resources from within the sub-regions	SRSs, WI, BLI			

Component 3: Improved conservation status at sites critical for waterbirds, and knowledge is generated on how to enhance conservation across the African-Eurasian flyways.

Outcome 3.1 Demonstrations of best practice management of migratory waterbirds and wetlands available across the flyway

Activity 3.11 Execution of demonstration projects

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3.1 1.1 Haapsalu-Nooarotsi 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)			
3.1.1.3 Nemunas River Delta, Lithuania	WI (SRS) and the local executing agency (Institute of Ecology of Vilnius University)			
3.1.1.4 Banc D'Arguin, Mauritania	WI (SRS) and the local executing agencies			

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	(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)			
3.1.1.7 Saloum/Niumi, Senegal/Gambia	WI (SRS) and the local executing agency (Department of Parks & Wildlife Management, Direction des Parcs Nationaux)			

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3.1.1.8 Wakkerstroom, South Africa	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (BirdLife South Africa)			
3.1.1.9 Dar es Salaam Wetlands, Tanzania	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania)			
3.1.1.10 Lake Burdur, Turkey	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (Doga Dernegi)			
3.1.1.11 Aden Lagoons, Yemen	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (BirdLife			

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	International Middle East Division & Yemen Society for the Protection of Wildlife)					
Activity 3.1 2	Activity 3.1 2 Publication of a book summarising the lessons learned from the demonstration project activities					
3.1 2.1 Consultant contracted and structure for the book worked out	WI, PCU	1 IP 5%	Discussion on the format of the final publication started.	SC has produced some guidelines but further work is needed to define the scope and format of the publication. Potential donors have been approached.		
3.1 2.2 Demonstration projects contribute information for book	WI (consultant), BLI, PCU	NA		See above		
3.1 2.3 Consultant compiles and edits the book	WI (consultant)	NA		See above		
3.1 2.4 Book reviewed	WI, SC, PCU	NA		See above		
3.1 2.5 Book finalised	WI (consultant)	NA		See above		

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3.1 2.6 Book printed, publicised and disseminated	WI, PCU	NA		See above		

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	С	See SAR #3		
4.1 1.2 Creation of an intranet facility in the project web-site	PCU, AEWA CO, WI, BLI	(-)	See SAR #3		
4.1 1.3 Creation of an email discussion group	PCU, AEWA CO, WI, BLI	(-)	See SAR #3	SC members agreed to use the WOW website as the primary vehicle and to drop the e-mail discussion group. This activity does not seem feasible within available resources	

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4.1 1.4 Promotion of the new electronic communication facility	PCU, AEWA CO, SRSs, WI, BLI, Ramsar	(-)	See SAR #3			
Activity 4.1 2	Activity 4.1 2 Augmentation of and increased access to flyway contact information					
4.1 2.1 Compile existing information from partner organizations for use in the contacts database	AEWA CO, PCU			SC agreed that a page in the CSN Tool should be created to facilitate finding contacts but would not hold primary data of people involved in flyway- scale work		
4.1 2.2 Develop data agreement	AEWA CO, PCU			See above		
4.1 2.3 Create, populate and maintain database on the AEWA web-site	AEWA CO, PCU			See above		
4.1 2.4 Plan and implement data collection activities	AEWA CO, PCU, SRSs			See above		
Activity 4.1 3 Provide project information (updates, progress reports, publicity materials) in four languages for stakeholders						

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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, Demonstratio n Projects	∩ IP 50%	See under Activities 1.1 8.2 and 2.2 3.3			
Outcome 4.2 Mechanisms of exchange between and within sub-regions for improved flyway-level migratory waterbird and wetland management established						
Activity	4.2 1 Establish	informal networks ald	ong the main migratory flyways within the AE	WA area		
4.2 1.1 Liaison with WI/BLI to agree on key sites / flyway networks	WI, BLI, AEWA, PCU	С	See SAR #3			
4.2 1.2 Develop preliminary networks of people for selected flyways	WI, BLI, AEWA, PCU	(-)	See SAR #3			
4.2 1.3 Detail and publicise networks on project website	WI, BLI, AEWA, PCU	(-)	As the exchange programme focus on Demo projects (as reported in SAR #3) this is no longer relevant. Results of the Exchange Programme Planning Workshop			

