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## 1. Executive Summary

Now the whole project team is in place. Recruitment and contracts have been issued for the project staff mainly the demo projects coordinators and all field assistants within the sites.

Key activities have been undertaken during the reporting period and workplans respected with only minor changes. All planned meetings have been executed.

The education and awareness activities have also been executed addressing the different targets.

The Development of the Critical Sites Network work is getting high profile within the region. The data compilation is more or less finalized mainly focusing on gathering the coordinates of the different sites with the contributions of the African Waterfowl Census coordinators in the different countries and the consultants hired to support the work. During this present period, the data cleaning has started in order to get a clear data base before end of May.

The gap filling surveys have also been conducted in the different countries from the additional funding we got from AEWA Secretariat and the results are under compilation. Regular Skype meetings between waterbird officers have also been very instrumental for the monitoring of the different tasks. All these achievements have been based upon last year's workshop held in Ghana in collaboration with Birdlife International (Dec 2007).

The sub-region centre is functional and activities in the capacity development component are guided by the training board members, in line with the schedule of activities of the overall project. The limitation in co-funding is the only gap that is negatively affecting the full implementation of all planned activities.

### 1.1 Key project achievements during the reporting period

**Table1. Key project achievements during reporting period**

#	Key Project Achievements
1	Setting-up the training board of the West and Central Africa early this year (mid-February).
2	Funding strategy (for the implementation of the CD programme) is under development to help the training board members mainly the sub-committee (set up) in charge of this issue on funding opportunities
3	The draft of the different training modules reviewed and regional adaptation workshop planned for modules finalization
4	Gap filing field work undertaken by the African census coordinators in the critical sites and sites coordinates have been updated and also the data cleaning started
5	Completion of the staffing process of all the three demonstration projects local teams and the procurement of the essential materials. The three projects are officially presented (in each host country) to the beneficiaries as well as the local and national governmental authorities through initial launching workshops widely covered by national press.
6	The Web page of the sub-region developed with the AEWA communication officer within the wow website, is now used efficiently by our regional centre. Niger and Mauritania demo projects' pages require updating.

## 1.2 Key issues & proposed solutions

#	Issue	Proposed Solution	Deadline	Party Responsible
1	Mobilize resources from within the sub-regions	The committee of the regional training board in charge of this issue is carrying out such activities. On the overall project level, team of consultants have been mobilized by WI to support this effort.	March 2009	WI- Training Board members-consultants
2	Foreign Bank account to be operational.	Transfer money into local currencies to the different countries make us loosing according to fluctuation of the dollars and other charges mainly during the gap filling fieldwork or salary and/or equipment purchase at the demo projects	February 2009	WI
3	Original planning and budget is limited because more of the co-funding which was originally pledged has not been secured and this factor has negatively affected the activities of the sub-region centre.	Recognize that significant efforts will be required by all the project team for a co-funding initiative, for the implementation of component 2. At local level effort should be contribute towards filling this important gap	December 2008	Sub-regional project team, PCU –WI - Consultants
4	The GEF budget for the staff is covering as part time job and the remaining should be covered by other projects. Some other strategies need to be put in place to secure enough funds for some of the project staff	This issue is important and may condition project progress during the whole implementation period. It is hereby suggested that this issue is formally raised at appropriate decision making level such as training board or/ at the project SC meetings.	December 2008 (next SC – TB meetings)	PCU-WI-TB
5	Translation is a problem as the relevant documents are in English and workshops are held in both languages (English and French), without translation	Provide additional funds for translation of the documents and support workshop to avoid the language barrier which can affect the success of the different meetings	March 2009	WI - PCU
6	The critical site network activities to be finalized	Some key activities (data cleaning) are still remaining, extra funds needed to finalize those activities	July 2008	WI
7	The component 2 budget is far insufficient for project implementation in the sub-region.	Key activities have to be merged into other budget lines to undertake them in due time additional funds need to be raised to complete the pending activities	September 2008	Wetlands International –Training board - PCU
8	Meetings to prepare modules implementation within the sub-region	Informal meetings have been undertaken with the institutes' managers by mail and physical meetings mainly with wildlife college of Garoua (Cameroon) and Centre Recyclage FoReT de Thies (Senegal) and Dakar University Geography department at Chaire UNESCO Unit. Need more investigation to find out appropriate other centers for a better choice.	December 2008	WI - PCU

