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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

Regional gap-filling and monitoring workshops have now been completed successfully, with workshops taking place for Western and Central Africa (December 2007), Central Asia and Caucasus (March 2008) and the Middle East (April 2008). Results of the gap analysis were fed into regional workshops in the form of lists of populations currently poorly covered by the IBA network. These populations were considered a priority when workshop participants were identifying gap sites to survey.

Good progress continues to be made on IBA boundary digitisation. Work to compile information on species ecology for display in the web portal is nearly complete.

Work to develop criteria to define the Critical Site Network for each population has been planned, supported by a technical meeting in May 2008 (WI/ BirdLife in Wageningen).

Progress on the Critical Site Network tool continues apace, stimulated by technical meetings in January 2008 (WI/ BirdLife/ UNEP-WCMC in Cambridge), March 2008 (BirdLife/ UNEP-WCMC in Cambridge) and May 2008 (WI/ BirdLife, UNEP-WCMC in Wageningen), as well as during teleconferences held in April and May 2008 (WI/ BirdLife/ UNEP-WCMC/ Regional Waterbird Officers).

Component 2

BirdLife International continued to support the development of the training component. During this period the primary focus was on supporting the development of the training modules, and reviewing and commenting on drafts of the three global training modules. BirdLife will also attend the forthcoming 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 successes during this reporting period included supporting each project to revise their workplans in the light of the reduced project duration; supporting the Tanzanian partner in a major revision of their activities due to higher than expected costings and significant delays in external processes for one output; supporting the Nigerian partner in project delivery and particularly in financial reporting procedures. Plans are in place to support these partners.

1.1 Key project achievements during the reporting period

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

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Key Project Achievements

- 1** Western and Central Africa, Central Asia and Caucasus, and Middle East gap-filling and monitoring workshops have taken place. These workshops involved c.70 people and were very successful.
- 2** Building on the gap-analysis that fed into the workshops, work has begun to plan development of criteria for identifying the Critical Site Network for each population.
- 3** Good progress has been made in developing the Critical Site Network Tool in conjunction with WI and UNEP-WCMC.
- 4** Effective support given to demonstration projects – especially in working with project staff to ensure effective delivery in the reduced project duration.
- 5** Successful involvement in addressing overarching project issues – such as prioritisation of activities and resource mobilisation.
- 6** Reviewed and commented on draft Training Modules.

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	Sub-optimal national collaboration in the Yemen demonstration project	Support mission planned for 16-22 June 2008	June 2008	BLI
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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	No issues.	No action needed.		
Finance & administration	No issues.	No action needed.		
Logistics & operations	No issues.	No action needed.		
Reporting & communication	No issues.	No action needed.		
Coordination with project partners & demo projects	Coordination with partners and demo projects has been good and improved on previous reporting period.	No action needed.		
External issues (mobilization of co-funding, political/social/environmental reasons, etc.)	The issue of the failure of co-funding has necessitated a review of project activities. Progress on mobilising additional funding, and on prioritising activities under current funding has	Continued focus on mobilising additional resources to fill gaps in existing project and exploit synergies with complementary initiatives	ASAP	All

	been slower than anticipated.			
Other (please specify)	No issues.	No action needed.		

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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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

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catalyse site level activity in, flyway conservation.				
Activity 1.1 Establishment of inter-operability between the main data-sources.				
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	C (-)		
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 (⬆)	IBA database populated and improved by linking number of individuals occurring at IBAs and the relevant flyway population. Improved database provided to UNEP-WCMC for inclusion in the test portal.	
1.1 1.4 Implement interoperability	WI/(WCMC), BLI	50% (-)	IBA, IWC and Ramsar site information combined with wetland layer and mapped to enable analysis of gaps in the network by	No further progress on integration of IBA and IWC