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			is available on the WOW Website.			
Activity 4.2 2	Designate foca	al points, responsible f	or servicing networks			
4.2 2.1 Identify & designate focal points for each flyway	WI	С	See SAR #2			
4.2 2.2 Focal points develop, maintain and service networks	WI	(-)	See Activity 4.2 1.2			
Activity 4.2 3	Activity 4.2 3 Exchange Programme Planning Workshop					
4.2 3.1 Organise and hold Planning Workshop	WI, PCU	С	See SAR #3			
4.2 3.2 Distil flyway-level schedules and recommendations	WI	(-) 50%		See SAR #3		
Activity 4.2 4 Implement Exchange Programme activities						
4.2 4.1 Exchanges of key site personnel between sites in different parts of the flyways	WI	O IP	See SAR #3 Within the available budget of the Estonian Demo project a visit by two Estonian to the Saloumi/Niumi site is scheduled in January to support the local staff in the Implementation of the IWC.,	SC agreed that once existing funding has been exhausted this activity can be considered complete.		

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4.2 4.2 Exchanges of key sites personnel within their subregion	WI, SRSs, demo projects, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar	∩ IP 30%	Eurosite has confirmed interest in help developing an exchange programme in East Africa involving the megasites: Mauritania (Bang d'Arguin and Diawling), Niger, Senegal (PNOD, Saloum) Gambia (Niumi), Guinea-Bissau, in the region. Eurosite will participate to the Exchange workshop planned for February 2009 (see Activity 4.2 4.3)		
4.2 4.3 Exchanges of demonstration site personnel	WI, SRSs, demo projects, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar	∩ IP 30%	Staff of Tanzania and Senegal/Gambia Demo site participated to an Ecotourism (aviotourism) Course in South Africa. Final report prepared (see Annex 5). Staff from all East and South Africa and Nigeria participate in a Exchange meeting. (See Annex 6) Exchange workshop for West and Central Africa planned for February 2009.		
Activity 4.2 5 Develop strategic partnerships and mobilise co-financing					
4.2 5.1 Promote partnerships through communication & liaison	WI, SRSs	(-) 10 %	WI together with the WOW partnership are continuing to forge alliances and partnerships towards more effective flyway-scale conservation. Specifically, WI has had ongoing discussions with		

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			Eurosite throughout the reporting period.			
4.2 5.2 Develop strategic partnership proposals	PCU, WI, SRSs	∩ IP 30%	Proposal to BBI Matra approved and project demonstrating practical implementation of the flyway concept, was approved by BBI Matra, started in November 2008 and will end in 2010.			
sub-regions	Outcome 4.3 The wise-use of migratory waterbirds and wetlands is better understood and implemented by governments in focal sub-regions					
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	of sub-regional mento	See SAR #2	SC agreed to drop this activity but it was noted that a portion in-kind cofinancing from the AEWA & Ramsar Secretariats were earmarked for this and would be affected if not compensated for elsewhere.		
4.3 1.2 Shadow activities in MEA offices	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar,	(-)	See SAR #2	See above		

PARTY **ACTIVITIES STATUS PROGRESS** ISSUES **RESPONSIBLE** Output/Service (as listed in the Description of work undertaken during the reporting period Description of problems encountered; % completed to date (and in approved project document) Issues that need to be addressed: parenthesis: % in prior Decisions / Actions to be taken progress report) Legend: (IP) In progress; (C) Completed; • increased with respect to prior report; (–) unchanged; • revised downwards; (NA) Not scheduled for current reporting period. PCU, SRSs 4.3 1.3 Shadow activities in the WI, BLI, See above field AEWA, (-) See SAR #2 Ramsar, PCU, SRSs Activity 4.3 2 Production of key MEA texts and information in the predominant languages of the focal sub-regions 4.3 2.1 Translation of key MEA PCU, AEWA, SC members agreed to consider this activity as texts Ramsar, partly completed. The SRSs, WI. BH objective should be revised to reflect what will be translated (Arabic is covered through the WetCap project, Russian will not be translated). 4.3 2.2 Printing and PCU, AEWA, Same as above dissemination of translated Ramsar, SRSs, WI. documents 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.

