

# LIFE EuroSAP

## “Coordinated Efforts for International Species Recovery”

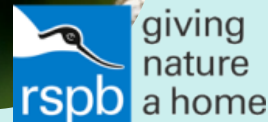


6th Meeting of the Group of Experts on the  
Conservation of Wild Birds  
Sliema, Malta, 21 June 2017

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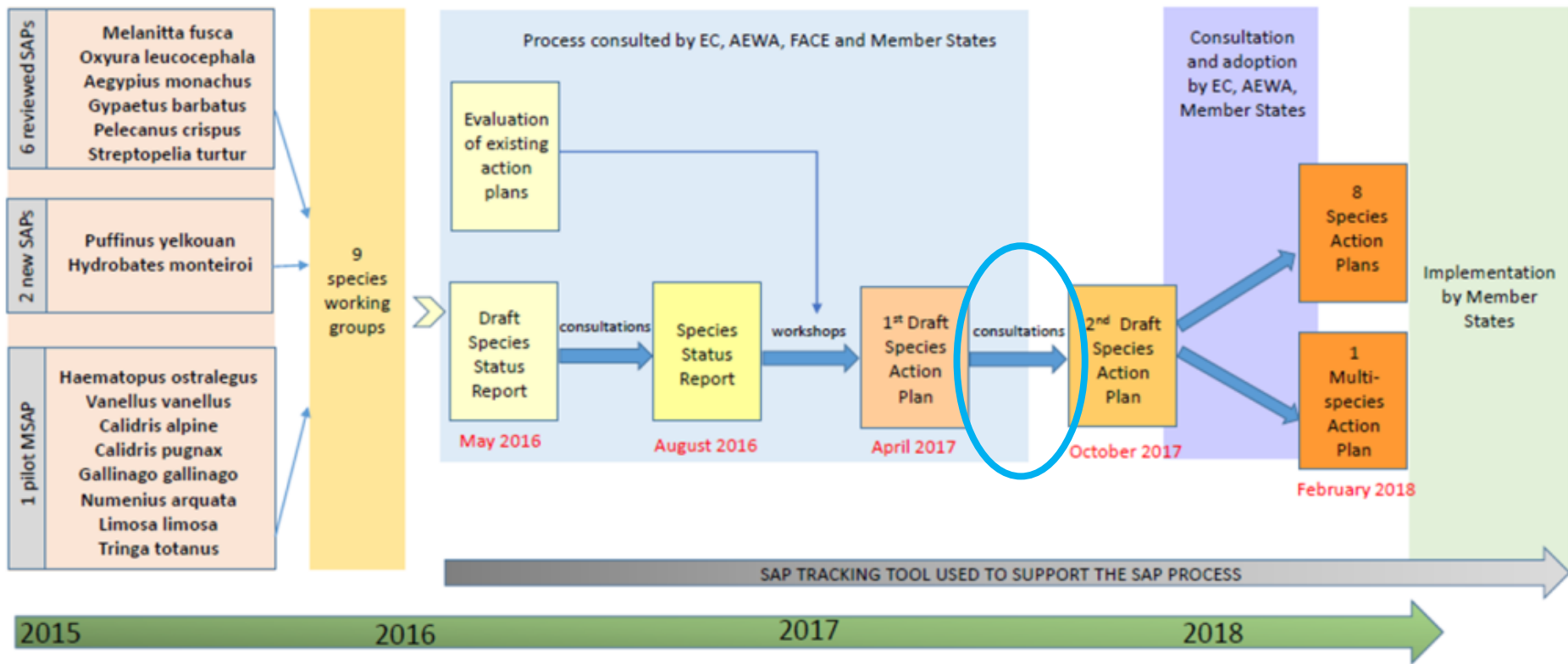
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BirdLife International*

# 13 partners, 10 countries, 16 species, 9 Species Action Plans



# The process of Species Action Plans development and progress of the LIFE EuroSAP project

Elaboration of species action plans workflow



# Progress of the LIFE EuroSAP Project

- 1<sup>st</sup> Draft SAPs prepared
- Consultation on 9 SAPs ongoing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft SAPs to be ready by the end of October 2017
- 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation round to be run between November 2017 and February 2018
- Adoption of SAPs by EU MS expected in early 2018
- Adoption of SAPs by AEWA expected late 2018
- Continuous collaboration with European Commission, also through NADEG
- SAP Tracking Tool fully operating  
[www.trackingactionplans.org](http://www.trackingactionplans.org)
- Final Conference of the project to be launched in end of **April/early May 2018 (Brussels)**

# Progress of the LIFE EuroSAP Project



## Monteiro's Storm-petrel

1<sup>st</sup> Draft SAP available online, Monteiro Task Force created and operating as working group (WG), consultation within the WG done



