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Tanya Smith – A Grey Crowned Crane being held in a small enclosure in South Africa.

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Tim Dodman - Black Crowned Crane in captivity in the outskirts of Bissau, capital of Guinea-Bissau, West Africa. Cranes are popular here in local trade, both as live birds and for body parts from left to right.

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# **AFRICAN CRANE TRADE PROJECT TRADE MITIGATION PLANNING WORKSHOP**

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## **WORKSHOP REPORT**



*Workshop participants (Yolan Friedmann)*

## **SECTION 1**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, BACKGROUND AND WORKSHOP PROCESS**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Preliminary investigations, as part of the African Crane Trade Project, coordinated by the International Crane Foundation / Endangered Wildlife Trust Partnership, have shown that populations of the Black Crowned (*Balearica pavonina*), Blue (*Anthropoides paradisea*), Grey Crowned (*Balearica regulorum*) and Wattled (*Bugeranus carunculatus*) Cranes are all affected by the illegal removal of individuals and eggs from the wild for food, traditional use, domestication and illegal trade markets. In addition, the captive populations within the formal zoo associations' member's collections are currently unsustainable and the CITES database indicates that large numbers of wild caught cranes are still being traded in.

A workshop, facilitated by the Conservation Breeding Specialist Group (CBSG) Southern Africa, to present these findings and to develop a mitigation plan was held in Naivasha, Kenya from 8 – 11 October 2007. Twenty five participants from eight countries were present at the workshop and represented local communities, NGOs, universities, governments and zoos.

It was agreed that a proposal to upgrade at least the Black and Grey Crowned Cranes from Appendix II to Appendix I at the next CITES Conference of Parties to be held in 2010 would be developed and promoted. Concurrently, a review of the current Red List status of the cranes will be conducted and a proposal to uplist the Black and Grey Crowned Cranes to *Vulnerable* will be made. Two motions will be developed for the IUCN's World Conservation Congress to be held in Barcelona in October 2008, including one pertaining to the global crane trade and the other to the very serious inconsistencies in countries' management of, and reporting on CITES data.

The participants were divided into four working groups dealing with: supply, international demand, legislation, and research and conservation action. Within each of these groups, solutions and action steps were developed. The group which focussed on the supply of cranes and local *in situ* issues stressed the need to address the key elements of poverty, cultural beliefs, the lack of awareness at a local level and the need for community empowerment. A review of current legislation to identify gaps and loopholes and the need for greater awareness of current local, regional and international legislation and policies were the key solutions to addressing the lack of adequate and weak legislation and law enforcement. In order to address the conservation and research project needs and responses to the trade issue, information on crane biology and ecology is required, greater public awareness is needed, networks for information exchange should be established and communities should be involved in research and conservation programmes. A full understanding of the extent and factors driving the international demand for cranes is required, and the trade routes must be identified. Mortality rates need to be obtained. Sustainable captive populations need to be developed with the zoo community becoming more aware of the crane trade and its effects on wild populations.

By working together and involving many partners in the implementation of this plan, the extent of the removal of cranes from the wild and its subsequent impact on wild populations can be reduced. Additional measures will need to be implemented over time as the threat becomes more clearly understood and some of the factors addressed. Each mitigation measure implemented as a result of the workshop and those additional ones determined over time will contribute to positive accumulated conservation action to secure the future of wild cranes in Africa.

## BACKGROUND

Four species of cranes are resident in Africa - Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum*, Black Crowned Crane *Balearica pavonina*, Wattled Crane *Bugeranus carunculatus* and Blue Crane *Anthropoides paradisea*. Over the past forty years, the West African Black Crowned Crane *B.p.pavonina* has declined from perhaps >100,000 to fewer than 15,000 birds and fragmented into scattered, isolated populations across its range (Williams *et al.* 2003). Widespread trade in the Sudan Black Crowned Crane *B.p.ceciliae* has also been reported. Recent investigations suggest that the capture of Black Crowned Cranes for domestication and trade may pose the most significant threat to the species. Kone *et al.* (2007) demonstrate that market trading is resulting in the extirpation of the species from Mali, where there are currently more cranes in captivity than in the wild. In Nigeria, where Black Crowned Cranes were nearly extirpated due to trade, there is still a market for live birds and body parts (Boyi 2001). In East Africa, a similar trend may be occurring with the Grey Crowned Crane. Since 1985, the East African Grey Crowned Crane *B.r.gibbericeps* population has declined from >90,000 to as few as 43,000 individuals (Beilfuss *et al.* 2007). Grey Crowned Cranes are highly valued as ornamental birds for private collections throughout the world, and during 1992-2002, at least 4,854 were officially exported from Tanzania (CITES database), with untold higher numbers killed in capture or transit, or exported illegally. Over a two year period, 2003 and 2004, 41 Southern African Grey Crowned Cranes *B.r.regulorum* were confiscated from people in South Africa who had removed birds illegally from the wild for the illegal trade market, food or pets. This is most probably a fraction of the reality of the situation. With only around 3,000 birds in South Africa (McCann 2004), this annual removal is unsustainable. Capture for trade of the Vulnerable Wattled Crane (global population <7700) is reported from Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia. In Tanzania (estimated population <200 individuals) at least 47 Wattled Cranes were exported between 1999 and 2002 (CITES database). Vulnerable Blue Cranes may also be adversely affected by trade.