\$ 966,001
\$ 738,338
\$ 209,873
\$ 227,663
\$17,755

(1) The amount requested is based on the revised budget, which foresees that all GEF funds will be spent in 2008.

Certified by (Project Manager): Umberto Gallo-Orsi

Please note the following:

In order to compile the financial report for our SAR #4, the Project Coordinator verified previous reports and it emerged that in our SAR #2, WI overcharged UNEP/GEF for what concerns budgetline 2102 (East Africa). Therefore, we included a CREDIT for 57,772 USD. The total costs for this budget line in the SAR#4 reporting period has been 105,363 USD, but we charged only 47,863 USD.

In 2008 we also managed to mobilize funds to partially cover CDO's time. Therefore instead of 57,952 USD we charged only 46,908 USD. The remaining funds in this budget line (1103) will be used in 2009.

D= $(A+B)_(C)$ Balance at the C Expenditure in reporting total total A Opening B Last end of period = in previous six months expenditure budget balancethis reporting reporting total payment **General Category of Expenditure** (including outstanding payments) period budget to date balance period received 10 PERSONNEL COMPONENT Data as after report SAR 3 -1100 Project Personnel June 2008 Project Supervisor (at standard WI charge-59,734 0 59,734 0 59,734 1101 out rates) 212,549 212,549 0 0 212,549 Critical Sites Network Coordinator - acts as 1102 Team Leader in absence of Supervisor 7,209 94,120 46,909 141,029 Capacity Development Coordinator 148.238 1103 26,328 20,850 26,328 1104 Critical Sites Network Technical Officer 0 47,178 1199 467,699 439,639 366,403 73,236 Sub-total 28,060 1200 Consultants 63,756 79,072 19.692 59.380 1201 **General Consultants** 142.828 1299 Sub-total 142,828 79,072 63,756 19,692 59,380 1600 Travel on official business **Project Supervisor** 9,975 10.258 -283 9.686 572 1601 12,539 -1,877 11,445 1,094 1602 Critical Sites Network Coordinator 10,662 32,320 1,142 25,352 6,968 1603 Capacity Development Coordinator 33,462 1699 Sub-total 54.099 55,117 -1.018 46.483 8.634 1999 Component total 664,626 573,828 90,798 432,578 141,250 **SUB-CONTRACT COMPONENT** 20 Sub-contracts (MOUs/Las for cooperating 2100 agencies) 52 ONCFS costs 5,198 5,198 0 2101 5,250 140,349 188 92,485 47.864 East Africa regional office 2102 140.537

	2103	West Africa regional office	39,298	36,932	2,366	29,898	7,034	
	2104	UNEP-WCMC	43,188	0	43,188	0	0	
	2199	Sub-total	228,273	182,479	45,794	127,581	54,898	
2999	Compon	nent total	228,273	182,479	45,794	127,581	54,898	
30	TRAININ	IG COMPONENT						
	3300	Meetings/Conferences						
	3301	Workshop costs	29,910	24,032	5,878	10,355	13,677	
	3399	Sub-total	29,910	24,032	5,878	10,355	13,677	
3999	Compon	nent total	29,910	24,032	5,878	10,355	13,677	
40	EQUIPM	ENT AND PREMISES COMPONENT						
	4200	Non-expendable Equipment						
	4201	Lap-top and printer	3,676	3,890	-214	3,890	0	
	4299	Sub-total	3,676	3,890	-214	3,890	0	
4999	Compon	nent total	3,676	3,890	-214	3,890	0	
50	MISCEL	LANEOUS COMPONENT						
	5200	Reporting Costs						
	5201	Printing and dissemination	5,402	2,235	3,167	2,235	0	
	5202	Awareness raising	28,837	0	28,837		0	
	5203	Training materials	4,201	0	4,201		0	
	5299	Sub-total	38,440	2,235	36,205	2,235	0	
	5300	Sundry						
	5303	Miscellaneous coordination costs WI	1,076	1,073	3	1,025	48	
	5399	Sub-total	1,076	1,073	3	1,025	48	
5999	Compon	nent total	39,516	3,308	36,208	3,260	48	
99	GRAND	TOTAL	966,001	787,537	178,464	577,664	227,628 209,873	17,755

