

Overview of the Evaluation and Revision of AEWA Species Action and Management Plans

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#### Format and guidelines

#### Adopted at MOP8 (2022, Res. 8.4):

- Revised Format and Guidelines for AEWA International Single and Multi-species
  <u>Action Plans (AEWA/MOP 8.23 Rev.1)</u>
- Format and Guidelines for AEWA International Single and Multi-species <u>Management</u> Plans (AEWA/MOP 8.24)

In these new formats, the establishment of Favourable Reference Values (FRVs) is a standard element for both types of plans.



#### Lifespan and evaluation

- AEWA species plans have the following lifespan:
  - Action plans 10 years
  - Management plans 12 years (since MOP8, previously 10 years)
- The Technical Committee makes recommendations regarding how to treat a plan after the end of its lifespan:

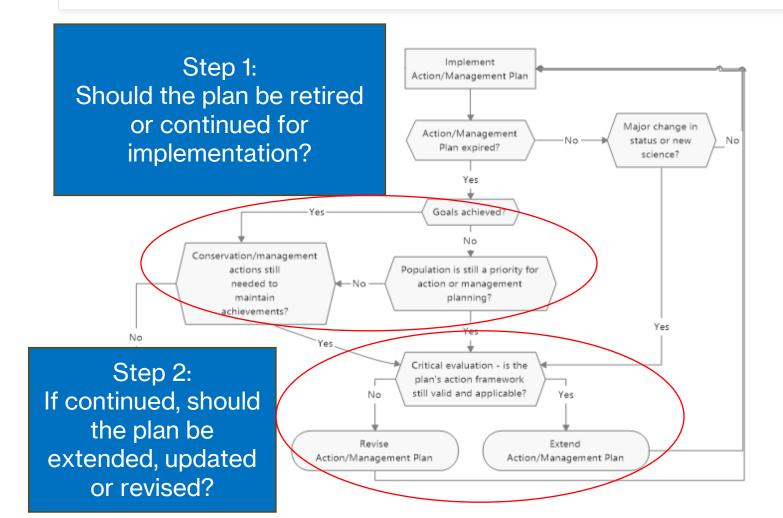
Retire, Extend, Update, Revise

- Recommendation ideally based on comprehensive evaluation
- International review to MOP **or** a stand-alone evaluation report



# Decision-making process for ISAP & ISMP retirement, extension & revision

(AEWA/MOP 8.22 - adopted through Res. 8.4)



Technical Committee developed report template with two-step evaluation, following the decision tree that has been adopted by the AEWA MOP.



### **Evaluation step 1**

- Have the goal and purpose been achieved?
- For ISAPs/ISMPs with recovery objectives: Is the population/species still considered by the Technical Committee to be a priority for action/management planning?
- For ISMPs with a damage reduction objective: Do Range States consider it necessary to continue concerted actions to address damage?
- Are conservation or management actions still needed to maintain achievements?



### **Evaluation step 2**

- Are there new insights, biological or other background information, emerging issues or threats?
- Do any of these necessitate changing the approach in the plan's action framework?
- Is the intervention logic of the Plan working?
  - To what extent have actions been implemented (implementation performance)?
  - To what extent have results and objectives been achieved (result attainment)?
  - What were the main obstacles hindering implementation and achieving defined results and objectives?

(Technical Committee has provided guidance on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet points.)

## Annex: implementation performance and result attainment

- Follows the approach used in the *Report on the progress of implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027* (document *AEWA/MOP 8.11*)
- Evaluates all levels of action framework: goal, purpose, objectives, results, actions
- Employs: (1) measuring distance to target and (2) scoring



#### Options is continuation is recommended

Extend – **no changes**; decision by MOP for a 10/12-year validity extension

Update - update the **background** chapters of the plan; submit to MOP (Implementation uninterrupted – will require some resources, but not a specific process)

Revise – full revision of **background** and **action framework**; submit to MOP (Revision requires a fully-fledged process, similar to drafting a new plan, and the necessary resourcing)

The findings of the evaluation will inform the revision



#### Post-evaluation process for PfG ISSMP



- Aug-Sept 2024: Evaluation report submitted to AEWA Technical & Standing Committees for approval of recommendations.
- Oct. 7-10 2024: Revision workshop.
- Drafting, & consultation with:
- Workshop invitees
- Technical Committee
- Range State governments
- Final draft submitted to Technical Committee for approval.
- By mid-July 2025: Final draft submitted to Standing Committee for approval.
- Oct. 2025: Presented to MOP9 for adoption.





### Questions?