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			participants at Western and Central Africa, Central Asia and Caucasus and Middle East regional workshops. For these workshops, IBA population, WI flyway, and species/ country distribution information from the WBDB combined using standards to identify priority populations by season for individual countries.	databases. This will take place once IWC coordinates are available.
Activity 1.1 2 Collection of spatial site reference data as a basis for database linkage in the site network				
1.1 2.1 Map available data, gather new data	WI/(WCMC), BLI	65% (⬆)	Good progress continues to be made in digitising remaining WOW IBAs. Tunisia and Russia are digitising their IBAs in country under contract. Some gaps remain to be filled in Eastern Europe.	
1.1 2.2 Digitise information	WI/(WCMC)			
1.1 2.3 Make spatial info accessible	WI/(WCMC), BLI	75% (⬆)	The set of WOW species range-maps, processed flyway polygons and boundaries of IBAs already digitised, have been provided to UNEP-WCMC for inclusion in	

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the test portal.				
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 coordinates	WI/(WCMC), BLI	0% (-)	Central coordinates of IBAs have been supplied to UNEP-WCMC for linking with IWC sites when their coordinates are available.	The linking process has begun and will be completed once WI have a full set of central coordinates for IWC sites
1.1 3.2 Link data sources by boundaries	WI/(WCMC), BLI	20% (⬆)	Site boundaries for IBAs that have been digitised so far have been provided to UNEP-WCMC.	Where IWC coordinates are available linking is taking place by matching IWC coordinates with IBA boundaries, or where boundaries are not available by matching IBA and IWC coordinates.
1.1 3.3 Analyse combined datasets	WI/(WCMC), BLI	15% (-)	Using the Access/ GIS procedures developed, the percentage coverage (what % of the total population from WPE4 was present in the IBA network in a given season) of different populations by the IBA network was assessed. These data were then used to identify priority populations for	

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			regional gap-filling efforts to focus upon. Once IWC site coordinates become available and have been reconciled with and linked to IBA coordinates, the process of analysing the combined dataset could be completed relatively quickly.	
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				
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		Development of web-portal discussed further at Cambridge meeting (WI/ BirdLife/ UNEP-WCMC) in January 2008, at Cambridge meeting (BirdLife/ UNEP-WCMC) in March 2008 and Wageningen meeting (WI/ BirdLife, UNEP-WCMC) in May 2008, as well as during WOW teleconferences held in April and May (WI/ BirdLife/ UNEP-WCMC/ Regional Waterbird Officers).	Although this is classed as 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	45% (-)	IBA data adapted and delivered to UNEP-WCMC in accordance with test portal	

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requirements.				
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	5%	Meeting in Wageningen in May 2008 (WI/ BirdLife) discussing process and timeline for reviewing and applying criteria on datasets. Strategy agreed and good progress made in discussion on criteria development.	
1.1 5.2 Analyse resulting site network	WI, BLI	0%	This activity will not take place until the CSN criteria have been developed and applied.	
1.1 5.3 Consult experts in region on results	WI, BLI, SRSs	0%	This activity will not take place until the CSN criteria have been applied and the resulting site network has been analysed.	
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	N/A	Not planned for this period	
1.1 6.2 Edit and publish network	WI, BLI	N/A	Not planned for this period	

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1.1 6.3 Launch portal	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSSs	N/A	Not planned for this period	
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, SRSSs	30% (⬆)	Presented concept of CSN at Western and Central Africa (December 2007) and Middle East (April 2008) regional gap-filling and monitoring workshops, at WOW project meeting in Wageningen (January 2008), at meeting with RSPB (March 2008).	
Activity 1.1 8 Promote the network of critical sites as a conservation tool				
1.1 8.1 Develop communication plan for publicising the network of critical sites as a tool for conservation	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSSs	C	BirdLife had input into the development of this plan.	
1.1 8.2 Implement communication of network tool	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSSs	15% (⬆)	BirdLife commented on communications materials produced re: the CSN tool and helped to promote the tool at regional gap-filling and monitoring workshops and other meetings (see 1.1.7.1).	
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	WI, BLI		N/A	Not planned for this period