#	Issue	Proposed Solution	Deadline	Party Responsible
9	Disseminate concept of critical site network at appropriate occasions like conferences, meetings, workshops (active participation to raise awareness)	Sharing with all sites coordinators and African waterbird census coordinators the results of the geo-references work and plan for upcoming meetings for dissemination: AEWA MOP4, Ramsar COP10, PAOC12	August 2008	WI PCU

## 2. Project Management

The main issues affect project performance and achievement of expected outcomes with next proposed steps.

CATEGORY	ISSUES	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS	DEADLINE	PARTY RESPONSIBLE
Recruitment & management of staff and consultants	CSN consultant hired and the huge task was fulfilled at end of contract.  Task given to the Training board members is behind schedule.	Keep reminding the TB members the duties they were willing to undertake.  Find additional funding for CSN to be finalised mainly the data cleaning	June 2008	Wetlands International
Finance & administration	Budget link to the component 2 is far insufficient for project implementation in the sub-region. Key activities have to be merged into other budget lines to undertake them in due time	Raise additional funds through Training board, PCU and WI to be sure to complete the pending activities	September 2008	Wetlands International – PC U
Logistics & operations	Transfer money into local currencies to the different countries make us losing according to fluctuation of the dollars and other charges mainly during the gap filling fieldwork or salary and/or equipment to purchase mainly at demo-project level	Foreign Bank account to be available to avoid losing as the dollar is not stable.	February 2009	Wetlands International
Reporting & communication	Mainly all partners are not bilingual, the francophone is over 90% all relevant documents are in English and workshops are held in both languages without translation. The local dialect is used very often where it is possible mainly at site level (demo-project)	Provide additional funds for translation of the documents and support workshop to avoid the language barrier which can affect the success of the different meetings	December 2008	PCU/WI

Coordination with project partners	Language barrier and lack of available communication tools in some areas (countries, sites) is causing delay  In opposite of what is happening with the East and South of Africa regional centre, (regular skype conferences mainly on the CSN component), communication exchanges with the other regional centres or demo projects are not yet very effective as this should be	Improvement of Skype communication and e-mail as telephone is still costly	November 2008	Project partners
External issues (e.g. difficult access to the project site for political/social/environmental reasons, etc.)	The central African partners mainly Chad, Sudan and the D R Congo involvement is too limited, however for reasons beyond our control.	Avoid such places for the upcoming events		
Other	Duration of participatory process and workshop endorsement for modules can take time before the delivery	Proper planning and provide funding in due time	August 2008	Consultants/WI

## 2.2 Regional Training Board (TB)

Date of last TB Meeting	17-18 February 2008
Proposed Date for next TB Meeting	March 2009

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### 3. Progress / Issues / Proposed Solutions

Provide an overview of the contribution 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

ACTIVITIES	PARTY RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	PROGRESS	ISSUES
<b>Component 1: Establishment of a fundamental tool to assist planning and management in flyway conservation</b>				
<b>Activity 5 Compile the network of critical sites using Ramsar and IBA criteria</b>				
Consult experts in region on results	WI, BLI, SRSs	IP 60%	Share with the country experts (census coordinators) on coordinates of the sites on a line of the gap filling work	Communication systems translated Lack of feed back in time
<b>Activity 6 Publication of the network of critical sites on CD ROM, in printed format (as a static document) and launch of the dynamic and interactive version on the internet</b>				
Launch portal	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSs	IP 70%	With a total of 1799 sites for Western and Central Africa from XLS files, the cleaning has been done in order to correct name and delete duplication. <b>93 %</b> of the sites from the 20 countries being part of the study could be geo-referenced correctly. <b>2%</b> of the sites the location are not sure yet	If the same geo-reference is to be undertaken in other countries in Africa it is recommended that the new persons in charge (national coordinators) stay in close contact with the West and Central Africa Centre in Dakar. The actions to be taken are :