## Yelkouan Shearwater

1<sup>st</sup> Draft SAP ready, working group (WG) created, consultation within the WG done, SAP sent to NAGED members



## MSAP for waders

1<sup>st</sup> Draft SAP ready, internal consultation ongoing, SAP to be sent to be circulated externally

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## Bearded Vulture & Cinereous Vulture

SAPs separated from the CMS Vultures MSAP, 1<sup>st</sup> Draft SAPs in final stage of internal consultation, working group for Bearded Vulture meets annually



## European Turtle-dove

1<sup>st</sup> Draft SAP available online, consultations with MS ongoing

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## White-headed Duck

1<sup>st</sup> Draft SAPs in final stage of internal consultation, working group created



## Velvet Scoter

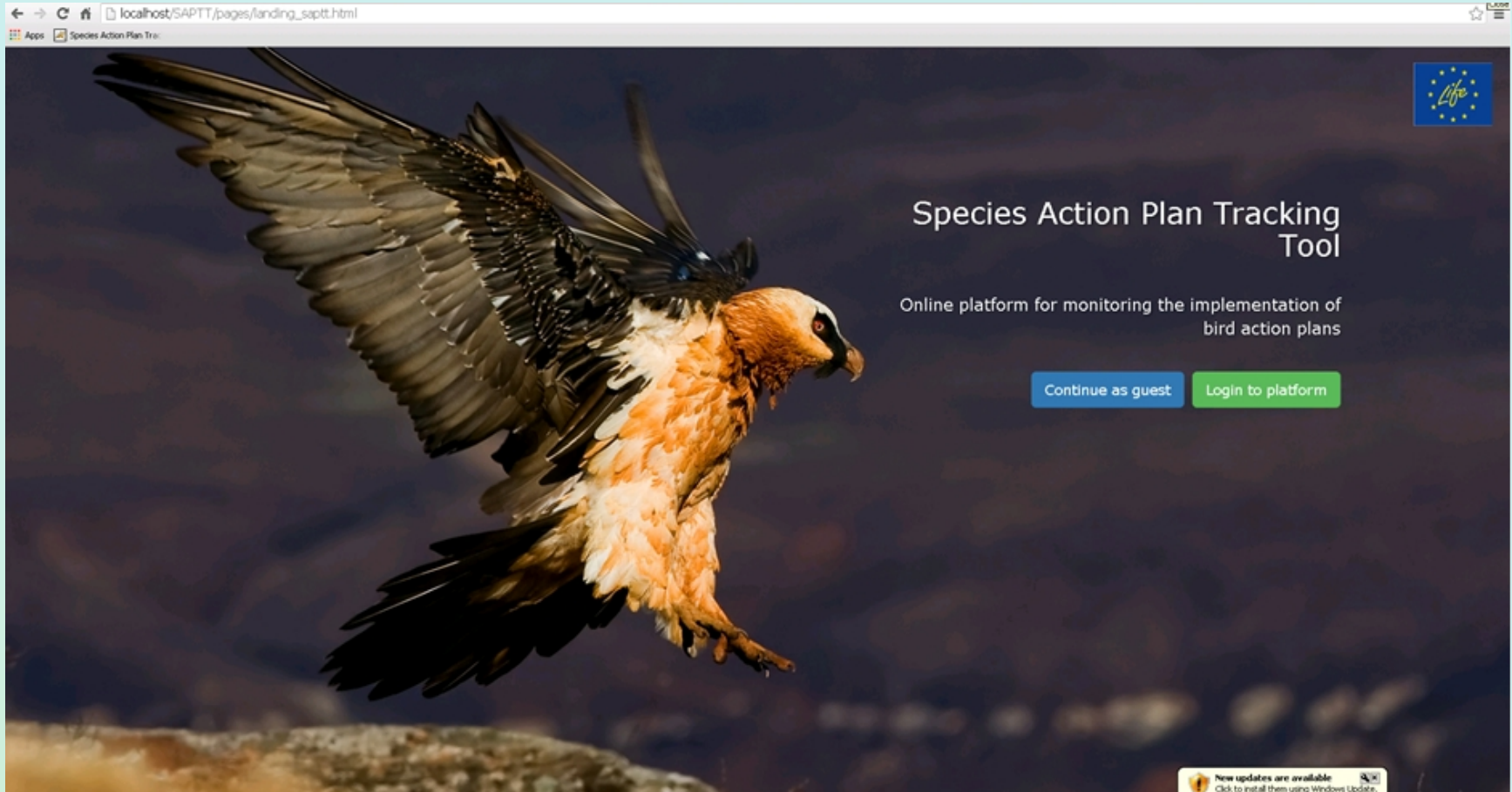
1<sup>st</sup> Draft SAPs in final stage of internal consultation, joint working group for Long-tailed Duck and Velvet Scoter



