WOW – REGIONAL CENTRE FINAL REPORT

REPORT #: 2

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Country	Kenya
Regional Centre	Eastern and Southern Africa Sub Regional Centre
Countries Covered by this Regional	Eastern: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia,
Centre	Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Reunion,
Centre	Mayotte; Southern: Angola, Ascension Island, Botswana,
	Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius,
	Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, St.
	Helena, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Name of Local Implementing	BirdLife International Africa Partnership Secretariat
Agency/	
NGO	
Total amount of funds under this	17,600
Agreement	
Expected project duration	2007-2010
Date of signature of the agreement	29 June 2007
Contact in Local Implementing	Dr. Hazell Shokellu Thompson
Agency/NGO	•

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1. Executive Summary

This report covers the operations of the Wings Over Wetlands Project in the Eastern and Southern Africa Subregion during the period January to December 2007. The project activities in the subregion are funded by GEF (contributing USD17,600) and Wetlands International (contributing USD 233,432). The main activities and outcomes delivered is summarised below:

- A fully fledged Sub Regional Hub was established and is hosted at the BirdLife International Africa Partnership Secretariat. The staff comprises of: a Critical Site Network Officer seconded to the Secretariat from Wetlands International (WI) to handle issues of site network monitoring and gap filling surveys, a Capacity Development Officer seconded to the Secretariat from Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) in charge of capacity building and strengthening, and a Senior Project Officer to handle the Coordination of the three African DEMO Projects and the day-to-day running of the Subregional hub, with input from a Communications Officer handling communications issues and a Logistics Officer handling logistics/budget issues of the Sub-Regional Sub-Contractor.
- The necessary equipment for the staff to execute their duties was also provided through the project budget.
- Two workshops on (i) Gap filling and (ii) integrated monitoring for sites used by migratory waterbirds in the eastern and southern Africa regions of the African Eurasian flyway were held in Naivasha, Kenya from 18 21 November 2007 attended by 43 persons from 23 countries. The aims of these workshops were to: (i) Contribute towards filling gaps, in both knowledge about migratory waterbirds in East Africa, and in the site network we have in place for these species, and (ii) Evaluate the status of IBA/IWC monitoring in each country with the aim of increasing the coverage of site monitoring and harmonising efforts under the IWC and IBA schemes. Over 100 people graced the launching ceremony of the workshops. These two workshops were funded in part by the GEF funding.
- A Subregional Training Board meeting was held in Entebbe Entebbe, Uganda from 6 to 7 December 2007 to: (i) Enhance the participants knowledge and understanding of the WOW Project and the Flyway approach, (ii) Setting the ground for the project Training and Awareness Board for Eastern and Southern Africa Region, (iii) Review and endorse the project's Training and Awareness Framework, (iv) Review training needs and priorities for Eastern and Southern Africa, (v) Identification and prioritization of specific modules for Eastern and Southern Africa, (vi) Foster partnerships and collaboration with relevant interest groups and initiatives and (vii) Identification of regional fundraising and marketing objectives/targets. It was attended by 12 persons from six countries in the Sub Region and facilitated by the PCU.
- Three project staff from the Subregional hub participated in the Awareness Raising workshop in Almen – the Netherlands.

For the demo projects, the following achievements were realised:

Nigeria

- -Engagement of Project Manager and other five staff
- -Collaboration with all relevant stakeholders
- -Renovation of the HNWCC
- -Co- funding secured from ExxonMobil Corporation
- -Fund for PhD

South Africa

- -Engagement of a project site coordinator
- -Opportunity to unite the largely fragmented Wakkerstroom community, bringing key and often duplicated community groups together to work towards a united objective
- -Increased status and profile of the area, importance of the area more seriously recognised
- •Establishment of the Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee (WWMC)

Tanzania

- -Engagement of Project Manager
- -Acquisition of a plot in the Dar es Salaam IBA and undertaking
- the process for Government Title Deed and construction permit
- -Production of architectural WEC construction design
- -Bird awareness activities through birdwatching to local communities around WEC site and development of bird check list

1.1 Key project achievements during the reporting period

#	Key Project Achievements
1	Effective project management structure set up to facilitate the smooth collaboration between BirdLife Africa Partnership Secretariat, KWS and WI.
2	Successful organisation of the sub-regional gap-filling and monitoring workshops in Naivasha, Kenya
3	Successful coordination / organisation and effective participation in the 1st Regional Training Board meeting in Entebbe, Uganda
4	Successful preparation for and effective participation in the Awareness Raising workshop in Almen – the Netherlands
5	Effective communication with partners in the sub-region and stakeholders through sharing of meeting proceedings, minutes, emails and face to face meetings and telephone discussions.