The African Crane Trade Project was initiated under African Cranes, Wetlands and Communities, a partnership between the International Crane Foundation and Endangered Wildlife Trust in 2006. The Project aims to better understand the African crane trade and to develop measures to minimise its impact on wild populations. Trade has been defined broadly in this project as the movement of cranes between captive facilities, and removal from the wild for any reason, usually with some form of financial or barter transaction, and includes live or dead cranes or their parts.

Four preliminary *in situ* case studies were conducted in localised areas in Kenya, South Africa, Uganda and Tanzania to determine whether or not the removal of cranes from the wild poses a significant threat to the species and whether mitigation measures are required. These studies were conducted in partnership with the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Conservation Leadership Group (South Africa), National Museums of Kenya and University of Nairobi (Kenya), *Nature* Uganda (Uganda) and TRAFFIC East/Southern Africa (Tanzania). Due to the localised nature of the studies, the short time frame to get a basic idea of the situation and considering that no ground truthing had been completed, it is important that the outcomes of these projects be considered carefully. Previously, studies were also conducted in Mali and Nigeria in partnership with Wetlands International.

The objective of this workshop was to bring together a small multi-stakeholder group, including representatives from local communities, governments, NGOs, universities and zoos, from the various countries where trade has been investigated to present. The outcomes of the studies were presented to provide a baseline idea of the situation, from which this action plan has been developed.

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## THE WORKSHOP PROCESS

Twenty-five participants from eight countries, including Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, United Kingdom and United States of America participated in a multi-stakeholder workshop to develop a mitigation plan for the African crane trade threat to wild population of cranes in Africa. Organisations represented included local communities, NGOs, universities, governments and zoos.

The participants arrived in Nairobi on Sunday 7 October 2007 and travelled together to the Kenya Wildlife Service Training Institute in Naivasha on the morning of 8 October 2007. The workshop started on the afternoon of Monday 8 October and finished at lunch time on Thursday 11 October 2007. The afternoon of the first day was dedicated to presentations on the *in situ* case studies conducted in Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda. In addition, a presentation on the crane situation in Tanzania was given.

The standard CBSG workshop process comprises a series of plenary and working group sessions in which working groups work through tasks designed to facilitate free thinking, brainstorming, discussion and debate and finally, consensus building. As a result of the investigations already completed, the participants were split into four groups to address the main areas of concern:

- Supply and the local *in situ* situation
- International demand
- Law enforcement
- Conservation and research projects or response

Within each of these groups an initial brainstorming session was conducted and a list of the key issues outlined. Working groups then spent the three days tackling issues specific to their group, and systematically worked through the tasks assigned which included drafting a situation overview, compiling problem statements, developing and prioritising solutions and goals and finally, working out detailed action plans and steps that will contribute to achieving the identified goals.

Plenary discussion sessions enabled working groups to present the results of their discussions to the whole group and obtain the input of all participants, which resulted in additional debate and insight from members of other working groups.

The final plenary on the morning of 11 October included discussions on whether a CITES uplisting from Appendix II to Appendix I would be proposed, whether a review of the Red List status for the four species was needed and the potential submission of motions for consideration at the 2008 IUCN World Conservation Congress. In addition, the plenary discussed the accessibility and distribution of the *in situ* case study reports and the need for a forum to take the action plan developed forward.

A field visit was made by the participants to Nakuru National Park on the afternoon of 11 October. Thanks are extended to the Kenya Wildlife Service who made this visit possible.

## **WORKING GROUP SUMMARIES**

### **Crane supply and local *in situ* issues working group**

The various *in situ* crane trade studies conducted as part of the African Crane Trade Project, and some projects previous to this, have all confirmed that cranes are being removed from the wild for a number of reasons. Most of these removals are being conducted by members of the local community.

High poverty levels, which result in individuals in the community selling cranes for an income, can be addressed through carefully selected alternative income generating activities and the provision of micro-credit schemes and extension services. In addition an effective and focussed awareness and education programmes to improve skills and to build capacity for informed decision-making needs to be developed whilst encouraging wetland habitat restoration for the improvement of both human livelihoods as well as crane habitat.