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publication				
1.1 9.2 Produce and distribute publication	WI, BLI, SRSSs		N/A	Not planned for this period
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				
Activity 1.2 1 Identify gaps in spatial coverage and mobilise existing information				
1.2 1.1 Map coverage of databases	WI, BLI	95% (⬆)	Geographic coverage by existing sites (IBAs, IWC sites and Ramsar sites) was mapped for countries represented at the Western and Central Africa, Central Asia and Caucasus and Middle East gap filling and monitoring workshops. These maps also included a wetland layer and were used as a basis for identifying gaps in the current site network that were a priority for surveys.	
1.2 1.2 Sub-regional check of coverage	WI, BLI, SRSSs	C (⬆)	The results of the analysis (which showed percentage of the different populations covered by the existing IBA network) fed into the Western and Central Africa, Central Asia and Middle East gap-filling and monitoring workshops; where possible,	

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			gap-filling efforts focused on populations which are currently poorly covered by the IBA network. Workshop participants discussed national priorities for gap-filling in sub-regional groups and then prioritised survey activities within the sub-region and finally at the regional level.	
1.2 1.3 Compile existing information through sub-regions	WI, BLI, SRSSs	60% (⬆)	Workshop participants provided information from their own experience and other national contacts to help fill gaps in knowledge at the sub-regional level.	
1.2 1.4 Organise regional workshops	WI, BLI, SRSSs	C (⬆)	The last three regional gap-filling and monitoring workshops were successfully organised, and took place in Accra, Ghana on 10-15 th December 2007, Tbilisi, Georgia on 13-16 th March 2008 and Amman, Jordan on 14-18 th April 2008.	
Activity 1.2 2 Fill the information gaps in the data sources				
1.2 2.1 Increase and focus sub-regional coordination of IWC and IBA to fill gaps	WI, BLI, SRSSs	30% (⬆)	Input paper on increasing coordination of IWC and IBA provided to participants at Western and Central Africa, Central Asia and Caucasus and Middle East gap-filling and monitoring workshops. Presentation made on same topic. Workshop sessions	

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			investigated obstacles to better coordination and possible solutions. Each country present produced a national action plan for improving coordination between IWC and IBA monitoring schemes.	
1.2 2.2 Perform additional targeted censuses to cover and fill gaps	WI, BLI, SRSS		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(↗)	The last three regional gap-filling and monitoring workshops were successfully organised, and took place in Accra, Ghana on 10-15 th December 2007, Tbilisi, Georgia on 13-16 th March 2008 and Amman, Jordan on 14-18 th April 2008.	
<p align="center">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</p>				
<p align="center">Activity 1.3 1 Harmonizing and strengthening data gathering capacity, thus ensuring better compatibility between and sustainability of monitoring networks</p>				
1.3 1.1 Map and analyse overlap and differences in monitoring activities between IWC and IBA and Wetland	WI, BLI	C	At gap-filling and monitoring workshops in Western and Central Africa, Central Asia and Caucasus and Middle East, situation analyses were conducted to map the	

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Inventories			existence/ coordination overlap between IBA and IWC monitoring schemes in each country. Workshop sessions investigated obstacles to better coordination and possible solutions. Each country present produced a national action plan for improving coordination between IWC and IBA monitoring schemes.	
1.3 1.2 Develop input for manuals on streamlining and integrating monitoring activities	WI, BLI, SRSS	70% (⬆)	Both IBA and IWC monitoring manuals already contain reference to each other. The completion of all four regional gap-filling and monitoring workshops means that solutions to allow better coordination of the two schemes have been written up in the form of national country action plans. These can inform any future additions considered necessary to monitoring guidelines for IBA and IWC schemes. A draft form combining requirements of the 2 schemes has been suggested by the BirdLife Africa Secretariat.	
1.3 1.3 Sub-regional Workshops to implement integrated monitoring	WI, BLI, SRSS	C (⬆)	During the remaining three regional workshops – in Western and Central Africa, Central Asia and Caucasus and the Middle East, there was a presentation on improving coordination between the IBA	