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			<p>and needs some verification.</p> <p>Only <b>5%</b> of the sites no coordinates could be found. There will always be sites, which were rarely visited, where no geographical information exists and because of that we won't be able to geo-reference by now.</p> <p>Data cleaning under taken to finalize the data base</p> <p>Before cleaning the data, it was important to put data forms in the Afwc database. All data available from 2005 and 2007 are in an Access File. For this data, the first cleaning on site name and species has been done.</p> <p>It remains to add code for some sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To find sites code missing</li> <li>➤ To clean the previous database (before 2004), and</li> <li>➤ To combine all files as one cleaning database this should be integrated in the IWC database.</li> </ul>
<b>Activity 7 Raise awareness amongst practitioners, and train them in the use of the network of critical sites</b>				
Disseminate concept of critical site network at appropriate occasions like conferences, meetings, workshops (active participation to raise awareness)	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSs	NA	Sharing with all sites coordinators and African waterbird census coordinators the results of the geo-references work and plan for upcoming meetings	Good planning and funds available for the upcoming key meetings : AEW4 MOP4, Ramsar COP10, PAOC12
<b>Activity 8 Promote the network of critical sites as a conservation tool</b>				
Develop communication plan for publicising the network of critical sites as a tool for conservation	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSs	NA		
Implement communication of network tool	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSs	NA		

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<b>Activity 9 Production of a publication to raise awareness of key issues in the flyway using the network as the basis</b>				
Produce and distribute publication	WI, BLI, SRSSs	IP	The first newsletter on AfWC has been published since January 2008	Integrate the newsletter in the WOW website
<b>Outcome 1.2. Primary data resources that underpin flyway conservation, planning and management activities enhanced to include all critically important sites in the AEWA region</b>				
<b>Activity 1 Identify gaps in spatial coverage and mobilize existing information</b>				
Sub-regional check of coverage	WI, BLI, SRSSs	IP 60%	Most countries (12) within the sub-region (west and central) have been covered	Information gap to find from the countries; investigate for key resources persons within countries
Compile existing information through sub-regions	WI, BLI, SRSSs	IP 80%	All available information already compiled	To find key resources for other information
Organize regional workshops	WI, BLI, SRSSs	C	A sub-regional workshop in Ghana (10-13 December 2007) co-organized by BirdLife and Wetlands International with 33 participants from 15 countries who attended it in order to identify important sites and the gap in their countries or in other countries where they have information, it was the quick off of the following activities. A consolidated report is underway by WI HQs Senior Biodiversity Officer	The workshop was very useful in sites identification and geographical coordinate research and the starting of the gap filling identification
<b>Activity 2 Fill the information gaps in the data sources</b>				
Increase and focus sub-regional coordination of IWC and IBA to fill gaps	WI, BLI, SRSSs	IP 45 %	The most important gaps are identified in West and Central Africa and the data cleaning has started	Internet access was a big problem for the focal points at country and site levels. Computer skills of some focal points

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Perform additional targeted censuses to cover and fill gaps	WI, BLI, SRSSs	IP 60 %	Funding has been provided to support the countries to identify the gaps and make the censuses. 72 % of 10,400 US\$ were used to support bird census in 7 countries (Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Niger, Senegal, Togo). The sites covered are being identified and recorded following the reception of reports	In many countries January count did not cover all sites, Need additional funding to cover more sites
Organise sub-regional workshops (same workshops as under act 1 of outcome 1.2, above)	WI, BLI, SRSSs	NA		
<b>Outcome 1.3. Flyway data gathering and monitoring capacity strengthened to support the updating and maintenance of primary data resources that underpin conservation of the network of critical sites</b>				
<b>Activity 1 Harmonizing and strengthening data gathering capacity, thus ensuring better compatibility between and sustainability of monitoring networks</b>				
Develop input for manuals on streamlining and integrating monitoring activities	WI, BLI, SRSSs	NA		
Sub-regional Workshops to implement integrated monitoring	WI, BLI, SRSSs	NA		
<b>Activity 2 Strengthening capacity for data gathering and monitoring</b>				
Experts to lead surveys to train on (integration of) monitoring activities	WI / (consultants), BLI, SRSSs	NA	But locally it is being undertaken by demo projects mainly in Namga-Kokorou (Niger) and Saloum-Niumi (Senegal/The Gambia)	Funding needs for planning these activities at sub-regional level