4.2 Status of co-financing

Sources of co-financing	Total funds committed (cash)	Total in- kind contribution	Total co- financing (cash + in-kind)	Total received to date	Balance
Wetlands International (1)	\$379,826	\$280,480	\$660,306	\$481,610	\$178,696
BfN (Germany) (2)	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$1,300,000	\$719,686	\$580,314
UNEP-AEWA (3)	\$1,083,460	\$282,000	\$1,365,460	\$93,983	\$1,271,477
ONCFS	\$0	\$353,755	\$353,755	\$353,755	\$0
EPA (Sweden)	\$30,090	\$0	\$30,090	\$30,090	\$0
Ramsar Convention S.	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$0	\$21,000
Denmark	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
MESA (France)	\$104,000	\$0	\$104,000	\$0	\$104,000
Birdlife	\$0	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0
UNEP-WCMC	\$0	\$27,619	\$27,619	\$7,113	\$20,506
BUWAL (Switzerland)	\$44,623	\$0	\$44,023	\$44,023	\$0
Totals				\$1,812,260	\$2,175,993
Additional Sources of funding lever	aged during implementation				
Totals					

5. Performance Evaluation

5.1 Logical Framework Tracking Form

Table 2. LFTF

This report only includes those elements of the logframe, WI has been made responsible for in the M&E Task Assignment Matrix circulated by the PCU in June.

Part I - Objectives and Components

Project objective and Outcomes	Description of indicators	Baseline level	Mid term target (no mid-project targets defined in project document)	End-of-project target	Level at 31 Dec 2008	Progress rating
management		rengthened through the	development and use of a	comprehensive, flyway sc	ale, critical site network planning	g ana
	C1.1 Critical site network tool makes required information available in an appropriate format for planning and management.	Information is scattered and incomplete.	The AEWA Technical Committee endorses prototype. The initial feedback from IWC and IBA coordinators on the prototype critical site network tool is generally positive.	AEWA Technical Committee, Ramsar STRP and 8 site managers endorse the tool.	The prototype of CSN Tool has been presented at several international meeting • AEWA MoP4, • BirdLife International World Conference, • Ramsar COP10 • CMS COP9	
	C1.2 Number of registered CSN users C1.3 Evidence that registered CSN users are <i>repeatedly</i> using the tool.	0 Not applicable	Not applicable Not applicable	At least 100 At least 50 registered users have accessed the tool at least twice.	Not applicable Not applicable	

Project objective and Outcomes	Description of indicators	Baseline level	Mid term target (no mid-project targets defined in project document)	End-of-project target	Level at 31 Dec 2008	Progress rating
Component 2:					atory waterbird conservation	
	C2.1 Availability and quality of multi- modular, multi-target group regional training programmes	Understanding of needs but no specific training programmes	Framework training programme available for review by Regional Training Boards.	All four regional training programmes approved by the four concerned Regional Training Boards.	Generic training module approved by the first regional TB.	
	C2.2 The usefulness of the training programme.	Understanding of needs but no specific training programmes	Framework training programme available	Implementation of modules of the training programme in at least two sub-regions.	Advanced draft of the Generic Training Programme is available.	
Component 3:	Catalyzing the exchange	of information for wetle	ands and migratory water	bird conservation		
	C3.1 The number and geographical diversity of stakeholders accessing the website.	May be a baseline possible from WOW pages on WI website – WI to investigate.		At least x visitors from at least y countries.	The Wetlands International website attracts 8,462unique visitors a month from 160 countries. WI Website is no longer a useful indicator as the WOW website has been launched.	