The cultural beliefs that have led to the removal of cranes from the wild for traditional purposes need to be understood, both in the present and in their evolution. This knowledge can then be used to advocate for a change in attitude toward the use of cranes and for their conservation. At the same time, the notion of the crane's traditional use properties can be demystified, potentially substituting these beliefs around their use with an alternative model.

The lack of awareness as to the relevance of cranes in their environment can be mitigated through mainstreaming crane conservation into local habitat management plans whilst developing and implementing an effective awareness programme. Ultimately, a sense of appreciation for the cranes should be our goal.

The tragedy of the commons can be reversed by empowering local communities to manage local nature reserves and areas outside of protected areas. The active involvement of communities in crane and wetland monitoring will also assist in encouraging local communities to protect cranes outside of protected areas.

Cranes are rare in many areas, and although the crane trade is contributing to the decline, habitat loss is also a major factor. Communities should be encouraged to conserve remaining and restore degraded wetland habitats. Illegally kept cranes in domestication should be considered for release back into the wild if appropriate and once key threats have been resolved in the areas, reintroduction programmes should be considered.

Natural disasters and the over exploitation of natural resources often result in community members diversifying their income generating activities. Communities should be encouraged to prepare for disasters and micro-projects aimed at balancing the use of natural resources should be encouraged.

### **Law enforcement working group**

Outdated wildlife laws and the lack of specifics in many legislative documents, together with weak laws and the lack of enforcement have contributed significantly to the illegal trade or the legalisation of trade through loopholes found in the law. The lack too of regional harmonisation of laws has led to countries with "weaker" legislation becoming areas of high trade. Awareness of the situation both with the public and with law enforcement officials is sorely lacking and the capacity to identify species at borders contributes significantly to illegal trade. Unfortunately, the two things that this group can do little to address include corruption and the lack of resources to enforce the law, both of which are probably the biggest contributors to illegal trade on the continent.

A review of existing wildlife legislation around the African continent would contribute to an improved understanding of the situation and identify any loopholes. This would provide an opportunity to motivate for improved legislation – although a very slow process. As the bird trade is currently a low priority for most governments and the public, an awareness campaign needs to be developed through the potential production of leaflets / booklets for wide distribution. In addition, key stakeholders and other NGOs should be involved in the process to create even greater and wider-reaching awareness.

### **Conservation and research projects / responses working group**

This group focused on problems and solutions from the perspective of research and the activities of the conservation organisations responding to the issues of trade in cranes. Most of the discussion concerned information needs, and ways to address access, gathering, and analysis of the variety of data needed, and priorities for filling gaps. The group explicitly considered how to involve communities in the design and implementation of research and conservation projects, and outlined a process for developing a comprehensive awareness and education programme for diverse audiences. The group also considered it a priority to expand networks and partnerships so that more expertise and resources can participate in solutions. One very specific challenge that received attention was how to make cranes and wetlands of such significance as a community-wide resource, that the community itself would police the actions of a few individuals who have in the past benefited from crane trade and in some cases have had substantial negative impacts.

The lack of information on the biology and ecology of cranes, especially the Grey Crowned Cranes in East Africa, can be addressed through data collection, monitoring and mapping where gaps have been identified. An education and awareness programme needs to be developed to address the lack of awareness of cranes, their threats and their ecosystems.

Through an effective network, the establishment of an information-sharing mechanism and the development of a database, the response to the crane trade will be improved, and the currently inadequate and fragmented research and conservation efforts will be coordinated more effectively.

The inadequate and limited access to information on attitudes and the needs of communities and other stakeholders can be resolved through involving communities in research programmes and through information sharing. Similarly, the limited access to information on trade can be improved by promoting community responsibility in crane and wetland conservation projects.

### **International demand working group**

There is a demand for African cranes which appears to be unsustainable. Cranes are traded both legally and illegally and the nature of this trade is not fully understood. Exactly where the cranes are traded to and for what purpose requires greater clarification. There is a general lack of awareness of the true status of African cranes in the wild and the impact of the trade on their populations. Although there are large numbers of African cranes held in captivity around the world, most are non-breeding, poorly managed and unable to meet captive demands.

The factors and extent of the factors driving the high demand for cranes around the world are poorly understood. In order to better understand this, the number of cranes and their uses within each use sector, including also the less known uses, if any, of derivatives for traditional use or falconry, needs to be determined. The CITES data also need to be fully assessed, and using current and historical data, the future of the populations modelled.

In order to obtain sustainable captive populations around the world, crane husbandry techniques that encourage breeding and longevity need to be promoted. In addition, existing studbooks should be assessed for viability and the level of regional and international management of the captive populations increased.

In order to create wider awareness of the crane trade and its impact on wild populations, local, regional and international organisations need to be identified and partnerships developed in order to ensure that accurate data on the wild population status and trade information gathered are disseminated widely.

