

Baseline Assessment of African Bird Monitoring Schemes

"The UK Government has commissioned The British Trust for Ornithology to provide an assessment of existing bird monitoring schemes across Africa. It is hoped this information will allow the UK Government to undertake further analysis of the challenges facing bird monitoring in Africa and how we can work in partnership to overcome these".

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK Government, 2021

For this project, we are interested in schemes that: (1) monitor more than one species; (2) are carried out, or are intended to be carried out, repeatedly; and (3) involve nationals of your country in the monitoring (i.e. excluding projects which are solely overseas missions).

For each individual bird monitoring scheme of which you are aware in your country, please answer the following questions. If you can only answer one or a few of the questions, or simply have a name of a monitoring scheme, that is still valuable information, so please fill in the questions where you can. Start a new form for each project.

The questions with tick boxes accept multiple answers. Compulsory questions are highlighted with a red star. If you do not know an answer, please say so on the form.

If you are willing to discuss any schemes in more detail than is possible in this questionnaire, perhaps because you have multiple monitoring projects to discuss, we are very happy to communicate with you, via Skype, Zoom, email or any other suitable platform (see final question). Any responses can be acknowledged in the final report, or kept in confidence.

Any personal data collected under this project will only be used for this project and by the project partners for the purposes of furthering the improvement of bird monitoring in Africa. Any personal data will be used according to BTO's privacy policy - <https://www.bto.org/about-bto/privacy-statement>.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. Your name *

3. Your position *

4. Your organisation *

5. Name of monitoring scheme *

6. Countries included in monitoring scheme *

Check all that apply.

- All African countries
- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cabo Verde
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Congo
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Saint Helena

- Sao Tome and Principe
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Western Sahara
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

7. Species monitored (e.g. all species, waterbirds, vultures etc)

8. How many sites are included in the monitoring scheme? (estimate if you do not know precisely) *

9. In what size ranges are the sites? (select one or more. nb 1 square km is 0.4 square miles) *

Mark only one oval.

- Up to 1km squared
- 1 to 10km squared
- 10 to 100km squared
- 100 to 1000km squared
- More than 1000km squared

10. How many observers contribute data? *

11. Are the observers salaried professionals or volunteers (who may be given a per diem)? *

Mark only one oval.

- All salaried professionals
- Mostly salaried professionals
- Approximately half volunteers and half salaried professionals
- Mostly volunteers
- All volunteers
- Other: _____

12. Frequency of data collection (if irregular, for example occasional years, explain under "other") *

Mark only one oval.

- Annual
- Monthly
- Other: _____

13. First year of data collection (estimate if not known precisely) *

14. Data collection method

Check all that apply.

- Estimated total counts (e.g. individuals or breeding pairs)
- Bird Atlas methods (e.g timed counts)
- Point counts with distance bands
- Point counts without distance bands
- Transects with distance bands
- Transects without distance bands
- Presence/absence
- Monitoring of demographic parameters (e.g. survival, breeding success etc)
- Other: _____

15. If you wanted to expand the monitoring scheme to include more species or sites, are there any barriers stopping you doing so? (reply stating the severity of each barrier below) *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Not important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
We do not want to expand the species as the focus is intentionally limited (e.g. restricted to waterbirds ,vultures, raptors etc)	<input type="radio"/>				
Access to additional sites is difficult, due to remoteness and terrain	<input type="radio"/>				
Access to additional sites is difficult, due to political instability, civil unrest or government restrictions	<input type="radio"/>				
Access to additional sites is difficult, due to difficulties with logistics (e.g. access to vehicles, fuel, equipment	<input type="radio"/>				

equipment

etc)

Funding is limited

is limited

There is a flock of trained personnel, personnel, coordinate the monitoring

is a trained personnel, personnel, coordinate the monitoring

There is a flock of trained personnel, personnel, to carry out the monitoring

is a trained personnel, personnel, to carry out the monitoring

There is a flock of trained personnel, personnel, to analyse the monitoring data

is a trained personnel, personnel, to analyse the monitoring data

Limited or limited or government support

is limited or limited or government support

Limited or limited or institutional support

is limited or limited or institutional support

Questions section 2

16. Name of organisation(s) responsible for collecting data (if different to your own organisation) *

17. How is the data stored for analysis? *

Check all that apply.

- Paper
- Spreadsheet
- Database
- GIS
- Local server
- Cloud
- Other: _____

18. How is the data backed up? *

Mark only one oval.

- Not backed up
- On a server
- Cloud

19. Who stores and looks after the data? Is there a particular contact name and email/phone number? *

20. Are the data disseminated and if so, to whom and how? For example, reports or sharing of database. Please provide links to any publicly available reports. *

21. Are the data and/or conclusions used and if so by whom? For example, inclusion in Government biodiversity reports. Please included references to any papers or reports of which you are aware. *

Check all that apply.

- National biodiversity reports to CBD (Biodiversity Convention)
- National biodiversity reports to Government
- Site monitoring reports to governemnt
- Reports to Ramsar
- Environmental Impact Assessment or Strategic Impact Assessment
- Other: _____

22. If the data are used in reports or papers please list references or provide internet links *

23. What involvement do Government authorities (at local, regional or national level) have in the collection, collation, analysis, dissemination and use of the data/conclusions? *

24. If it is funded, for how long is the funding in place? *

Mark only one oval.

- Not funded
- 1 year
- 5 years
- 10 years
- Other: _____

25. What is the annual budget of the monitoring? (please estimate and specify the currency)

26. Who funds the project? *

Mark only one oval.

- National government
- Regional government
- Local government
- The government of another country
- Multilateral bodies (e.g. EU, USAID, GEF, World Bank, African Development Bank)
- Commercial/Business (domestic)
- Commercial/Business (international)
- NGO funding (domestic)
- NGO funding (international)

27. If external countries (governments, International NGOs, International businesses) help fund the project, please list them *

28. Do you feel confident that the monitoring scheme will still be operating in the next 2, 5 or 10 years.? *

Mark only one oval per row.

	No	Slightly sure	Moderately sure	Very sure
2 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. Can we discuss the project(s) in more detail with you by email/Skype/Zoom or other means? If so please add your name, preferred means of communication *

Check all that apply.

- Email
- Zoom
- Skype
- WhatsApp
- No
- Other: _____

30. Is there anyone else we should be speaking to who might have additional information about bird monitoring in your country/region?

31. We will provide a final report. Would you also like feedback as the project data is analysed?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other: _____

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