

**Third Meeting of the Signatories
of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of
Southern South American Migratory Grassland Bird Species and their
Habitats**

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Background

1. Appendix II of CMS includes families and genera of birds that have been aggregated for listing purposes. The aggregated bird species have been analysed to understand which species within these aggregated families have a significant proportion of individuals that cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries and have an unfavourable conservation status.
2. A list of such species is provided in the Annex to [Resolution 14.19](#) *Guidance on the Treatment of Species included within Aggregated Families Listed under Appendix II*. Through this resolution, the COP
 1. *Requests the Scientific Council to maintain such a list of species, and to provide advice to Parties as to which species have a significant proportion of individuals that cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries and that have an unfavourable conservation status; and*
 2. *Invites Parties to consider the list mentioned in paragraph 1 when, for example, preparing National Reports.*
3. There are also species of birds that have a significant proportion of individuals that cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries and have an unfavourable conservation status that are not currently included in the appendices to CMS either as individual species or within the families and genera of birds that have been aggregated for listing purposes.
4. A list of such species is provided in the Annex to [Resolution 14.20](#) *Potential Avian Taxa for Listing*. Through this resolution, the COP, *inter alia*,
 2. *Invites Parties, non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations and other stakeholders to consider working collaboratively to develop listing proposals, Concerted Actions and other multi-species or wider habitat conservation interventions for the species in the Annex for consideration at future meetings of the Conference of the Parties; and*
 3. *Requests the Scientific Council, in coordination with the IUCN Red List authorities, to review including the Data Deficient species, and update the list in the Annex between meetings of the Conference of the Parties.*
5. The basis for Annexes to Resolutions 14.19 and 14.20 is a comprehensive analysis of avian species movements documented in [UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC5/Doc.8.2](#) using a methodology approved by the CMS Scientific Council.

Analysis

6. The Lists annexed to Resolution 14.19 and 14.20 have been analyzed to identify potential species for consideration under the MoU. and are presented in the tables of this document.
7. For the purposes of the analysis, the recent update to the IUCN Global Red List published in October 2024 (2024-2) has also been considered.
8. Shorebird species known to have an unfavourable conservation status, but not currently evaluated as globally threatened or Near Threatened as per the IUCN Global Red List are

also presented in the Annex for consideration.

Recommended action:

9. The meeting is recommended to:

- a) review the species lists contained in the tables of this document, and
- b) identify and prioritize migratory bird species for inclusion under the MoU. Species included in Table 1 are already listed under CMS Appendix II and could be included directly in the MoU. Species listed in Table 2 would first require development of proposals for the amendment of the CMS Appendices for consideration by the CMS Scientific Council and potential submission to CMS COP15.

Table 1. Species which are members of CMS Appendix II-aggregated families and genera not already listed individually in CMS Appendix I or Appendix II, a significant proportion of whose members cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries and which have an unfavourable conservation status (see [CMS Resolution 14.19](#) – Annex). Taxa in **bold** type are threatened.

Family Name	Common Name	Scientific Name	IUCN	Water bird	Marine	Coastal	Land bird	Raptor	CMS	Trend
Charadriidae	American Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	LC			1			AP II-Agg	Decreasing?
Scolopacidae	Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>	VU			1			AP II-Agg	
Scolopacidae	White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	VU			1			AP II-Agg	
Scolopacidae	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	LC			1			AP II-Agg	Decreasing?
Scolopacidae	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	VU			1			AP II-Agg	
Scolopacidae	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	NT			1			AP II-Agg	

Table 2. Species that meet CMS movement criteria and have an unfavourable conservation status that are not included within aggregated families and are not currently included individually in either Appendix I or Appendix II of the CMS (see [CMS Resolution 14.20](#)). Taxa in **bold** type are threatened.

Family Name	Common Name	Scientific Name	IUCN	Water bird	Marine	Coastal	Landbirds	Raptor	CMS	Trend
Caprimulgidae	Sickle-winged Nightjar	<i>Eleothreptus anomalus</i>	VU				1			
Thraupidae	Ibera Seedeater	<i>Sporophila iberaensis</i>	NT				1			