The trade routes, transport chains, loopholes in the legislation used and mortality rates during capture and transit are poorly understood. Information on these needs to be obtained and the chains and routes understood. In addition, current legislation needs to be reviewed for weaknesses and loopholes.

### **Group discussion**

In order to better regulate the legal trade and in the process reduce the illegal trade, a proposal to upgrade at least the Black and Grey Crowned Cranes from Appendix II to Appendix I will be developed and promoted for the CITES Conference of Parties to be held in 2009. Concurrently, and due to the significant decline in crane numbers, particularly Grey Crowned Cranes in East Africa and Black Crowned Cranes in West Africa, a review of the global threat status (IUCN Red Data List) of at least these two species will be undertaken.

Two motions will be developed for the IUCN's World Conservation Congress to be held in Barcelona in 2008. The first will address the crane trade and the second, the lack of reliable data on the CITES database as a result of the various countries different recording styles.

A list serve will be developed for all the workshop participants to ensure that everyone is kept abreast of progress being made.

# **AFRICAN CRANE TRADE PROJECT**

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*Grey Crowned Cranes (Kevin McCann)*

## **SECTION 2**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

### **Dr James G. Njogu, Head of Conventions, Biotechnology & Information Management, Kenya Wildlife Service**

- Distinguished Guests
- Zoos' Association Representatives
- International Crane Foundation Representatives
- Endangered Wildlife Trust Representatives
- University and Non-Governmental Organisation Representatives
- Stakeholders in African Cranes, Wetlands and Communities
- Invited Guests
- Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you all to this auspicious workshop on African Crane Trade Mitigation Planning, and to the African Crane Trade Project Mitigation Workshop, KWSTI, Naivasha (8 – 11 October 2007).

Kenya Wildlife Service Training Institute. The diversity of expertise, knowledge, experience and interests on avifauna, wetlands conservation and general wildlife conservation represented in this meeting is truly awesome. I therefore feel most humbled that I have the opportunity to address this landmark workshop. Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) looks forward to taking the advantage of your thoughts and aspirations in planning the management, conservation and sustainable use of Kenya's unique diversity of wildlife.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The timing of this workshop is opportune as we currently face various conservation challenges that include illegal trade in wildlife, environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity in all regions of the world. The recently concluded CITES CoP provided an opportunity for us as a country to put forward our case on issues pertaining to trade in wildlife resources and products.

As you all realise, majority of our wildlife are still under threats of different levels from illegal trade and unsustainable use. Given these challenges, there is urgent need to develop mitigation strategies to avert the prevailing situations. These can only be achieved through a coherent national and international cooperation and actions. Thus, we all have the challenge of developing and implementing global strategies and approaches to support sustainable management of species threatened by illegal trade such as the African cranes.

Wildlife conservation and management has become a major socioeconomic and cultural phenomenon. Kenya is known for its unique diversity of avifauna, with over 1,080 species – one of the highest in Africa. This makes us a unique destination for avitourism and ornithological research. In particular, we are a range state for two species of African crane – The Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum gibbericeps* and Black Crowned Crane *Balearica pavonina*. A number of our protected areas provide suitable habitats for these species. Further, we have a suite of 60 sites recognised globally as Important Bird Areas. The unique avifauna calls for concerted efforts to not only guard our reputation as a birdwatching destination but also ensure that appropriate mitigation strategies are developed to address illegal avian trade and unsustainable use practices.

Since its foundation in 1989, KWS has lived up to the public expectations. We have developed wildlife conservation and trade mitigation strategies. Further, we have successfully lobbied for international embargo on wildlife trade for our flagship species. However, we cannot relax our efforts. Our conservation mandate extends far beyond core-

protected areas – the National Parks. We realize that close to 70% of our wildlife occur outside core protected areas, and appreciate that wildlife have no boundaries. This calls for closer collaboration with the local communities and developing appropriate corporate social responsibility measures to enhance the general appreciation of Kenya's wildlife. KWS has been in the forefront in promoting this aspect in recent years. These we hope would enable local communities appreciate wildlife and engage in wildlife conservation-friendly initiatives.

Further, we encourage international collaboration with different organisations involved in wildlife conservation and research. The partnership between the National Museums of Kenya and the International Crane Foundation / Endangered Wildlife Trust Partnership on African Crane Trade Mitigation Project is thus, very relevant in achieving this objective.

Our efforts experience drawbacks of different magnitudes in certain circumstances. The greatest drawback perhaps has had to do with meeting the increasing challenges under the existing Wildlife Conservation and Management Act and Policy formulated in the 1970s. Our penal codes have been weak on issues pertaining to misuse of wildlife resources and illegal trade on wildlife resources and products, and Wildlife Act has over the last three decades remained exclusive and out of tune with the present realities and challenges.