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Sub-regional training censuses	WI, BLI, SRSSs	NA	Not yet but still covered at site level where the project is implemented	Have to be planned if funds available
<b>Activity 3 Provide materials and equipment to facilitate and assist the training and data collection</b>				
Develop, print and provide field guide in Russian	WI/(consultants), BLI, SRS Central Asia			
Provide optical and other equipment	WI, BLI, SRSSs	IP 10%	All materials (books and binoculars) from NL are in Dakar. Six binoculars have been distributed during the Ghana workshop and the remaining is on the process to be handed to the network members	Late distribution due to: - Lack of mean for sending parcels - Insecurity (get lost) Use other opportunities such as conferences/ meetings to distribute
<b>Outcome 1.4 Species and critical site knowledge base supports management and planning decision-making in flyway conservation</b>				
<b>Activity 1 Compile existing ecological knowledge on species' migratory characteristics, site function and population delimitation</b>				
Compile overview existing ecological knowledge and identify gaps in knowledge	WI / (consultant), BLI, SRSSs			Link to the training awareness raising component
<b>Activity 2 Facilitate research to cover the gaps in knowledge of the use of sites by migratory waterbirds and of population limitation</b>				
Make available 'seed money' to help develop proposals to obtain funding for research to fill the gaps in knowledge	WI, BLI, SRSSs	NA		

Comment [Gab1]: Yes it is distribution from Dkr to network members

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<b>Component 2: Establishing a basis for strengthening decision-making and technical capacity for wetland and migratory waterbird conservation</b>				
<b>Outcome 2.1 Transferable model Training and Awareness Raising Programme framework produced for developing wetland and waterbird conservation capacity</b>				
<b>Activity 1 Develop a working draft of the model Training and Awareness Raising Programme</b>				
Series of meetings with key training institutes	WI, SRSs	IP 20%	Informal meetings have been held with the institute managers by mail and physic contacts mainly with wildlife college of Garoua (Cameroon) and Centre Recyclage FoReT de Thies (Senegal) and Dakar University Geography department at Chair UNESCO Unit	It would be important to involve also other institutes in i.e. Burkina Faso and Benin support, however additional funding is needed for this.
Translate, print & distribute first draft model	WI, SRSs	NA	Draft modules are circulated and will be endorsed by the team of the curriculum adaptation before getting printed	Additional financial resources for printing and translation needed
<b>Activity 2 Training and Awareness Raising Programme Development Workshop</b>				
Hold Development Workshop	WI, PCU, SRSs	C	Almen workshop completed Sept 2007, with the participation of our regional centre's team	
<b>Activity 4 Review of the programme model draft</b>				
Perform external review of training and awareness model	WI, PCU, SRSs	IP 70%	Informal reviewed is ongoing and undertaken with different resource persons, WOW partners, and training board members. This will continue after the planned module regional adaptation workshop (Amman, June 2008)	It will be important for the Capacity Development team to provide outputs in time for a proper review at a wider scale.
Conduct a full review of the model programme	PSC (sub-group), WI, PCU, SRSs	NA	Plans for this will be elaborated during the planned development workshop in Amman, June 2008.	additional support in term of funding si required to support the implementation of this activity.