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			and IWC monitoring schemes. A situation analysis was used to present the current status of the two schemes in different countries and the subsequent session focused on obstacles to better coordination and brainstorming solutions. Each country present then wrote a national action plan laying out how IBA and IWC monitoring can be better coordinated in their country.	
Activity 1.3 2 Strengthening capacity for data gathering and monitoring				
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	
Activity 1.3 3 Provide materials and equipment to facilitate and assist the training and data collection				
1.3 3.1 Develop, print and provide field guide in Russian	WI/(consultants), BLI, SRS Central Asia			
1.3 3.2 Provide optical and other equipment	WI, BLI, SRSs	40% (⬆)	At Western and Central Africa, Central Asia	

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			and Caucasus and Middle East gap-filling and monitoring workshops second-hand binoculars from the RSPB scheme were provided to SRSs to distribute to participant countries.	
Outcome 1.4 Species and critical site knowledge base supports management and planning decision-making in flyway conservation				
Activity 1.4 1 Compile existing ecological knowledge on species' migratory characteristics, site function and population delimitation				
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 – indentified: BLI)	95% (⬆)	Literature search completed for all species, but information for some threatened WOW species needs to be expanded by updating the literature review.	See below (1.4.1.3)
1.4 1.3 Compile overview existing ecological knowledge and identify gaps in knowledge	WI / (consultant), BLI, SRSs	90% (⬆)	Overview of ecological knowledge now compiled for all WOW species. Accounts for all non-threatened species are very detailed (249 species), but those for some threatened species still require some	Since ecological information had already been compiled by BirdLife for all Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Endangered or

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			updating to bring them up to a common standard for display in the web portal.	Critically Endangered species, funds were initially focused on compiling information for all non-threatened species. This work was successfully completed, but accounts for 51 threatened WOW species remain less detailed. Of these, 19 species have Species Action Plans containing more detailed information, which will be linked to in the portal, but a further 32 species have no SAP. In order to bring these accounts to the same standard as the other 249 for display in the web-portal, further funding will be needed.
<p align="center">Activity 1.4 2 Facilitate research to cover the gaps in knowledge of the use of sites by migratory waterbirds and of population limitation</p>				

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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, SRSSs	?	This activity may need to be reviewed in the light of anticipated funding constraints.	
<p>Component 2: Establishing a basis for strengthening decision-making and technical capacity for wetland and migratory waterbird conservation</p> <p>Outcome 2.1 Transferable model Training and Awareness Raising Programme framework produced for developing wetland and waterbird conservation capacity</p> <p>Activity 2.1.1 Develop a working draft of the model Training and Awareness Raising Programme</p>				
2.1 1.1 Develop the draft Programme	WI (consultant)			
2.1 1.2 Series of meetings with key training institutes	WI, SRSSs			
2.1 1.3 Translate, print & distribute first draft model	WI, SRSSs			
<p>Activity 2.1.2 Training and Awareness Raising Programme Development Workshop</p>				
2.1 2.1 Plan workshop	WI, PCU			

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2.1 2.2 Hold Development Workshop	WI, PCU, SRSs			
Activity 2.1 3 Draft the first full version of the model programme				
2.1 3.1 Draft first full version of model	WI (consultant)		BirdLife has provided comments on the first draft of the training programme.	
Activity 2.1 4 Review of the programme model draft				
2.1 4.1 Perform external review of training and awareness model	WI, PCU, SRSs			
2.1 4.2 Conduct a full review of the model programme	SC (sub-group), WI, PCU, SRSs			
Activity 2.1 5 Finalise the programme model				
2.1 5.1 Prepare the final version of the programme model	WI			
2.1 5.2 Translate & print final model, and distribute to contributing partners / networks and to project sub-regional	WI, PCU, SRSs			

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centres for wide dissemination				
Outcome 2.2 Wetland and waterbird conservation Training and Awareness Raising Programmes produced ready for implementation in four sub-regions				
Activity 2.2 1 Establish 4 Sub-regional Training Boards				
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			
Activity 2.2 2 Design and establish 4 Sub-regional Training & Awareness Programmes				
2.2 2.1 Produce draft Training and Awareness Raising Programme models for consultation	WI, SRS, BLI			
2.2 2.2 Training and Awareness Raising Programme Review Workshops & prioritisation of courses	WI, SRS, BLI			
Activity 2.2 3 Finalise 4 Sub-regional Training & Awareness Programmes				