I am happy to report that a review of Wildlife Act and Policy has successfully been undertaken and revised documents are awaiting approval. The revised Act and Policy are very explicit on issues pertaining to illegal trade on wildlife resources. This would enable us meet the current challenges on issues touching on wildlife trade and unsustainable use. Further, Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) have been adequately domesticated in the revised Act and Policy. This puts us in favourable position in meeting our obligations at international levels. However, my attention continues to be drawn to depressing information on illegal trade on avifauna especially on African crane particularly from eastern and southern Africa. This requires strengthening of our illegal trade monitoring in the region, and developing long-term strategies in collaboration with the Custom Departments in our airports and borders. Further, there is need to strengthen our detection, licensing procedures and apprehension of wildlife trade crimes in our region.

From the diversity of representation in this workshop, I see an opportunity and a forum capable of making critical analysis of wildlife trade with special focus on Kenya's avifauna especially for the African crane species. We have all waited anxiously for this moment. It is a great opportunity for our concerns, fears and hopes to be heard and acted upon. KWS would remain a key partner to initiatives developed from this workshop.

We shall provide the necessary support to ensure that the deliberations and Action Plans developed from this workshop are implemented accordingly, and to the required local and international standards.

I must, however, raise some fundamental issues for consideration during your deliberations:

- (i) Wildlife particularly our avifauna is a natural resource that must be managed to benefit the present generation without compromising the needs and aspirations of future generations. The issue of intra and inter-generational equity must be observed in our decisions;
- (ii) Our wildlife needs to be managed *in situ* in local areas and sites. We also need to be conscious that our national, regional and global obligations and aspirations are met. Decisions on wildlife trade must take cognizance of impacts at national, regional and global levels;
- (iii) As a country, we need to utilise our wildlife resources within the principles of sustainable development together with our commitments under the Global Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

- (iv) KWS as the national lead agency on wildlife conservation has a firm commitment, and would continue to collaborate and work with stakeholders in the best overall national interest to sustain the wildlife resources for posterity. The existing standards, regulatory measures and licensing measures would be enhanced accordingly. In doing this, we shall follow participatory processes enforced by all the practitioners in the wildlife conservation and research sectors;
- (v) Community Conservation Programmes need to be encouraged. Initiatives as shown by Kipsaina Crane and Wetland Conservation Initiative and Kaisagat Environmental Conservation Youth Group in western Kenya need to be encouraged and replicated elsewhere. KWS recognizes the efforts made by these groups on African cranes conservation and wetlands conservation. There is need to evaluate and communicate the successes of these existing programmes, expand and adopt them in our African crane conservation efforts. Further, KWS recognises the contribution of the International Crane Foundation and Endangered Wildlife Trust Partnership on African Cranes, Wetlands and Communities;
- (vi) Surveys, censuses, monitoring and research on our avifauna need to be enhanced accordingly. In particular, there is a need to know how African crane species distribution and ecology are impacted upon in dynamic landscapes and particularly the impacts of climate change on ecology of African cranes. Further, there is need to update and promote the implementation of Conservation Action Plans. So far, I am aware that Black Crowned Crane has been developed through collaborative efforts of International Crane Foundation and Wetlands International. I look forward to development of other Conservation Action Plans especially Grey Crowned Crane whose fate I feel hangs in the balance in Kenya;
- (vii) There is need to integrate public education efforts in all research and conservation programmes focusing on African crane, and provide increased training opportunities for in country African crane researchers and wetland conservationists;
- (viii) The needs for elaborate networks and practices cannot be over-emphasized. Development of global, regional and national conservation strategies and measures touching on African cranes – The focus for this workshop should be fast tracked accordingly;
- (ix) Finally, we need to secure the implementation of the CITES, CMS and Ramsar Conventions among the range states of African Cranes, and advocate the transfer of the African crane species from the present Appendix II to Appendix I of CITES.

In conclusion, I wish re-affirm KWS' commitment to African Crane Trade Mitigation strategies and wise use principles for our avifauna. We shall continue with our undivided efforts to overcome the challenges of illegal trade in wildlife resources and products. Further, KWS will do everything within its legal mandate in collaboration with the stakeholders and interest groups on all issues pertaining to mitigation strategies on wildlife trade locally, regionally and internationally.

I wish you successful workshop and look forward to the results of you deliberations.

Thank you.

## SOUTH AFRICAN CRANE TRADE CASE STUDY

### Mr Samson Phakathi, Endangered Wildlife Trust's Conservation Leadership Group

#### 1. Introduction

The South African Case Study was one of four *in situ* case studies conducted as part of the African Crane Trade Project to determine whether cranes were being removed from the wild and if so, for what purposes. During four visits to the area between February and May 2007, it became evident that cranes were being removed from the wild for a variety of reasons.

