

Migratory Soaring Birds Project

Overview

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Partnership for nature and people



*Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.*

Project's Objective

To protect Soaring Birds during their migration along the Rift Valley / Red Sea flyway

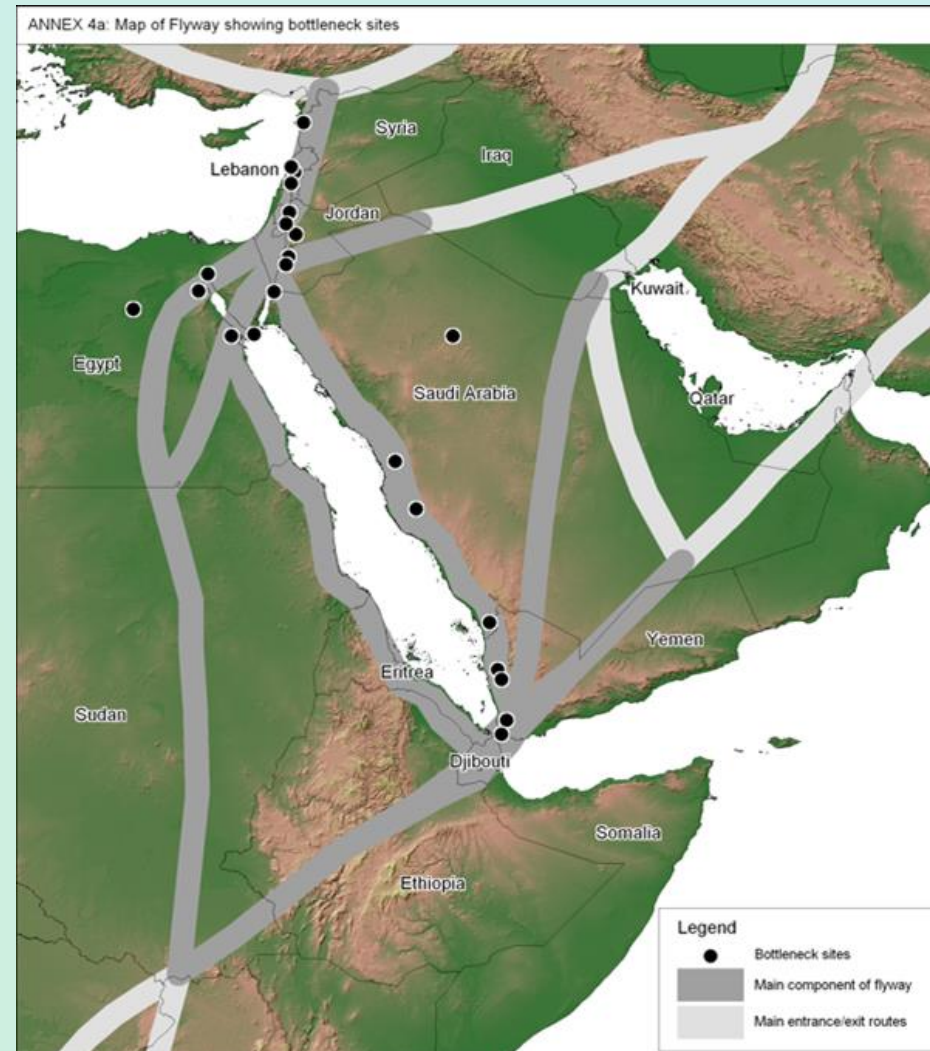


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The Project Flyway Countries

-  Djibouti
-  Egypt
-  Eritrea
-  Ethiopia
-  Jordan
-  Lebanon
-  Palestine
-  Saudi Arabia
-  Sudan
-  Syria
-  Yemen



National Partners

Tranche 1 Countries

- Egypt → EEAA supported by NCE
- Jordan → RSCN
- Lebanon → MoE supported by SPNL

Tranche 2 Countries

- Djibouti → ND
- Ethiopia → EWNHS
- Palestine → PWLS
- Saudi Arabia → SWA
- Sudan → SWS
- Syria → SSCW
- Yemen → FEW



Project's Approach

We work with **five sectors**, that threatens or can benefit from these birds, with the aim of **mainstreaming** our conservation objectives into their strategies and activities



Agriculture



Energy



Hunting



Waste
Management



Tourism

Brief History

- Inception Workshop 2009
- Issues 2009 - 2011
- UNDP/BirdLife agreement 2011
- First Review & Planning Meeting Oct. 2011
- End of Phase I, 30 June 2015

The Regional Flyway Facility

The Regional Flyway Facility - RFF is established by the project to be the “custodian” of the flyway.

RFF will be institutionalized within BirdLife to cater for the flyway during & after the MSB project

RFF coordinates regional activities for all sectors



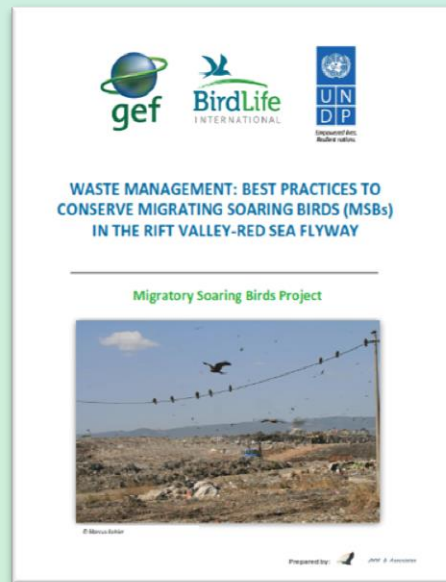
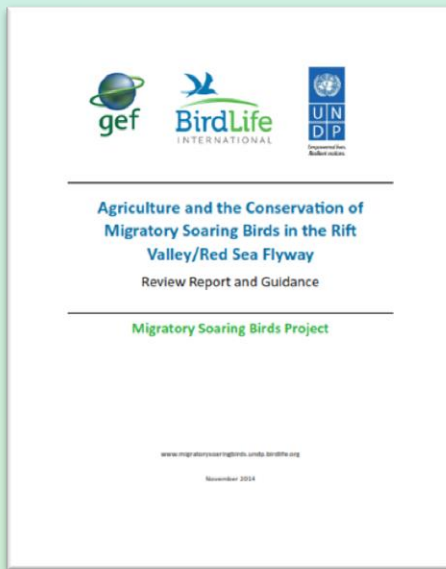
BirdLife Partner's Capacity