1.2 Key issues & proposed solutions

#	Issue	Proposed Solution	Deadline	Party Responsible
1	The communications strategy was delayed due to complex factors	Speed up the release the communications strategy to the partners and implementing agencies.	NR	

2. Project Management

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	There was a delay in recruitment of CDO because of the procedures that KWS - a government institution had to follow	NA	NR	KWS
Finance & administration	NA	NA	NR	NA
Logistics & operations	NA	NA	NR	NA
Reporting & communication	The communications strategy was delayed	Need to release the communications strategy to the partners and implementing agencies.	NR	PCU
Coordination with project partners	NA	NA	NR	NA
External issues (e.g. difficult access to the project site for political/social/environm ental reasons, etc.)	NA	NA	NR	NA
Other				

2.2 Regional Training Board (TB)

Date of last TB Meeting	6 th – 7 th December 2007
Proposed Date for next TB Meeting	December 2008

Please provide updated list of TB Members (list the TB Chairperson first):

Name	Title	Email	Phone	
1. Prof.George Owiti Otian'ga	Interim Chairperson (Kenya Wild Service Training Institute)	geowiti@yahoo.com		
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3. Progress / Issues / Proposed Solutions

Legend: abb	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 Output/Service (as listed in the	PARTY RESPONSIB	STATUS	PROGRESS	ISSUES
approved project document)	LE	NA Not scheduled for current reporting period IP In progress (% completed) C Completed	Description of work undertaken during the reporting period	Description of problems encountered; Issues that need to be addressed; Decisions / Actions to be taken

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

Activity 5. Compile the network of critical sites using Ramsar and IBA criteria				
Consult experts in region on results	WI, BLI, SRSs	IP (50%)	Lists being created by Site Network officer	NA
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				

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Launch portal	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSs	NA		
Activit	y 7. Raise awaren	ess amongst practitioners, a	and train them in the use of the network of critical sites	
Disseminate concept of critical site network at appropriate occasions like conferences, meetings, workshops (active participation to raise awareness)	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSs	IP (90%)	Organised Gap filling and monitoring workshops in Naivasha, attended by 43 participants and 8 presentations made. Organized a Training Board meeting attended by 11 persons including 8 board members; 4 papers presented	
Activit	y 8. Promote the r	network of critical sites as a	conservation tool	
Develop communication plan for publicising the network of critical sites as a tool for conservation	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSs	IP (90%)	Logos for the Project being used on letterheads; Information for fact sheet prepared ready to be used according to the communication plan	Communication strategy not yet released by WI to guide the SRSs
Implement communication of network tool	WI/(WCMC), BLI, SRSs	IP (15%)	Distributed the draft leaflet about the CSN tool to WI and BLI. Reception attended by over100 persons and message on the project and workshop	Communication strategy not yet released by WI to guide the SRSs

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			Press release on Gap filling and monitoring workshop; (see website: http://www.environmentpress.com/ Press release on the Training Board meetingi	
Activit	y 9. Production of	f a publication to raise awar	reness of key issues in the flyway using the network as the	he basis
Produce and distribute publication	WI, BLI, SRSs	NA		
	rimary data resour in the AEWA regi		onservation, planning and management activities enhanc	eed to include all critically
Activit	y 1. Identify gaps	in spatial coverage and mo	bilise existing information	
Sub-regional check of coverage	WI, BLI, SRSs	IP (75%)	Work undertaken at Gap filling and monitoring workshop	Decisions depended on only a handful of stakeholders. Need to take the process back to each country's technical team to complete