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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			
Activity 2.2 4 Mobilise resources for the implementation of the sub-regional training and awareness raising programmes				
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			
Component 3: Enhanced availability and exchange of information through improved communications capacity and resource provision				
Outcome 3.1 Demonstrations of best practice management of migratory waterbirds and wetlands available across the flyway				
Activity 3.1 Execution of demonstration projects				
3.1 1.1 Haapsalu-Noorotsi Bays, Estonia	WI (SRS) and the local			

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	executing agency (State Nature Conservation Centre)			
3.1.1.2 Biharugra Fishponds, Hungary	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (MME/ BirdLife Hungary)	IP 40% ↗ (15%)	Have supported and advised MME (the local executing agency) on project management and activities, including finalisation of the feasibility report and revision of activities. Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the demonstration project progress.	No issues at present.
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)	IP 40% ↗ (15%)	Supported NCF (the local executing agency) in implementing the project on the ground. Including a field visit during May 2008 to provide additional support for financial and management reporting in addition to technical advice. Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the demonstration project progress.	No issues at present.
3.1.1.7 Saloum/Niumi, Senegal/Gambia	WI (SRS) and the local executing agency (Department of Parks & Wildlife Management, Direction des			

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	Parcs Nationaux)			
3.1.1.8 Wakkerstroom, South Africa	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (BirdLife South Africa)	IP 50% ↗ (20%)	<p>The local executing agency has been performing well and little support has been needed during this reporting period.</p> <p>Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the demonstration project progress.</p>	No immediate project management issues, although the threat of mining at the site remains a point of concern that needs to be monitored.
3.1.1.9 Dar es Salaam Wetlands, Tanzania	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania)	IP 15% - (15%)	<p>BirdLife has supported the local executing agency (WCST) by providing technical and management advice remotely. This focused especially on discussions surrounding progress with the wetlands education centre (Outcome 1) and the substantial increase in the construction estimates for this centre (now \$106,860 vs \$31,700 in MOA).</p> <p>The Technical Officer based in Nairobi also visited WCST for 3 days during April 2008 to provide additional management support.</p> <p>Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the</p>	Progress in the field is significantly behind schedule, and revised costs for some activities are significantly increased. These present a risk to demo project delivery in Tanzania. Alternative suggestions have been offered and discussions are ongoing to ensure a successful outcome.

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			demonstration project progress.	
3.1.1.10 Lake Burdur, Turkey	BLI (SRS) and the local executing agency (Doga Dernegi)	IP 50% ↗ (15%)	<p>The local executing agency has been performing well and little support has been needed during this reporting period.</p> <p>Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the demonstration project progress.</p>	No issues at present.
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)	IP40% ↗ (15%)	<p>Technical and managerial support has been provided to this demo project over this reporting period. Progress is good, with good delivery of the education programme in particular.</p> <p>Some issues have been identified with national collaboration (see right), and a mission is planned for the following reporting period to resolve these and ensure effective project delivery.</p> <p>Please refer to the demo project progress report for further information about the demonstration project progress.</p>	The former UNDP project at the same site has not ended (as previously expected), and further discussions are needed to ensure full complementarity between projects. A support mission is planned for 16-22 June to resolve these issues.
<p align="center">Activity 2 Publication of a book summarising the lessons learned from the demonstration project activities</p>				

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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	NA		
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)			
3.1 2.6 Book printed, publicised and disseminated	WI, PCU			
Outcome 3.2 Strengthened mechanisms for governments and NGOs to communicate and work together on wise use of wetlands and migratory waterbirds				
Activity 3.2 1 Increase capacity for electronic exchange of information				
3.2 1.1 Creation of project web area in the AEWA web-site	PCU, AEWA CO, WI, BLI		BirdLife commented on the draft website, and has advertised the WOW website on the BirdLife website and through our news alert system.	None.

