

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Day 1: Bird conservation initiatives in India: India's diverse avian population is a testament to the country's natural richness. However, these beautiful birds face multiple threats, ranging from habitat loss to climate change. Conservation efforts are essential to safeguard their future. Many countries/ regions/ organizations/ conservationists are taking proactive steps toward conservation of wild birds and their habitat. This will be discussed during day.

Day 2: Illegal hunting, taking and trade of birds: Illegal hunting, taking and trade of wild birds are common worldwide and threaten biological diversity. Over-exploitation is one of the main drivers of bird extinction globally, and is the second most significant threat (after habitat loss) to migratory birds. Killed or trapped in huge numbers, some species are being driven to extinction.

There is a wide range of reasons for the illegal killing, taking and trade on wild birds – subsistence uses, recreational activities, organized crimes, traditional practices and so on. They vary from country to country and region to region, according to what has been defined as legal or illegal – is at all. Indeed, in many countries clear regulations do exist, but enforcement needs to be improved and strengthened. Illegal activities not only affect bird populations, but also harm society in general, putting our natural resources and our very existence in danger. Conservation, agriculture and tourism sector – all suffer from their negative impacts. On the second day, the illegal hunting, taking and trade on wild birds will be discussed in detail.

Day 3: Field Trip: A field trip to Rajgir Wildlife Sanctuary (bird paradise)/ Rajgir Wildlife Safari/ Nature Safari/ ruins of the ancient Nalanda University.

Presentations, group discussion, panel discussions, parallel sessions, closed door meetings, exhibitions and side-events will be conducted on the following themes:-

EVENTS

DAY 1: BIRD CONSERVATION INITIATIVES IN INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

1. Registration
2. Inaugural session
3. Bird conservation Initiatives in Bihar
4. Bird conservation initiatives in the States, issues and success stories
5. Detail Discussions on Actions towards the betterment of the bird conservation
 - ❖ Research
 - ❖ Species Conservation
 - ❖ Management Planning and Habitat Restoration
 - ❖ Decision Making
 - ❖ Communication & Outreach

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6. Lessons learnt from the previous success stories in bird conservation initiatives across India and the South Asian Region
 7. Wild bird and their habitat Management
 - ❖ Research & outreach
 - ❖ Habitat Conservation Actions: Restoration, invasive species management, land holding issues
 - ❖ Communication Outreach - Mass Media, social media, outreach strategies, Movies, short-films and Artificial Intelligence in outreach
 - ❖ Existing policy regimes at National & international level
 - ❖ Cross-sectoral arrangements
 - ❖ Stakeholders mechanisms – Case studies
 8. Way forward in wild birds and their habitat conservation

DAY – 2 : ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE ON WILD BIRDS

1. State of Birds: Poaching and illegal trade in birds: Asia context
2. Status of Wildlife Crime and Illegal Trade in Birds: South Asia Scenario including India
3. CITES and its implementation: Issues, challenges and way forward
4. CITES and its implementation: Issues, Challenges and way forward
5. Discussions on Mechanism to curb Wild Bird Crimes and IWT for avifauna: issues, challenges and way forward
6. Illegal killing, taking and bird traded situation in Countries in the Central Asian Flyway and transborder issues for protection of the species
7. Group parallel session: Poaching and live trade: Issues, challenges and the way forward:
8. Local poaching and hunting for meat and eggs, pet trade (exotic and native)
9. Legal Frameworks for addressing bird crime
10. Use of community-based organization and mechanisms for protection and conservation of avifauna (Amur falcon, artificial breaks of hornbill, protection of wetland birds (Odisha), common crane Rajasthan, Black-necked crane Ladakh) etc.