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Compile existing information through sub-regions	WI, BLI, SRSs	IP (75%)	Work undertaken at Gap filling and monitoring workshop	Decisions depended on only a handful of stakeholders. Need to take the process back to each country's technical team to complete
Organise regional workshops	WI, BLI, SRSs	NA		
Activit	y 2. Fill the inform	nation gaps in the data sour	rces	
Increase and focus sub-regional coordination of IWC and IBA to fill gaps	WI, BLI, SRSs	IP (10%)	Discussions on coordination of the two monitoring programmes were held during the monitoring workshop in Naivasha. Recommendations were made on how this would be achieved	
Perform additional targeted censuses to cover and fill gaps	WI, BLI, SRSs	IP (10 %)	Preparation of the gap filling surveys based on priorities identified during the Gap filling workshops underway. Top priorities are Sudan and Somaliland.	
Organise sub-regional workshops (same workshops as under act 1 of outcome1.2, above)	WI, BLI, SRSs	C (100%)	Organised a Gap filling and monitoring workshops in Naivasha, attended by 36 participants. The SRS	

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			organized a Training Board meeting attended by 14 participants including 8 board members and 2 journalists. The SRS delivered four papers during the meeting.	
		ing and monitoring capacity	y strengthened to support the updating and maintenance	of primary data resources that
	y 1. Harmonizing ring networks	and strengthening data gath	hering capacity, thus ensuring better compatibility between	en and sustainability of
Develop input for manuals on streamlining and integrating monitoring activities	WI, BLI, SRSs	IP (10%)	Discussions on developing synergies between IWC and IBA monitoring were held during the monitoring workshop held in Naivasha. It was recognized that collaboration between these programmes will contribute to sustainability of both programmes. Recommendations were made on how this can be achieved.	
Sub-regional Workshops to implement integrated monitoring	WI, BLI, SRSs	NA		
Activity 2. Strengthening capacity for data gathering and monitoring				

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Experts to lead surveys to train on (integration of) monitoring activities	WI / (consultants), BLI, SRSs	0%		This activity has been postponed because of funding limitations and the focus is given to gap filling.	
Sub-regional training censuses	WI, BLI, SRSs	0%		This activity has been postponed till the Training Board decides	
Activit	y 3. Provide mate	rials and equipment to facil	itate and assist the training and data collection		
Develop, print and provide field guide in Russian	WI/(consulta nts), BLI, SRS Central Asia				
Provide optical and other equipment	WI, BLI, SRSs	100%	Binoculars and books distributed to relevant stakeholders to facilitate the censuses		
Outcome 1.4 Species and critical site knowledge base supports management and planning decision-making in flyway conservation					
Activity 1. Compile existing ecological knowledge on species' migratory characteristics, site function and population delimitation					
Compile overview existing ecological knowledge and	WI / (consultant),	NA			

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identify gaps in knowledge	BLI, SRSs					
Activit	y 2. Facilitate rese	earch to cover the gaps in k	nowledge of the use of sites by migratory waterbirds and	of population limitation		
Make available 'seed money' to help develop proposals to obtain funding for research to fill the gaps in knowledge	WI, BLI, SRSs	NA				
Outcome 2.1 Transferable	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 1 Deve	Activity 1 Develop a working draft of the model Training and Awareness Raising Programme					
Series of meetings with key training institutes	WI, SRSs	IP (50%)	The project has been introduced to the KWS Training Institute, University of Addis Ababa and Makerere University in the process of setting up the training board. Meetings have been held between PCU members,			

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Translate, print & distribute first draft model	WI, SRSs	NA			
Activity 2 Train	Activity 2 Training and Awareness Raising Programme Development Workshop				
Hold Development Workshop	WI, PCU, SRSs	(100%)	The SRS actively participated in the Awareness Raising workshop in Almen		
Activity 4 Revie	ew of the program	nme model draft			
Perform external review of training and awareness model	WI, PCU, SRSs	NA			
Conduct a full review of the model programme	PSC (sub- group), WI, PCU, SRSs	NA			
Activity 5 Final	Activity 5 Finalise the programme model				
Translate & print final model, and distribute to contributing partners / networks and to project sub-regional centres for wide dissemination	WI, PCU, SRSs	NA			

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	Outcome 2.2: Wetland and waterbird conservation Training and Awareness Raising Programmes produced ready for implementation in four sub-regions					
	•	al Training Boards				
Informal meetings in sub-region to establish board	SRSs, WI, BLI	С	Members to the board representing key institutions invited to a meeting;			
Organise & hold training boards meetings	SRSs, WI, BLI	IP (90%)	Training Board meeting 6 th -7 th Dec 2007 in Entebbe attended by 11 participants including eight board members.			
Meeting reports	SRSs, WI, BLI	IP (90%)	8 Internal project coordination meeting minutes circulated. Training Board Meeting proceedings to come			
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•		Sub-regional Training & A	Awareness Programmes			
Produce draft Training and Awareness Raising Programme models for consultation	WI, SRS, BLI	NA				
Training and Awareness Raising Programme Review Workshops & prioritisation of courses	WI, SRS, BLI	NA				