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3.2 1.2 Creation of an intranet facility in the project web-site	PCU, AEWA CO, WI, BLI			
3.2 1.3 Creation of an email discussion group	PCU, AEWA CO, WI, BLI			
3.2 1.4 Promotion of the new electronic communication facility	PCU, AEWA CO, SRSs, WI, BLI, Ramsar			
Activity 3.2 2 Augmentation of and increased access to flyway contact information				
3.2 2.1 Compile existing information from partner organizations for use in the contacts database	AEWA CO, PCU			
3.2 2.2 Develop data agreement	AEWA CO, PCU			
3.2 2.3 Create, populate and maintain database on the AEWA web-site	AEWA CO, PCU			
3.2 2.4 Plan and implement data collection activities	AEWA CO, PCU, SRSs			
Activity 3.2 3 Provide project information (updates, progress reports, publicity materials) in four languages for stakeholders				

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3.2 3.1 Compile annual newsletters	AEWA CO, PCU, WI, BLI			
3.2 3.2 Disseminate newsletters	AEWA CO, PCU, WI, BLI, SRSs			
3.2 3.3 Disseminate other project information	AEWA CO, PCU, SRSs, Demonstration Projects			
Outcome 3.3 Mechanisms of exchange between and within sub-regions for improved flyway-level migratory waterbird and wetland management established				
Activity 3.3 1 Establish informal networks along the main migratory flyways within the AEWA area				
3.3 1.1 Liaison with WI/BLI to agree on key sites / flyway networks	WI, BLI, AEWA, PCU			
3.3 1.2 Develop preliminary networks of people for selected flyways	WI, BLI, AEWA, PCU			
3.3 1.3 Detail and publicise networks on project website	WI, BLI, AEWA, PCU			
Activity 3.3 2 Designate focal points, responsible for servicing networks				

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3.3 2.1 Identify & designate focal points for each flyway	WI			
3.3 2.2 Focal points develop, maintain and service networks	WI			
Activity 3.3 3 Exchange Programme Planning Workshop				
3.3 3.1 Organise and hold Planning Workshop	WI, PCU			
3.3 3.2 Distil flyway-level schedules and recommendations	WI			
Activity 3.3 4 Implement Exchange Programme activities				
3.3 4.1 Exchanges of key site personnel between sites in different parts of the flyways	WI			
3.3 4.2 Exchanges of key sites personnel within their sub-region	WI, SRSSs, demo projects, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar		BirdLife International has worked with Wetlands International to facilitate these exchanges.	
3.3 4.3 Exchanges of demonstration site personnel	WI, SRSSs, demo			

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projects, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar				
Activity 3.3 5 Develop strategic partnerships and mobilise co-financing				
3.3 5.1 Promote partnerships through communication & liaison	WI, SRSS			
3.3 5.2 Develop strategic partnership proposals	PCU, WI, SRSS			
Outcome 3.4 The wise-use of migratory waterbirds and wetlands is better understood and implemented by governments in focal sub-regions				
Activity 3.4 1 Development of sub-regional mentoring capacity				
3.4 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			
3.4 1.2 Shadow activities in MEA offices	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar, PCU, SRSS			

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3.4 1.3 Shadow activities in the field	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar, PCU, SRSs			
Activity 3.4 2 Production of key MEA texts and information in the predominant languages of the focal sub-regions				
3.4 2.1 Translation of key MEA texts	PCU, AEWA, Ramsar, SRSs, WI, BLI			
3.4 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 56,699

Total expenditure this reporting period: USD 54,075

Funds requested (as per disbursement schedule): USD 58,941

Balance (if applicable): USD -71,027

Certified by Finance Manager: Mike Parker

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
10	PERSONNEL COMPONENT							
	1100 Project Personnel							
	1101 Senior Staff Coordinator	5,350	5,366	-16		821	3,724	
	1102 Senior Technical Officer (networks)	27,011	16,796	10,215		2301	12,237	
	1103 Senior Technical Officer (demo projects)	88,508	55,026	33,482		10187.5	25,461	
	1105 Technical Officer (Africa)	53,109	20,163	32,946		7598	0	
	1106 Technical Officer (data management)	6,651	1,460	5,191		730.5	0	
	1199 sub-total	180,629	98,811	81,818		21638	41,422	
	1600 Travel on official business	45,301	28,915	16,386		6050	12,653	
	1699 sub-total	45,301	28,915	16,386		6050	12,653	
	1999 COMPONENT TOTAL	225,930	127,726	98,204		27,688	12,653	
99	GRAND TOTAL	225,930	127,726	98,204	(24,427)	27,688	54,075	(71,027)

