



Strasbourg, 10 February 2015

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**2nd Meeting of the
Special Focal Points for
Illegal Killing of Birds**

24-25 February 2015

General Directorate of Rural Development
and Forestry Policy of the Ministry of Environment
Gran Vía de San Francisco, 4
Madrid (Spain)

DRAFT AGENDA

*Secretariat Memorandum
prepared by
the Directorate of Democratic Governance*

DAY 1 - TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2015

8H30 – 9H30 Registration at the Conference site

09H30 – 10H00

1. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

- Ms Asuncion Ruiz, Chief Executive Officer, SEO BirdLife
- Mr Eladio Fernandez Galiano, Head of the Democratic Initiatives Department, Council of Europe
- Ms Ivana d'Alessandro, Secretary of the Bern Convention

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

10H00 – 13H00

3. UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES AGAINST ILLEGAL KILLING OF BIRDS IN OTHER FORA

- **State of implementation of the EU Roadmap and examples of EU funding tools**
Ms Marita Arvela, European Commission, DG ENV
- **Illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds: tools for preventing poisoning and setting up of a Pan-Mediterranean Task Force**
Mr Fernando Spina, Chair of the CMS Scientific Council, CMS
- **CITES Convention**
Mr Oystein Storkersen, Chair of CITES Standing Committee (t.b.c)

Coffee Break

- **The INTERPOL Environmental Security Sub Directorate: tools and mechanisms for combating illegal killing of birds**
Mr Andreas Andreou, Criminal Intelligence Officer, INTERPOL
- **BirdLife's contribution to the implementation of the Tunis Action Plan: overview of on-going related projects**
Mr Willem van den Bossche, European Nature Conservation Officer, BirdLife International
- **Perspective from the hunting community & ongoing action**
Mr Cy Griffin, Director of Conservation, European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation (FACE)

4. UPDATES FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES – PLANS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RELEVANT STANDING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

13H00 – 14H30 – LUNCH BREAK

WORKING SESSIONS (ONE AFTER THE OTHER)

14H30 – 17H00

Working Session 1: Identification of areas of offending in Contracting Parties: tools for the setting-up of mechanisms for recording wildlife cases and statistical evidence

Moderator: Mr Bob Elliot, Head of investigations, RSPB

Introductory presentation: DNA analysis as a tool for combating wildlife crime: the example of the GENE project - Ms Pavla Rihova, Head of CITES Department, Czech Environmental Inspectorate.

16H30 – 17H00 – COFFEE BREAK

17H00 – 18H30 – TO BE CONTINUED ON DAY 2

Working Session 2: Improving knowledge on bird populations' mortality due to illegal activities: how to effectively estimate mortality due to illegal trapping and trade?

Moderator: Mr Cy Griffin, Director of Conservation, FACE

Introductory presentation: Recommendations and progress achieved in the framework of the European Network against Environmental Crimes - Mr David de la Bodega, Coordinator of the European Network against Environmental Crime (ENEC), SEO/BirdLife

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2015

9H30 – 10H30

Continuation of working session 2

Short discussion on the outcomes of the first day

WORKING SESSIONS (CONT.)

10H30 – 13H00

Working Session 3: Identification and standardisation of gravity factors, and preparatory work for the elaboration of sentencing guidelines

Moderator: Mr Nicholas Crampton

Introductory presentation: Mr. Antonio Vercher Noguera, Head of the Spanish Environmental Prosecution Office, Ministry of Justice

13H00 – 14H30 LUNCH BREAK

14H30 – 16H00

5. IDENTIFICATION OF BLACK-SPOTS OF ILLEGAL KILLING OF BIRDS

- **Presentation of the 2nd draft methodology document on the identification of the blackspots**

Mr Willem van den Bossche, European Nature Conservation Officer, BirdLife International

- *Discussion*

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. CLOSURE