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Activity 3 Final	lise 4 Sub-regiona	l Training & Awareness Pro	ogrammes	
Prepare final draft for approval by Training Boards	WI, SRS, BLI	NA		
Hold awareness-raising meetings to publicise & introduce the Training and Awareness Raising Programme	SRS, WI, BLI	IP (50%)	Press release prepared for the launch of the Training Board A launch ceremony organized to precede the Gap filling and monitoring workshops	
Activity 4 Mobi	ilise resources for	the implementation of the s	sub-regional training and awareness raising programmes	
Mobilise resources from within the sub-regions	SRSs, WI, BLI	IP (5%)	BirdLife Africa Partnership Secretariat is looking for funding opportunities at the regional level, also based on discussions held at the first Training Board meeting.	The drives have been on hold pending identification of the training needs.
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 1 Execution of demonstration projects				

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Banc D'Arguin, Mauritania	WI (SRS West Africa) and the local executing agency	NA		
Kokorou and Namga, Niger	WI (SRS West Africa) and the local executing agency	NA		
Hadejia Nguru Wetlands, Nigeria	BLI (SRS East Africa) and the local executing agency	IP (50%)	Project manager recruited starting November; Visits by Jonathan Barnard and PCU earlier on	Late recruitment of the project manager means the demo is not on the same course as other demos
Saloum/Niumi, Senegal/Gambia	WI (SRS West Africa) and the local executing agency	NA		
Wakkerstroom, South Africa	BLI (SRS East Africa) and the local executing agency	IP (90%)	Running smoothly; Visits by Jonathan Barnard and PCU earlier on	
Dar es Salaam Wetlands, Tanzania	BLI (SRS East Africa) and the local executing agency	IP (50%)	Project manager recruited starting October, site secured (bought and surveyed), building starting; Visits by Jonathan Barnard and PCU earlier on; Project Manager visits to BirdLife Africa Partnership	Former manager left and new manager had to be recruited, slowing down the process.

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Aden Lagoons, Yemen	BLI (SRS Middle East) and the local executing agency	NA	Secretariat		
Outcome 3.2. Strengther	ned mechanisms fo	or governments and NGOs	to communicate and work together on wise use of wetlan	nds and migratory waterbirds	
Activity 1 Incre	ease capacity for e	lectronic exchange of infor	mation		
Promotion of the new electronic communication facility	PCU, AEWA CO, SRSs, WI, BLI, Ramsar	IP (10%)	Briefs to Partners and Stakeholders about the WOW project through emails and BirdLife Newsletter	Awaiting communication strategy	
Activity 2 Augmentation of and increased access to flyway contact information					
Plan and implement data collection activities	AEWA CO, PCU, SRSs	NA			
Activity 3 Provi	Activity 3 Provide project information (updates, progress reports, publicity materials) in four languages for stakeholders				

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Disseminate newsletters	AEWA CO, PCU, WI, BLI, SRSs	NA		
Disseminate other project information	AEWA CO, PCU, SRSs, Demonstratio n Projects	NA		

Outcome 3.3. Mechanisms of exchange between and within sub-regions for improved flyway-level migratory waterbird and wetland management established

Activity 4 Implement Exchange Programme activities

Exchanges of key sites personnel within their sub-region	WI, SRSs, demo projects, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar	NA		
Exchanges of demonstration site personnel	WI, SRSs, demo projects, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar	IP (0%)	Not yet done	Scope to implement this not defined; BirdLife Africa Partnership Secretariat to ask WI on the way forward This is to be addressed at the exchange programme workshop in Wagenigen in January 2008

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Activity 5 Deve	elop strategic par	tnerships and mobilise co	p-financing	
Promote partnerships through communication & liaison	WI, SRSs	NA	Proceedings of all Sub-regional hub and international meetings/workshops circulated to all relevant partners, BLI, WI and PCU staff	
Develop strategic partnership proposals	PCU, WI, SRSs	NA	Areas of cooperation being identified	Delayed pending the preceding meetings.
Outcome 3.4 The wise-	use of migratory	waterbirds and wetlands	is better understood and implemented by governmen	ats in focal sub-regions
Activity 1 Deve	elopment of sub-	regional mentoring capaci	ity	
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		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,	NA		