#### 2. Study area

The case study was conducted in and around the village of Franklin which is situated in East Griqualand in southern KwaZulu-Natal, close to the town of Kokstad.

#### 3. Study objectives

- Understand broadly the supply, movement and demand for cranes.
- Education and awareness.
- Develop a broad understanding of the impact that the removal of cranes from the wild is having on wild populations.
- Gather information on the captive situation in the area.

#### 4. Methods that were used to gather information

- Community engagement facilitation
- Discussions
- Guided questionnaires (interviews etc)
- Observations

#### 5. Groups that were targeted

- Franklin community members
- Traditional Healers
- Traditional authority
- Muti shops
- Farm workers
- School children

#### 6. Findings

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ School mini research (research information about the interaction of rural communities and cranes).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane meat was used for stew as the meat itself reportedly contains a lot of sinew.</li> <li>• Dogs were used to point out hidden chicks.</li> <li>• Crane brain was used in traditional medicinal practices.</li> <li>• Cranes were occasionally kept as pets.</li> <li>• Seven out of 24 learners noted that they had eaten crane with their families, and of these, four noted that they had eaten crane at least once a year.</li> <li>• Caught chicks were sometimes raised with chickens. It was predominantly men between the ages of 13 and 45 who were involved in catching chicks.</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Franklin community, pension areas and traditional healers</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane body parts were used to enhance luck and bring back long lost family members.</li> <li>• Cranes were domesticated when they were not seen as</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <p>good enough for food and muti.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane parts, like feathers, were supposedly used for decorating some of the items that people used in rural areas.</li> <li>• Cranes still had cultural significance with the older generation.</li> <li>• Some crane derivatives and other animal derivatives were sold during pension days.</li> <li>• The value of cranes for medicinal practices was higher than for captivity. This make cranes more vulnerable to medicinal practices.</li> <li>• Three people were identified as having bought cranes from school children and farm workers.</li> </ul> |
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#### **7. The uses of crane parts and derivatives**

- Grey Crowned Crane brain was used in love potions.
- The mixture of crane brain and head feathers was used for the purpose of bringing back long lost family members.
- The mixture of crane brain, crane intestines and the red knob of the coot was used for maintaining stability in family members.
- One crane brain and head feathers were used for an extended period of time and seem to be dependant on the demand and need from customers.
- Crane parts, particularly feathers and brain were used in a wide range of traditional muti practices

#### **8. Conclusion**

Crane trade was clearly taking place in the Franklin area, but perhaps not to the same extent as in other countries. There are some people who were implicated in both buying and selling cranes, but the extent of this will only be established through a longer study.

## UGANDA CRANE TRADE CASE STUDY 2007 – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Mr Jimmy Muheebwa, *NatureUganda*

The Uganda Crane Trade Case Study was one of the four *in situ* case studies conducted as part of the African Crane Trade Project to determine whether cranes were being removed from the wild and if so, for what purposes. The study in Uganda was conducted in the districts of Isingiro and Lyantonde which form the southern Uganda border with Tanzania and Masaka and Rakai; the majority of the western border with Lake Victoria.

Over a period of 6 months (February to July 2007), 10 local community members in these districts gathered information on any cranes removed from the wild and through questionnaires and interviews, gained broad understanding of the crane trade in the area.

Cranes were predominantly used for traditional purposes especially to encourage monogamous relationships and increase affection and love between couples. Cranes were often captured and sold to traditional healers / witch doctors that made concoctions out of their body parts (feathers, beaks, and claws), eggs and flesh. These concoctions were later sold secretly and locally to individuals yearning for stronger affection from their lovers. Other cranes were caught for sale, disguised as chicken meat, on important refreshment stops along the Kampala to western Uganda highways.

A large number of cranes were caught and sold illegally; most often through Tanzania but sometimes through the Ugandan capital of Kampala. Some cranes were domesticated especially in the south western districts of Bushenyi, Kabale, Mbarara and Rakai. Domestication was also linked to the traditional aspect where witch doctors proposed that captive cranes were kingly creatures capable of bringing fortunes to the family. Often, the domesticated cranes were found in appalling unhygienic conditions and unable to breed. Others disappeared mysteriously in the hands of their domesticating owners, raising fears that they ended up in trade.

During the survey, the following market chains were identified:

- Captor - trader
- Captor who doubled as trader
- Captor - domesticator
- Captor – traditional healer
- Captor – trader – traditional healer

It was found out that crane handling during capture and transit posed great dangers to the birds, which were maimed, suffocated or poorly fed and sometimes resulted in death or the birds having to be euthanised. Moreover, evidence from some of those people involved in crane trade/ removal from the wild indicated that most were unwilling to abandon the practice because the high prices offered for the birds were stimulating and worth the effort. Crane trade across the border with Tanzania was found to be enhanced by poor policing and law enforcement at the borders.