## Dalmatian Pelican

1<sup>st</sup> Draft SAPs in final stage of internal consultation, working group created

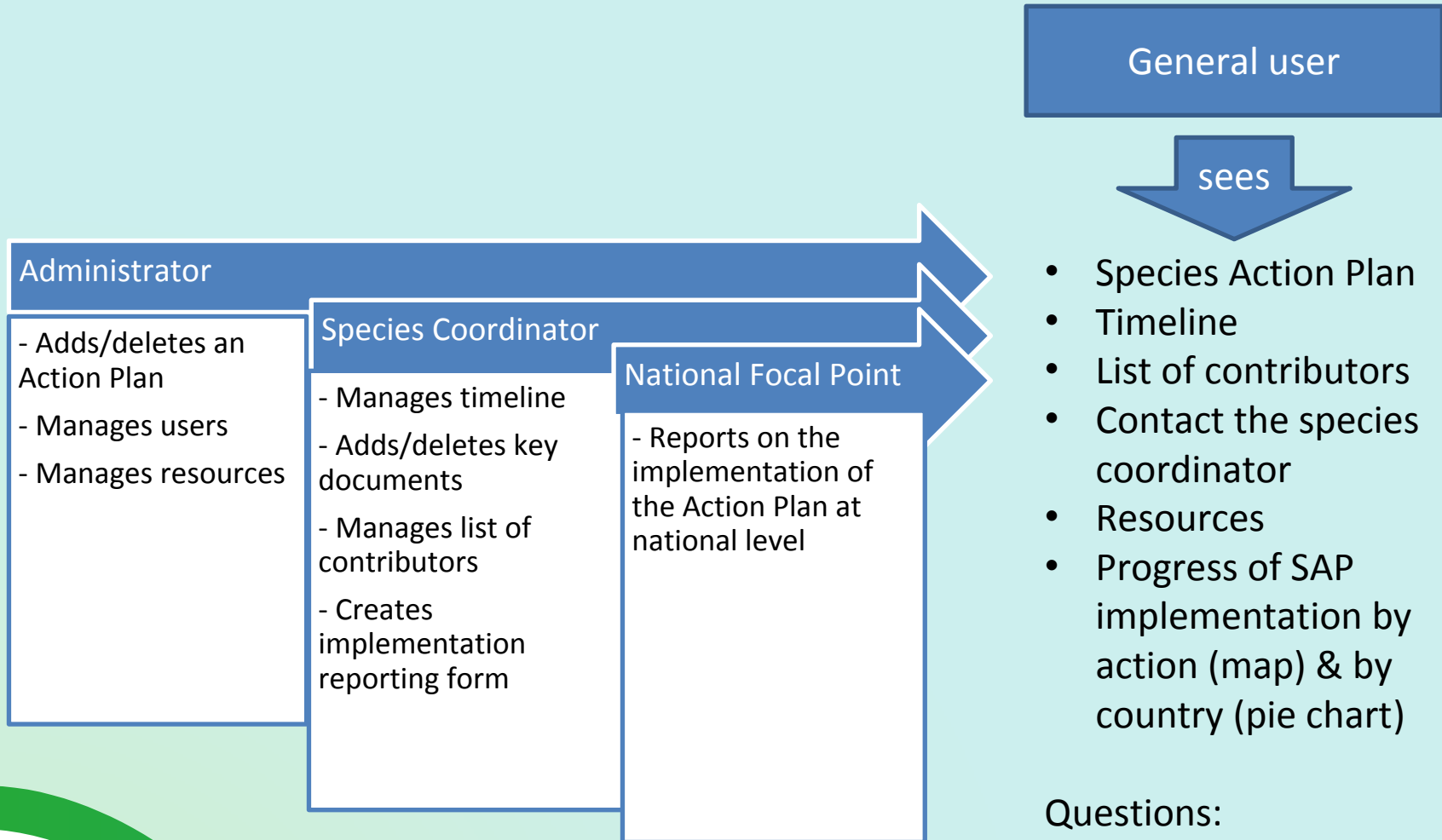
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# European Species Coordination Group (ESCG)

- a consultative group between the 5 legal frameworks operating on bird conservation – EC, CMS, Raptors MoU, AEWA and Bern Convention. With BirdLife International doing secretariat work.
- ToR in preparation

## Suggestions for discussion

- adopt the new AEWA format for International Single Species Action Plans and Multi-species Action Plans as the sole standard template to be used from now on by CMS, urging others eg EC, the Bern Convention and EAAFP formally to also adopt this format
- How do national action plans (NAP) link to the international SAP, would more NAPs lead to better implementation including access to funding?
- How to encourage resource mobilisation for coordination of single species working groups to ensure implementation of the action plans by all Range States
- Are single species working groups more effective than working groups on threats (eg. Energy, poisoning, ...)
- Do SAPs deliver on real game changers and research needs?