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	PCU, SRSs			
Shadow activities in the field	WI, BLI, AEWA, Ramsar, PCU, SRSs	NA		
Activity 2 Prod	luction of key M	EA texts and information	in the predominant languages of the focal sub-region	as
Translation of key MEA texts	PCU, AEWA, Ramsar, SRSs, WI. BLI	NA		
Printing and dissemination of translated documents	PCU, AEWA, Ramsar, SRSs, 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: 14,600 USD Total expenditure this reporting period: 18,192 USD

Funds requested (as per disbursement schedule): 3,000 USD

Balance (if applicable): 0 (592 USD overspending on the workshops will be absorbed by BirdLife Africa Partnership Secretariat through other sources of co-

financing).

General Category of Expenditure	Total Budget	Total expenditure to date	Total budget balance	Last payment received	Expenditur e in reporting period	Balance at end of reportin g period
Workshops and training	17,600	18,192	(592)	14,600	18,192	-3,592
Totals	17,600	18,192	(592)	14,600	18,192	-3,592

4.2 Status of co-financing

Please report on the status of funds received by other donors and partners as co-financing for this project using the following table.

Sources of co-financing	Total funds committed (cash)	Total in- kind contributio n	Total co- financing (cash + in- kind)	Total received to date	Balance			
	233,432	0	233,432	92,484.50	140,947.50			
	totals							
List any additional sources of co-financing mobilized during project implementation								
totals 140,947.								

5. Performance Evaluation

5.1 Project Impact

QUESTION	ANSWER			
STAKEHOLDERS				
# of NGO staff involved in this project	Nine BirdLife Partners and Affiliates with over 300 staff and 30,000 members 11 non- BirdLife Partners).			
# of Government Staff involved in this project	14 from 9 countries			
# of Volunteers involved in this project	Over 2, 000. The project is directly linked to the Africa Waterfowl Census coordinated by 23 National Coordinators who work with over 2000 volunteers in the Eastern and Southern Africa Sub region			
# of Government staff involved in Flyways issues (AEWA in particular)	Various government staff and officers are involved: e.g. Six of the Training Board members are from Government Institutions. Furthermore the monitoring workshop including the launch was attended by 15 government officials from the Protected Area Management authorities.			
TARGET BENEFICIARIES				
# of beneficiaries involved in this project	26 countries including the 23 BirdLife Partners, Affiliates and programmes in the Africa Region			
# of people involved in project workshops	55 (Gap Filling and Monitoring workshops, and Training Board Meeting). Over 200 others at the launching of the Launch of the project during the Kenya Wildlife Service conference			
# of people trained under this project	15 Sudanese and 2 Somalis were trained in their respective countries; 43 persons from 23 countries in the Naivasha workshop where training was done in monitoring.			
COMMUNICATION ISSUES				
# of press articles featuring the project and/or related issues	 Press releases (at the launch of the project and during the workshop on monitoring) Several clips BirdLife.org website: e.g. ttp://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2008/04/wow_website.html 			
# of TV/radio programmes featuring the project and/or related issues	TV Prime news clips on Signing of MoU with Kenya Wildlife service and Opening Ceremony of Training Board Meeting in Entebbe, Uganda			
# of publications produced under this project				
Estimated # of people reached by project communication efforts	 BirdLife Newsletter readership – world wide (distribution list has over 700 and rising) BirdLife E-bulletin readership – world wide-edistribution list over 400 and rising) BirdLife extranet (over 1000 members) BirdLife.org readership (global as it goes to all secretariats and most partners) 			

6. Key Lessons Learned

Please report on any lessons learned 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, and (c) contribute to best practice in wetlands management and conservation of migratory waterbirds.

- Bringing together personnel from different institutions to the Subregional Hub (at the BirdLife Africa Partnership Secretariat) has improved efficiency in delivery of outputs, common understanding of the project, reporting and communication.
- Bringing together various players at global level such as the meetings that took place in Almen and Wagenigen
 is a great idea. It brings together different players face to face with each other and informal discussions help to
 galvanise the performances of the various officers pursuing the same line of the project. It also helps the
 personnel get common understanding of the project expectations.