With over 70 reported cases of crane removal from the wild over a period of 3 years, and given that the population of the species is steadily decreasing, it is unlikely that this removal is sustainable. Hence there is need for immediate mitigation before the bird runs into extinction.

## **KENYA CRANE TRADE CASE STUDY**

**Ms Zipporah Musyimi, University of Nairobi**

Trade in wild animal species has become a major threat to biodiversity in many parts of the world today. Removal from the wild and exportation of birds has been a serious problem in Africa, particularly because the trade in wild animal species has been most serious in areas with high poverty level and political conflict. The African Crane Trade Study aimed at determining the extent of the trade in Grey Crowned Cranes in Kenya and its impact on the wild population. The study also wished to determine the extent to which the economic and cultural beliefs of the local community helped to sustain the capture and trade.

The study was conducted between January 2007 and August 2007 by a team of 14 people in five study sites along the Kenya-Uganda and Kenya-Tanzania borders. The study sites were selected on the basis of past records of birds in transit across the borders. 407 people comprising 161 community members, 80 teachers, 55 business people, and 37 community leaders were interviewed. The rest of the respondents consisted of customs officers, police officers, local administrators, wildlife officer, tour guides and development officers working for non-governmental organisations.

The results of the survey indicated that cranes were captured from the wild as adults, juveniles and eggs collected for trade and traditional uses, such as witch craft and body decorations. A moderate number of cranes were trapped annually from the wild for the purpose of trade and cultural purposes. The greatest threat to Grey Crowned Cranes in Kenya appeared to be poisoning by the farmers.

The local communities had valuable ecological knowledge of cranes and their biology. This knowledge was used in different ways, such as marking time and season, and emulating the monogamous life of cranes. The people also had diverse attitudes and perceptions about cranes and this was translated into different beliefs and superstitions about cranes and their products.

There is potential for using traditional beliefs and cranes as flagship species to promote community participation in conservation in East Africa. This study could not with certainty determine the number of birds removed from the wild annually, but it was clear that large numbers were being removed and the chance that these removals were sustainable was low. We recommend that a population census of cranes be carried out in each range state, and numbers of birds exported across the borders be monitored closely. In addition, a comprehensive study needs to be conducted to determine the extent of the threat from poisoning of cranes by farmers. We also recommend an aggressive public awareness campaign targeting communities sharing their land with cranes.

## **MALI CRANE TRADE CASE STUDY**

### **Mr Bakary Kone, Wetlands International**

Bakary reported on the results of the study he presented at the Pan African Ornithological Congress (PAOC) in Tunisia in 2004. The abstract is outlined below.

The inland delta of the Niger, a vast floodplain, is the only refuge of Black Crowned Cranes in Mali. This study, centred on the regions of Mopti, Tenenkou and Youwarou, aimed to: (1) census the number of cranes in the delta and in captivity in the towns of Mopti and Bamako; (2) examine exploitation at different levels (local and national) to estimate the number of birds captured and traded, and the sums of money involved; and (3) to set up a plan for the conservation of the species. From April to August 2001 a survey was conducted amongst the hunters, buyers, sellers and those holding cranes in the towns of Mopti and Bamako. In these towns 55 people, most of whom had kept and raised cranes for more than 15 years, had 129 Black Crowned Cranes in captivity. Dealing in cranes is an activity restricted to men (farmers, aviculturalists, fishermen and traders). Over the period 1998–2000, 165 birds were bought and sold, while 70 had been exported to other countries. The average purchase price from a hunter was €24. In the delta the selling price was on average 36 278FCFA (francs of the African Financial Community) (€55), whereas in the towns the price was 104 778FCFA (€159) over the same time period. All trophies from the hunt were also sold. Clearly, the survival of this species is threatened both by habitat destruction and by hunting. Under captive conditions the birds do not breed and continued captures could lead to the extinction of cranes in Mali. A plan for the protection of the species has been drawn up and financial support is now being sought

The full article can be found at, and the abstract has been taken from: Kone, B., Fofana, B., Beilfuss, R. and Dodman, T. 2007. The impact of capture, domestication and trade on Black Crowned Cranes in the Inner Niger Delta, Mali. *Ostrich* 78 (2): 195-203.

## THE BLACK CROWNED CRANE *Balearica pavonina pavonina* IN NIGERIA

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### Introduction

The Black Crowned Crane *Balearica pavonina pavonina*, is a resident of the Sahel and Sudan Savannah regions of Africa. Black Crowned Cranes range from the Senegal basin and Guinea Bissau drainage in West Africa to the western Ethiopian Highlands and Southwest Rift Valley in East Africa. There are two sub-species. The West African Crowned Crane (*Balearica pavonina pavonina*) occupies the western part of this range, from Senegal to Chad.