- Strategic Plans
- Financial controls
- Appraisal systems
- Board meetings
- Communication plans
- Assessment visits
- E-learning & training



Guidance material

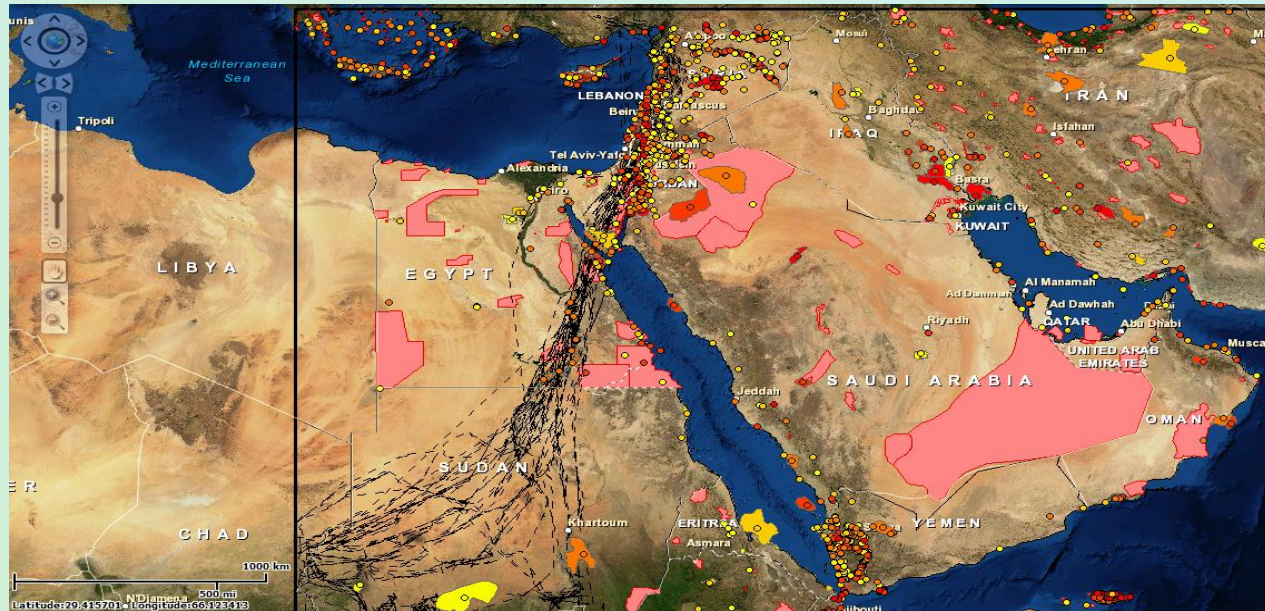
Developed guidance material for mainstreaming soaring birds' conservation into the agriculture, energy, waste management and tourism sectors



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MSB Sensitivity Mapping tool

Developed pioneer sensitivity mapping tool for the wind energy sector in the Rift Valley / Red Sea region



Code of Best Practices

Developed and published code of best practices for responsible hunting and the full protection of Migratory Soaring Birds



MEA's Collaboration

In cooperation with BirdLife & RSPB, contributed to the development of resolutions on poisoning and energy adopted by the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)



Raptors MOU

Initiated/Coordinated/Facilitated signing of CMS Raptor MOU by Egyptian, Syrian and Lebanese governments



Mainstreaming in the hunting sector

Spearheaded the development of needed logistical and legal framework to enable the update , implementation and enforcement of hunting laws in Syria, Lebanon & Jordan



Regional Hunting Declaration

Secured endorsement and commitment to responsible hunting practices from prominent hunters in the Middle East



Mainstreaming in the Energy sector



Wind Energy

- Introduce additional guidelines:
 - e.g. SHoD, power lines, PCM
- Sign local agreements (NREA)
- Launch monitoring program at Gabel Al-Zeit wind farm project (200 MW funded by KFW) including spring/autumn
- Join IFC CIA work in Jordan
- Data centre at EEAA



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Mainstreaming with IFI's

- Which IFI's
- Challenges(fiscal pressures, historical conflicts, inaccessibility, High level influence, changes)
- Steps (identify entry points, find common grounds, the power of BLI)
- Strategy
- Outcomes



Port Sudan Power Line

Facilitated the disconnection and insulation of Port Sudan infamous transmission line responsible for the deaths of thousands of soaring birds (contributed to BLI obtainment of the Renewable Grid Initiative “good practice award”)



World Migratory Birds Day

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The Migratory Soaring Birds project gathered hundreds of people in 6 different countries from the Rift Valley / Red Sea flyway to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2012- 2015



Next Steps

- Phase II of the MSB project submitted
- Time frame Fall 2015 for 5 years
- To continue with the same sectors/countries
- More focus on work through BirdLife partners

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