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, 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

	a) Meetings									
No	Meeting	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened	Organized by	# of Participants	Report issued as	Language	Dated
	Type 4				by			doc no		
1.	2	Gap filling	Naivasha	17-22	BirdLife	SRS	40	Please refer to		
	Workshops	and	- Kenya	Novem	Africa			the ftp		
		Monitorin		ber	Partnership					
		g		2007	Secretariat					
		workshops								
2.	Meeting	Training	Entebbe	6-7	BirdLife	SRS	11			
		Board	- Uganda	Decemb	Africa					
		meeting		er 2007	Partnership					
					Secretariat					
	Sensitisati		UNEP	April						
	on meeting		Headquat							
	at UNEP		ers,							
	(with PCU		Nairobi							
	members									
	in April									
	2007)									
3.	Internal		BirdLife	Various						
	project		Offices							
	coordinatio		and							
	n meetings		KWS							
			offices							

b) Printed Materials

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No	Type ⁵	Title	Author(s)/Editor(s)	Publisher	Symbol	Publication Date	Distribution List
							Attached Yes/No
1.	Press Release	1 Waterbirds	Lumumba (Ed)	http://www.environment		November 19 th	
		Conservation		press.com/news.php?typ			

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)

		Workshops Launched		e=news&art=3	
2.	Articles	African Waterbird Census	Oliver Nasirwa	BirdLife e-bulletin	April - June 2007 No.12 issue
3.	Articles	Welcomes and introductions		BirdLife Newsletter	January –June 2007 Vol 9.2 issue July -Dec 2007 Vol 10 1 issue

c)	Media	coverage

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No	Description	Date
1.	Print media coverage by environment press at opening ceremony of the WOW Gap filling and monitoring workshop	16/11/2007
2.	Print media coverage by Monitor Newspaper of the Training Board meeting opening	6/12/2007
3.	Television media coverage by Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) of the Training Board meeting opening	6/12/2007

d) Technical Cooperation with relevant parallel initiatives

	a) Technical Cooperation with recommendatives							
No	Type ⁶	Purpose	Venue	Duration	Additional information for Grants and Fellowships ONLY			
					Beneficiaries	Countries/Nationalities	Cost (in US\$)	
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e) Other Outputs/Services (e.g. Networking, Query-response, Participation in meetings etc.)

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A series of international workshops on enhancing the conservation of Waterbirds in Eastern and Southern Africa was launched in Nairobi Yesterday.

ⁱ Waterbirds Conservation Workshops Launched Nairobi, November 19, 2007

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

'The timing of these workshops is opportune as we currently face various conservation challenges that include environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity in all regions of the world,' said Erustus Kanga, the head of ecological monitoring and biodiversity evaluation at Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) in a speech read on behalf of the KWS Director, Dr. Julius Kipng'etich.

The initial workshop I this series begun Sunday at the Kenya Wildlife Training Institute in Naivasha and brings together 44 renowned scientists from 30 organisations coming from 23 countries.

The workshops take place under the Wing Over Wetlands (WOW) project and Important Bird Areas (IBA) monitoring project.

Wings Over Wetlands (WOW) -also known as the UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project, is a joint effort between leading international organisations and supporting governments dedicated to the conservation of Waterbirds and wetlands.

The workshops are hosted by BirdLife International (BI) Africa Partnership Secretariat, Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Wetlands International (WI).

KWS is responsible for developing a regional training and awareness raising programme while WI is responsible for organization, monitoring and data collection on water-birds.

In order to conserve migratory species, knowledge of the routes taken by birds and the role of particular sites is essential, BI.

However, a statement from BI says a significant number of IBAs have not been documented. 'Critical sites in the African-Eurasian Waterbirds Agreement (AEWA) Area are not all known. This hampers coordinated conservation efforts,' said the press release in part.

The workshops will focus on identifying areas where further surveys are necessary and on strengthening capacity to monitor these sites.

Deliberations are expected to enhance the database for monitoring Waterbirds across the network of sites and increased capacity to monitor Important Bird Areas (IBAs) in region.

The goal of the project is to protect migratory waterbirds, their migration routes and the key areas needed to complete their seasonal cycles. WOW will run for four years, 2007-2010.

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