Part II – Outcomes

Project Outcomes	Project Deliverables	Expected delivery date or milestone	Progress	Comments
Conservation activities strengthened through the	l development and use of a co	omprehensive, flyv	way scale, critical site network planning and manage	ement tool.
Outcome 1.3. Flyway data gathering and	1. Field counters	- 50 trained by	Training surveys implemented at more than 17	
monitoring capacity strengthened to support the	trained.	end 2007	sites despite the fact that the focus in 2008 is on	
updating and maintenance of primary data		- 100 trained	gap filling due to the dependency of the	
resources that underpin conservation of the		by 2010	application of the CSN criteria on the results of	
network of critical sites.	2. Field counting		these surveys.	
	equipment delivered.	Ongoing	105 1: 1 0.1 202 5: 11	
	3. Field Guide	July 2009	105 new binoculars, 9 telescopes, 292 field guides have been purchased and additional 20 second hand binoculars have been delivered to Africa. No equipment has been provided to the Middle East or Central Asia.	
	produced.		madie East of Central Asia.	
	produced.	July 2009		
	4. Modified guidelines for IWC and IBA (in			
	order to become harmonized).			
Outcome 1.4. Species and critical site	10 proposals to fill	End of Project	not applicable	
knowledge base supports management and	information gaps			
planning decision-making in flyway	submitted to external			
conservation.	donors.			

Continued from Part II – Outcomes (Annex 1)

	Component 2: Establishing a basis for strengthening decision-making and technical capacity for wetland and migratory waterbird conservation.										
Outcome 2.1.											
Transferable model	Awareness raising	model programme does	drafted and formally	(task to be	modules Approved						
Training and	Programme adopted as	not exist yet.	adopted by all 4 sub-	completed at	at the Amman						
Awareness Raising	the basis for capacity	_	regional Training Boards.	mid-term)	workshop and						
Programme	development				being finalised						
framework produced	programmes in project				incorporating most						
for developing	focal sub-regions.				of the regional						
wetland and					examples.						
waterbird											
conservation											
capacity.											
Outcome 2.2.	 A Training and 	1. Currently there are	Training Boards	T&A	The ToT						
Wetland and	Awareness raising	no sub-regionally	established and operational	framework	programme						
waterbird	Programme is available	focused training and	in all 4 project sub-regions.	adapted to each	regionalised by the						
conservation Training	in each of the four	awareness raising		sub-region, and	East and South						
and Awareness	project focal regions:	programmes.	Regional adaptation of	ready for	Africa CDO and						
Raising Programmes	Western and Central		model T&A framework	adoption and	regional						
produced ready for	Africa; Eastern and		started	use by all sub-	adaptation team						
implementation in	Southern Africa; The			regions.	and approved by						
four sub-regions.	Middle East; Central				the regional						
	Asia/ Caucasus States.				Training Board.						
					Adaptation and						
					Training Board						
					workshops for the						
					other regions						
					planned in next						
					reporting period.						

Component 3: Enhanced availability and exchange of information through improved communications capacity and resource provision												
(Outc	(Outcome 3.1. Demonstrations of best practice management of migratory waterbirds and wetlands available across the flyway)											
Outcome 3.3. Mechanisms of exchange between and within subregions for improved flyway-level migratory waterbird and wetland management established.	Number of site twinning arrangements/joint site action plans established.	Baseline is zero as there are no exchange opportunities or twinnings in place.	First Exchange programme workshop held and priorities defined First batch of exchange activities implemented with at least 9 participants	A total of 18 participants benefit from the exchange programme	Exchange programme planning workshop implemented. Exchange activities between demonstration projects from South Africa, Tanzania and Senegal/Gambia iomplemented in July 2008; between Tanzania, Nigeria and South Africa in November 2008. Further activates planned in 2009 will involved, Senegal/Gambia, Estonia, Mauritania (2 sites, Niger, Senegal (2							

			sites) Gambia and Guinea- Bissau
	At least 2 site-twinning arrangements are in place	At least 4 site- twinnings arrangements are in place	The Tanzania workshop resulted in an action plan on how to expand and strengthen the exchange program