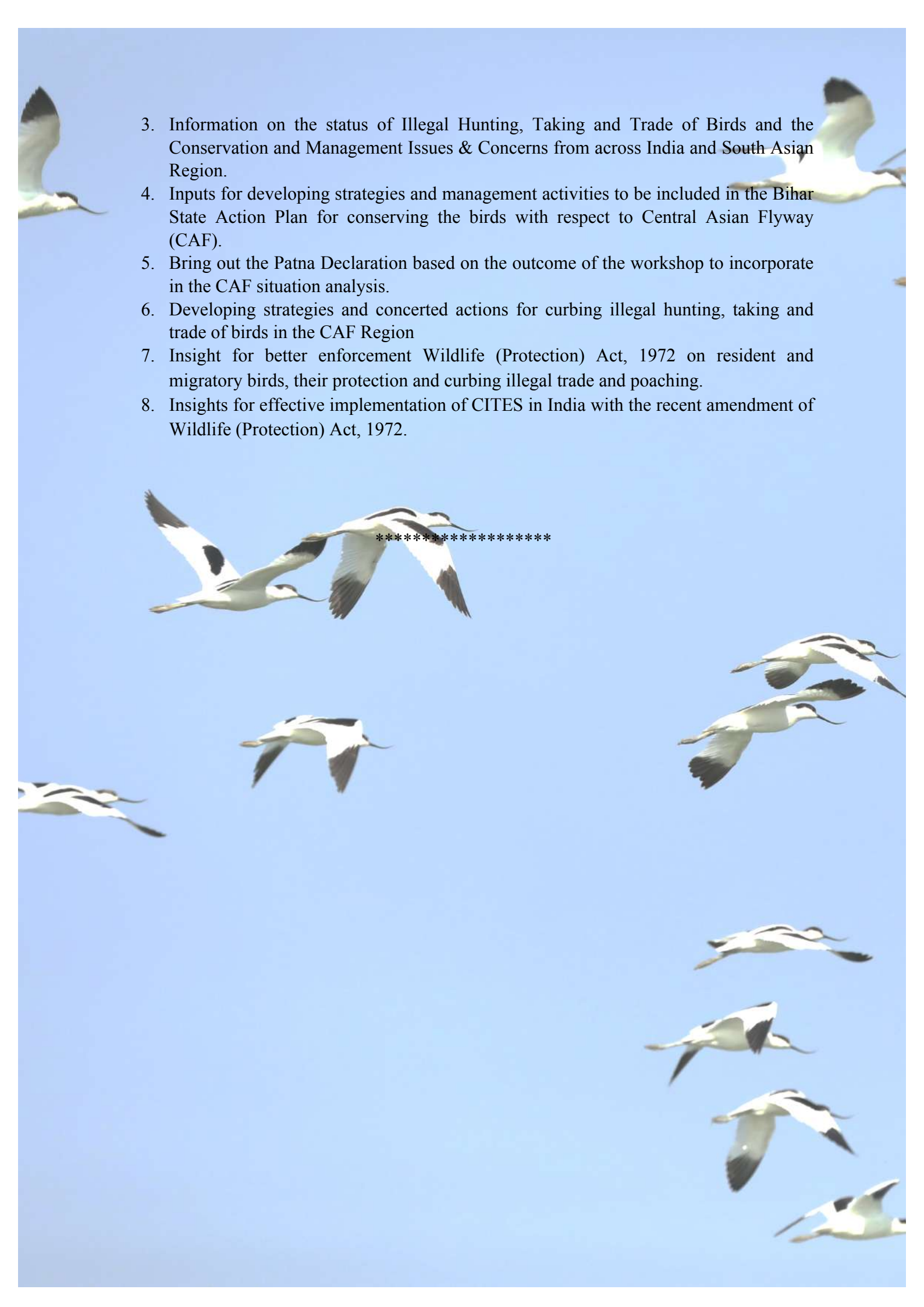
DAY - 3: FIELD TRIP

SIDE EVENTS

- ❖ Exhibition & Poster presentation

EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE WORKSHOP

1. Information on the bird conservation actions taken at regional, national and state levels.
2. Regional, State and national level actions on the bird monitoring, habitat conservation and restoration of bird habitats.

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- A photograph of a flock of birds, likely terns, flying in a clear blue sky. The birds are white with black wings and are captured in various stages of flight, some with wings spread wide and others in a more compact formation. The background is a uniform, bright blue sky.
3. Information on the status of Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Birds and the Conservation and Management Issues & Concerns from across India and South Asian Region.
 4. Inputs for developing strategies and management activities to be included in the Bihar State Action Plan for conserving the birds with respect to Central Asian Flyway (CAF).
 5. Bring out the Patna Declaration based on the outcome of the workshop to incorporate in the CAF situation analysis.
 6. Developing strategies and concerted actions for curbing illegal hunting, taking and trade of birds in the CAF Region
 7. Insight for better enforcement Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 on resident and migratory birds, their protection and curbing illegal trade and poaching.
 8. Insights for effective implementation of CITES in India with the recent amendment of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