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	674,225	674,225	196,278	477,947
totals				196,278	477,947
List any additional sources of co-financing mobilized during project implementation					
totals					

5 Evaluation of Project Impact

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

QUESTION	ANSWER
STAKEHOLDERS	
# of BLI staff involved in the implementation of the project	13 (Component 1) 4 (Component 3) 2 (Administration)
# of Volunteers involved in this project	0
TARGET BENEFICIARIES	
# of people involved in project workshops organised by BLI	70 (W. Africa – 34, Central Asia and Caucasus – 18, Middle East – 18)
# of people BLI has trained to date under this project	0
COMMUNICATION ISSUES	
# of press articles produced and disseminated by BLI featuring the project	3 on BirdLife website. BirdLife also contributed WOW and other info for press release on World Migratory Bird Day
# 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	BirdLife contributed to and commented on posters, brochures and other publicity material produced for the project.
Estimated # of people BLI has targeted through institutional communication efforts	More than 4000 through WOW-related articles on the BirdLife website, many more through input to WMBD.

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.

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.



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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 ⁴	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organized by	# of Participants	Report issued as doc no	Language	Dated
1.	Project meeting	WOW Team Meeting	BirdLife, Cambridge	6-7/12/07	PCU	BirdLife International	17	See PCU	English	
2.	Gap-filling & Monitoring Workshop	WOW Western and Central Africa Gap-filling and Monitoring Workshop	Accra, Ghana	10-15/12/07	BirdLife/Wetlands International	BirdLife/Wetlands International	34	Separate gap-filling and monitoring reports covering all 4 regional workshops	English	In prep.
3.	Technical meeting	CSN tool meeting	BirdLife, Cambridge	10/1/08	BirdLife	BirdLife	7			
4.	Gap-filling & Monitoring Workshop	WOW Central Asia and Caucasus Gap-filling and Monitoring Workshop	Tbilisi, Georgia	13-16/3/08	BirdLife/Wetlands International	BirdLife/Wetlands International	18	Separate gap-filling and monitoring reports covering all 4 regional workshops	English	In prep.

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

5.	Technical Meeting	CSN tool meeting with WCMC	BirdLife, Cambridge	19/3/08	BirdLife	BirdLife	3			
6.	Gap-filling & Monitoring Workshop	WOW Middle East Gap-filling and Monitoring Workshop	Amman, Jordan	14-18/4/08	BirdLife/Wetlands International	BirdLife/Wetlands International	18	Separate gap-filling and monitoring reports covering all 4 regional workshops	English	In prep.

b) Printed Materials

No	Type ⁵	Title	Author(s)/Editor(s)	Publisher	Symbol	Publication Date	Distribution List Attached Yes/No
1.							
2.							
3.							

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	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			
2.							

⁶ Technical Cooperation Type (Grants and Fellowships, Advisory Services, Staff Mission, Others)

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

No	Description	Date
1.	Mission to Netherlands to participate in WOW project team meeting, and hold side-meetings with project partners (e.g. WI / WCMC / demo projects) – 3 people: STO (Networks); STO (Demos); TO (Demos); Steering Committee representative	28 Jan–01 Feb 2008
2.	STO (Demonstration Projects) mission to Nigeria to review project progress and provide technical and management support.	12-18 May 2008
3.	TO (Demonstration Projects) mission to Tanzania to review project progress and provide technical and management support.	13-17 April 2008
4.	STO (Networks) mission to Netherlands to review progress of Component 1 with Wetlands International	21-22 May 2008