5.3 Project Impact

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

QUESTION	ANSWER
STAKEHOLDERS	
# of staff involved in the implementation of the project	15. One new staff (U. Gallo-Orsi) has joined the Management team at WI
# of Volunteers involved in this project	100 (National IWC coordinators contributing to the digitalization of IWC)
TARGET BENEFICIARIES	
# of people involved in project workshops organised	208 to date
# of people trained to date under this project	67 to date
COMMUNICATION ISSUES	
# of press articles produced and disseminated featuring the project	
# of TV/radio programmes featuring the project and/or related issues promoted	None in this reporting period
# of publications produced under this project	ToT leaflet (1,000 copies)
Estimated # of people targeted through institutional communication efforts	WI website (8,462 unique visitors a month)

6. Key Lessons Learned

The effective taking over of the management of the project took a bit longer than foreseen.

The development of the ToT has proven to be a much more challenging task that expected. This is somehow not surprising as the project is breaking new grounds developing a product that needs to be relevant in 118 countries grouped in 4 sub-region and 4 languages.

There is interest by the contracting parties of AEWA and Ramsar to support the continuation of the WOW project.

7. Workplan for the Next Semi-annual Period

Please insert most recent updated workplan as per Cambridge meeting 2008 and any subsequent revisions.

7.1 Updated overall project workplan



7.2 Workplan for next six months

The inserted Excel sheet under 7.1 contains both the overall project workplan and the details for the next 6 months. Actual time when activities were implemented are marked by 'x', periods activities are planned to be implemented in the next 6 months are marked by 'o' and comments provide further details.

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 us the table provided double-click on the file icon below, insert items, and the "save" the file)



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

[Only meetings organised by the WI HQ. Meetings organised by the SRS to be reported by them and WI participation is indicated under point e) below]

No	Meeting Type ⁴	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organized by	# of Participants	Report issued as doc no	Language	Dated
1.	Other	Meeting with BfN	Bonn, DE	16 October	BfN	WI/PCU	7	-	English	
2.	Other	Meeting with AEWA	Bonn, DE	16 October	AEWA	WI/PCU	6	-	English	
3.	EGM	Team Meeting	Cambridg e, UK	13-14 Novemb er 2008	PCU	BLI/PCU	16	-	English	
4.										

b) Printed Materials

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No	Type⁵	Title	Author(s)/Editor(s)	Publisher	Symbol	Publication Date	Distribution List Attached Yes/No
1.	Other	WOW training programme brochure	Camillo POnziani, Leon Bennun, Umberto Gallo- Orsi, Tunde Ojei.			Dec 2008	No
2.							
3.							

⁴ Meeting types (Inter-governmental Meeting, Expert Group Meeting, Training Workshop/Seminar, Other) ⁵ 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 ⁶	Purpose	Venue	Duration	Additional information for Grants and Fellowships ONLY		
					Beneficiaries	Countries/Nationalities	Cost (in US\$)
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							

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

No	Description	Date
1.	Ward Hagemeijer, Szabolcs Nagy, AEWA MOP4, Presentation of CNS Tool, Antananarivo, Madagascar	19 September 2008
2.	Ward Hagemeijer, Szabolcs Nagy, BirdLife International World Conference Presentation of CNS Tool, Buenos Aires, Argentina	25 September 2008
3.	Ward Hagemeijer, RAMSAR COP10, Presentation of CNS Tool, Changwon, South Korea	30 October 2008
4.	Ward Hagemeijer, Umberto Gallo-Orsi, CMS COP9, WOW Side event, Rome, Italy	4 December 2008
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⁶ Technical Cooperation Type (Grants and Fellowships, Advisory Services, Staff Mission, Others

Annex 2: Consolidated report on the Gap filling worksho	Annex 2:	Consolidated	report on the	e Gap filling	worksho
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Annex 3: Overview of gaps filling expeditions

Annex 4: ONCFS publication on West and central Africa monitoring

Annex 5: Report on South Africa training course

Annex 6: Report on Tanzania Workshop