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<b>Activity 5 Finalize the program model</b>				
Translate & print final model, and distribute to contributing partners / networks and to project sub-regional centres for wide dissemination	WI, PCU, SRSs	NA	Will be planned later	Additional funding required
<b>Outcome 2.2: Wetland and waterbird conservation Training and Awareness Raising Programmes produced ready for implementation in four sub-regions</b>				
<b>Activity 1 Establish 4 Sub-regional Training Boards</b>				
Informal meetings in sub-region to establish board	SRSs, WI, BLI	C	Early 2008 several informal meetings and Skype discussion were held to identify potential TB members	Difficulties in communicating with people to be appointed caused some delay
Organise & hold training boards meetings	SRSs, WI, BLI	C	The training-Board has been held during this reporting period (17-18 February 2008) with 12 participants from 7 countries	
Meeting reports	SRSs, WI, BLI	C	Already available (training Board meeting report)	
<b>Activity 2 Design and establish 4 Sub-regional Training &amp; Awareness Programmes</b>				
Produce draft Training and Awareness Raising Programme models for consultation	WI, SRS, BLI	NA	Not applicable in this reporting period. Will be initiated in the planned Amman workshop (June 2008)	First draft Modules being finalized by the team of consultants employed by WI
Training and Awareness Raising Programme Review Workshops & prioritisation of courses	WI, SRS, BLI	C	The prioritization has been undertaken during the stakeholder consultation workshop with important range of expertise at global level to decide on course prioritization late last year (Almen, NL, Septemebr 2007)	Planned process developed with different steps and clear road map which bring us to the actual step



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<b>Activity 3 Finalize 4 Sub-regional Training &amp; Awareness Programmes</b>				
Prepare final draft for approval by Training Boards	WI, SRS, BLI	C	The different modules and the process have been presented at the training board meeting and it were approved. After the planned Amman workshop on modules adaptation, the final draft modules will also be shared at a wider level for TBs endorsement.	Final modules are not yet available
Hold awareness-raising meetings to publicise & introduce the Training and Awareness Raising Programme	SRS, WI, BLI	IP (70%)	The outline of this training programme has been shown during the different gathering mainly at key national and local events. It is a continuous process.	Provision of means to continue holding such activities
<b>Activity 4 Mobilize resources for the implementation of the sub-regional training and awareness raising programmes</b>				
Mobilise resources from within the sub-regions	SRSs, WI, BLI	IP 30%	The committee of the training board in charge of this issue is carrying out such activities. Consultants have been committed by WI to support this effort at the wider project level	Widen the network of potential donors and share with the members. Working also toward new initiatives within the region to use as a co-financing
<b>Component 3: Enhanced availability and exchange of information through improved communications capacity and resource provision</b>				
<b>Outcome 3.1: Demonstrations of best practice management of migratory waterbirds and wetlands available across the flyway</b>				
<b>Activity 1 Execution of demonstration projects</b>				
Banc d'Arguin, Mauritania	WI (SRS West Africa) and the local executing agency	IP (35%)	Completion of the project local team staffing; procurement of project materials; process of trainees' selection; French training curricula under development, contribution in the PNBA ecotourism strategy evaluation process, training centre upgrading, project official launching with wide participation of governmental and other International Organizations representatives A full semi-annual progress report for this demo project was prepared by the WIAP and demo project manager, and is provided to the PCU as a	Average level in the contact with local team – Bi-monthly skype conference between all the demo-projects coordinators and the regional centre team members to strength the project regional team building and sharing regularly the update information

