

# **The CMS Aquatic Warbler MoU and the International Species Action Plan**

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## Minsk/Belarus 30/04/2003:





## CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

### International treaty for a small brown bird

In 2003 a "*Memorandum of Understanding concerning conservation measures for the Aquatic Warbler*" has been signed and ratified by 12 range states of the species as a sub-agreement to the Bonn Convention on Migratory Species - the first and only international treaty for a "*little brown bird*".

# Key facts:

- **Initiated by RSPB and BirdLife International**
- **Signed and in effect since 30/04/2003**
- **15 official range states**
- **12 states have signed, plus CMS Secretariat and BirdLife International**
- **Not signed only by:**
  - France (?)
  - Netherlands
  - Russia (not part of CMS)
- **Possible additional range states: Marokko, Mauritania, Mali**
- **Action Plan part of MoU**

# Coordination of the MoU:

- Official secretariat: CMS
- Coordination: BL/CMS International AW Conservation Officer at APB-BirdLife Belarus (funded 50:50 by CMS and RSPB)
- Implementation reports and range state meetings every 3 years, combined with scientific conference



# Newsletter

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Aquatic Warbler Flyway

Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Conservation Measures for the Aquatic Warbler



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# First range state meeting:



LANDESUMWELTAMT  
BRANDENBURG



Convention on the Conservation of  
Migratory Species of Wild Animals  
(CMS)



CMS

## Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Aquatic Warbler



**FIRST MEETING  
OF SIGNATORIES AND SYMPOSIUM**

*24-27 June 2006, Lower Oder Valley  
National Park, Criewen, Germany*

MICHAEL OTTO  
STIFTUNG



Ministerie van de  
Vlaamse Gemeenschap



UNEP



BirdLife  
INTERNATIONAL

## **Second range state meeting:**

- **Biebrza NP in May 2010 ???**

## **What is the benefit of the MoU?**

- **Raises the profile of the species**
- **Put the AW on the political agenda of signatory states**
- **Provides a level of political obligation**
- **Enables funding from richer range states for actions in less affluent range states**
- **The attached action plan guides national conservation action**
- **Provides coordination of the international conservation efforts**

## International AW Action Plans:

- First action plan workshop in Milicz/Poland in 2003
- First EU action plan published 1996
- Updated in 2003 and accepted as attachment to the CMS MoU
- 2 slightly different action plans existing
- Update of EU action plan in 2008
- To be accepted as CMS action plan in 2010

### ACTION PLAN FOR THE AQUATIC WARBLER (*Acrocephalus paludicola*) IN EUROPE

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