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			separate document	
Kokorou and Namga, Niger	WI (SRS West Africa) and the local executing agency	IP (20%)	Finalization and signature of the tripartite agreement on the project implementation; completion of the project local team staffing and the procurement of the essential project materials. Project official launching in the site associated to the first steering committee meeting. Wide involvement of local communities, departmental and national governmental authorities A full semi-annual progress report for this demo project was prepared by the WIAP and demo project manager, and is provided to the PCU as a separate document	Average level in the contact with local team – Bi-monthly skype conference between all the demo-projects coordinators and the regional centre team members to strength the project regional team building and sharing regularly the update information
Saloum/Niumi, Senegal/Gambia	WI (SRS West Africa) and the local executing agency	IP (25%)	Completion of the project local team staffing, procurement of the main project materials, finalization and signature of the tripartite agreement for the project's implementation. Initial workshops held in two countries for official presentation and information sharing with principal actors, senior government members, local stakeholders and beneficiaries. Constitution of project steering committee with its 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting under planning for second half of June 2008. A full semi-annual progress report for this demo project was prepared by the WIAP and demo project manager, and is provided to the PCU as a separate document	Not availability of internet connection at the site leading to difficulties for a permanent contact with local team – Maintain contact through phone communication adopted as alternative.
<b>Outcome 3.2. Strengthened mechanisms for governments and NGOs to communicate and work together on wise use of wetlands and migratory waterbirds</b>				
<b>Activity 1 Increase capacity for electronic exchange of information</b>				
Promotion of the new electronic communication facility	PCU, AEWA CO, SRSSs, WI, BLI,	20%	The WOW website is being advertised in a number of WIAP meetings, presentations and publications at the regional and national level	

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	Ramsar		(in countries where wow demo projects are implemented)	
<b>Activity 2 Augmentation of and increased access to flyway contact information</b>				
Plan and implement data collection activities	AEWA CO, PCU, SRSs	NA	Our team is in contact with WI and PCU for the formulation of a new database of contacts including all relevant stakeholders involved in flyway-level conservation work in the African-Eurasian region.	
<b>Activity 3 Provide project information (updates, progress reports, publicity materials) in four languages for stakeholders</b>				
Disseminate newsletters	AEWA CO, PCU, WI, BLI, SRSs	IP	Project brief supports were disseminated through partners and governmental officials mainly in the countries hosting the demo projects	
Disseminate other project information	AEWA CO, PCU, SRSs, Demonstration Projects	IP	Other project information focussing on the demo projects is being provided to main stakeholders and other direct beneficiaries through informative meetings and workshops at project site level.	
<b>Outcome 3.3. Mechanisms of exchange between and within sub-regions for improved flyway-level migratory waterbird and wetland management established</b>				
<b>Activity 4 Implement Exchange Programme activities</b>				
Exchanges of key sites personnel within their sub-region	WI, SRSs, demo projects, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar	NA	Planning is under development to start the exchange as soon as possible in the second semester 2008. These will mainly focus on the AfWC focal points in the sub-region	The number and the sites to be visited are liaise to the available funds to be mobilized
Exchanges of demonstration site personnel	WI, SRSs, demo projects, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar	NA	Planned for the last quarter in 2008 and the first semester in 2009. - Visits in Saloum-Niumi Complex (Senegal/The Gambia) and in PNBA (Mauritania)	

ACTIVITIES	PARTY RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	PROGRESS	ISSUES
<b>Activity 5 Develop strategic partnerships and mobilize co-financing</b>				
Promote partnerships through communication & liaison	WI, SRSs		A partnership with GIRMaC project (in the framework of the Saloum-Niumi Complex demo project) is under development to ensure joint technical and financial efforts in the transboundary management plan elaboration.	
Develop strategic partnership proposals	PCU, WI, SRSs			
<b>Outcome 3.4 The wise-use of migratory waterbirds and wetlands is better understood and implemented by governments in focal sub-regions</b>				
<b>Activity 1 Development of sub-regional mentoring capacity</b>				
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	NA	It is still discussed to help and support the project team to visit MEA and be familiar to the conferences and other meetings mainly the upcoming meetings MOP4 and COP10	Funding for the implementation of this component is not available within the project budget. The implementation of this activity is therefore completely dependent on the mobilization of sufficient funding.
Shadow activities in MEA offices	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar, PCU, SRSs	NA	It is also discussed during the last global meeting for the AEWA office	But still need proper planning and funding
Shadow activities in the field	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar, PCU, SRSs	NA	Will be link to the upcoming exchange visits	Need funding

ACTIVITIES	PARTY RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	PROGRESS	ISSUES
<b>Activity 2 Production of key MEA texts and information in the predominant languages of the focal sub-regions</b>				
Translation of key MEA texts	PCU, AEWA, Ramsar, SRSSs, WI. BLI	NA		
Printing and dissemination of translated documents	PCU, AEWA, Ramsar, SRSSs, WI. BLI	NA		

#### 4. Funds Disbursement

##### 4.1 Disbursement of GEF Funds

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

Total Budget approved for the provision of technical services:	17 600 USD
Funds advanced by UNOPS to date:	15 000 USD
Opening balance this reporting period:	15 000 USD
Total expenditure this reporting period:	17 600 USD
Funds requested (as per disbursement schedule):	2 600 USD
Balance (if applicable):	

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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
Personnel	13 600	13 600	0	11 000	11 000	13 600	- 2 600
Workshop and trainings	4 000	4 000	0	4 000	4 000	4 000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		17 600	0	15 000	15 000	17 600	- 2 600

- The personnel budget line was specifically used to support the salary of the Capacity Development officer during the period from 1st June 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008.
- The workshops and trainings budget was used specifically to support the costs paid on the first West and Central African Training Board (TB) meeting held the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in Senegal at Laguna Beach Hotel, Mbodiène. The \$4 000 provided covered most part of the hotel bill for participants accommodation and some facilities in the meeting room.

**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
WI HQs	179 512 USD		179 512 USD	59 864 USD	119 648 USD
			<b>totals</b>	59 864 USD	119 648 USD
<b>List any additional sources of co-financing mobilized during project implementation</b>					
AEWA (Gap filling surveys)			7 500 USD	7 500 USD	
			<b>Totals</b>	67 364 USD	119 648 USD

## 5. Performance Evaluation

### 5.1 Project Impact

QUESTION	ANSWER
<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>	
# of NGO staff involved in this project	Over 4 from international NGOs to 7 national ones and other local NGOs. All types are sitting at the training board and be part of the field activities under CSN
# of Government Staff involved in this project	Over 20; mainly the administration in charge of wetlands and waterbirds
# of Volunteers involved in this project	Over 100 link to the African Waterfowl census activities which the project is supporting mainly under CSN (Gap filling)
# of Government staff involved in Flyways issues (AEWA in particular)	The training board has one representative and we are working with the others AEWA focal points in the sub-region
<b>TARGET BENEFICIARIES</b>	
# of beneficiaries involved in this project	Over 100; from the different countries from the equipment provided such as binoculars and bird field guides. several of the beneficiaries is under the field of capacity building at site level or country level
# of people involved in project workshops	We had 12 members for the training board but we were around 16 during the workshop, other key people joined to play an important role of facilitation et other tasks. 20 participants at the Gap filling workshop and several others during the site monitoring or other field courses on wetlands management and waterbirds monitoring
# of people trained under this project	Not yet but over 100 are planned through national and regional training courses after the training of trainers is developed.
<b>COMMUNICATION ISSUES</b>	
# of press articles featuring the project and/or related issues	For the centre only the component 3 (demo projects) has fulfilled these issues through wider press release (national and private channels) on the projects initial workshops
# of TV/radio programmes featuring the project and/or related issues	For the centre only the component 3 (demo projects) has fulfilled these issues mainly during the project launches.
# of publications produced under this project	5 posters developed during the global team meeting which is used now for the site events or stands at the main conferences. Three others are developed specifically under Senegal/The Gambia demo project
Estimated # of people reached by project communication efforts	Over 1000. The project is always using important events such as bird migratory day or other big meeting to communicate and inform about the project. Linking the centre to the demo projects, it becomes wider as we always use the whole project for the background during the project gathering.



## 6. Key Lessons Learned

Many of the activities planned have limited funding which negatively affects project implementation. Our approach to this problem is to try to merge activities as much as possible, in order to maximize cost-effectiveness, realize synergies and successfully achieve planned activities in spite of budget constraints.

Some key issues were not adequately budgeted for in the project, such as the costs for interpreters/translators during the workshops.

The process undertaken for project implementation is a participatory approach in which the stakeholders are part of it and fully involved.

The new approach of the Flyway concepts is highly relevant within the sub-region due to the lack of knowledge and also a lack of awareness. Through the project our team is getting equipped to address different target groups that have started to be involved at all levels (from primary schools to the decision makers)

## 7. Workplan for the Next Semi-annual Period

### 7.1 Updated overall project workplan

ACTIVITY	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4
	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7
<b>Transferable model framework for regional strengthening of wetland and water management conservation capacity.</b>							
<b><i>Develop a working draft of the model</i></b>							
Develop the draft Programme		X					
Series of meetings with key training institutes				X	X		
Translate, print & distribute first draft model						X	
<b><i>Programme Development Workshop</i></b>							
Plan workshop				X			
Hold Development Workshop					X		
<b><i>Draft the first full version of the model programme</i></b>							
Draft first full version of model				X			
<b><i>Review of the programme model draft</i></b>							
Perform external review				X			
Conduct a full review of the model programme				X			
<b><i>Finalise the Programme model</i></b>							
Prepare the final version of programme model					X		
<b><i>Wetland and water management Capacity Development Programmes developed for four distinct regions</i></b>							
Translate, print & distribute final model						X	
<b><i>Establish four regional Training Boards</i></b>							
Informal meetings to establish boards		X					
Organise & hold meetings			X				
Meeting reports			X				
<b><i>Design &amp; Establish four working regional Capacity Development Programmes</i></b>							
Produce draft Training Programme models		X					
Training Programme Review Workshops			X				

<b>Finalise four regional Capacity Development Programmes</b>							
Prepare final drafts for approval by Boards			X	X			
Publish & print Training Programmes						X	
Meetings to introduce Training Programme							
Resource mobilization outside the focal sub-regions				X	X	X	X
<b>Resource mobilisation inside the sub-regions</b>				X	X	X	X

## 7.2 Workplan for next six months

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

PLANNED ACTIVITY	Period July –December 2008					
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
<b>Workshop for the module development and adaptation in Amman (Jordan)</b>						
Informal meetings with the team involved in the curriculum adaptation						
<b>Series of meetings with key training institutes</b>						
Scope mission in some key institutes or virtual meetings		X	X			
<b>Translate, print &amp; distribute first draft model</b>						
Endorsement of the training modules by the team of the training board					X	
Produce draft Training and Awareness Raising Programme models for consultation			X			
Hold awareness-raising meetings to publicise					X	X
<b>Mobilise resources from within the sub-regions</b>						
Monitor the sub-committee work of the training board mainly the finance Sub committee			X	X	X	X

## 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)

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, ecotourism, volunteer groups. Please take pictures illustrating the impact of the project, i.e. of the situation “before”, “during” and “after” the project)
- ✓ general photographs illustrating the environment of the site
- ✓ 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 (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

No	Meeting Type <sup>4</sup>	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organized by	# of Participants	Report issued as doc no	Language	Dated
1	Training board meeting	Training Board formation	Laguna Beach Hotel, Mbodiene, Senegal	18th and 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	CDO under WOW project	WI	15 participants	No 1. First report activity	French and English	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
2	Gap filing Workshop	Flyways Conservation and Wings over Wetlands projects regional workshop	Accra, Ghana	10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	WI, BirdLife	WI and BirdLife	33 participants		English	January 2008

### b) Printed Materials

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

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

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

**c) Media coverage**

No	Description	Date
1.		
2.		
3.		

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

No	Type <sup>6</sup>	Purpose	Venue	Duration	Additional information for Grants and Fellowships ONLY		
					Beneficiaries	Countries/Nationalities	Cost (in US\$)
1.							
2.							

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

No	Description	Date
1.		
2.		
3.		

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