### Status

Historically, the Black Crowned Crane was abundant and widely distributed across its range. The species has decreased across much of its range in the last thirty years and the population is now fragmented. In Nigeria, the population has drastically dropped from more than 15,000 birds in the early 1970s to no more than a few individuals today.

### Distribution

The cranes were commonly found in the Hadejia-Nguru wetlands as well as the wetlands of the Lake Chad basin in north eastern Nigeria. Black Crowned Cranes cherish a mixture of shallow seasonally flooded habitats within the wetlands as well as grasslands. Although resident in the area, the birds flock when not breeding and make local movements between the large and small wetlands.

### THREATS:

#### Habitat loss

In the north across the Sahel there is gradual deforestation. Sahelian woodland is at best low density forest and so the gradual removal of trees for browse and fuelwood is harder to notice. Yet when you compare vegetation measures over even a relatively short time period, you find substantial deforestation. Data from a forest reserve in the Hadejia-Nguru shows that almost all of the trees have gone over the last decade with profound effects on the number of cranes and other bird species present and the density of the remaining species.

The damming of the rivers that feed the wetlands for irrigation agriculture has resulted in irregular release of water into the wetlands and at wrong times of the year. This has created favourable environment for the growth of typha grass that has taken up the habitats of the cranes and other birds.

And of course there is the spectre of climate change: there are predicted winners and losers into the end of this century and it seems likely that West Africa will end up as a loser. Recent climate models predict a much dryer climate in the coming decades. And as we know from the whitethroat this means lower populations of birds and other animals and plants, and increased pressure from the human population on existing natural habitats.

#### Persecution

The birds were hunted for food in the past. Hunters and cattle herdsman would kill adult birds and collect the eggs as well. Today hunting expeditions for cranes always return unsuccessful.

#### Trade

Trade in the Black Crowned Crane is more profitable today than hunting the birds for food. It is common to visit houses of influential people today within the major cities in the north and

see a few cranes wandering in the compound. Some cranes are sold at high prices for export to the Middle East.

### **Conservation effort**

In theory the cranes are legally protected in Nigeria by Decree 85, the Endangered Species Decree. Also, the International Conference on the Black Crowned Crane and its Wetland Habitats, was held in Nigeria in 1992. One fall out from this workshop was the Black Crowned Crane Working Group. However, we still lack any range-wide information on the population size or distribution of the species on this species. No ecological studies have been carried out on this bird.

The A P Leventis Ornithological Research Institute has now received the funding for a study: "Towards Conservation of the Black Crowned Crane *Balearica pavonina* in Nigeria: A Survey and Participatory Rural Appraisal in Selected Communities in the Species' Range." The project will identify communities in and around the current range areas of the species in Nigeria, with a view to assess the potentials for participatory community-based conservation initiatives, using the Black Crowned Crane as a flagship species.

### **Recommendations**

Community-based conservation programs may halt and reverse the species' dramatic decline. This can be realised by raising awareness among local communities about the critical issues affecting the survival of Black Crowned Cranes, and providing meaningful alternatives to those activities that most seriously threaten the cranes and their habitats. It is hoped that a clear understanding of the local socio-economic and cultural forces affecting cranes and their habitats, will be gained through local partnerships and case study activities.

## TANZANIA CRANE TRADE CASE STUDY, PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENTS OF CITES DATA AND STUDBOOKS

**Ms Kerry Morrison, African Cranes, Wetlands and Communities  
An International Crane Foundation / Endangered Wildlife Trust Partnership**

### **Tanzania Crane Trade Case Study**

TRAFFIC East / Southern Africa conducted a rapid assessment of the large waterbird trade in north-west Tanzania over a six week period between January and August 2007. This preliminary study included Wattled Cranes, Grey Crowned Cranes, Shoebill Storks (*Balaniceps rex*) and Saddlebilled Storks (*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*).

Although this was a short preliminary study with no ground truthing, the ongoing capture and trade of all four species was evident. Findings, however, suggest that the numbers captured recently were lower than four years ago even though prices seemed to be higher. The mortality rates during capture and transit although poorly understood, were reportedly relatively low due to the efforts involved in capturing the birds.

Encouragingly, the demand seemed to have decreased and local villagers felt that the wild population numbers had increased, although ground truthing is required to verify this. Governance systems also seemed stronger since the establishment of the Ramsar Site and SIMMORS (Sustainable Integrated Management of Malagarasi-Muyovozi Ramsar Site) activities. Local community members were aware of the fact that the trade was illegal and noted clearly that very few people benefited from it.

### **Preliminary assessment of CITES data**

All four of the resident cranes in Africa – i.e. Black Crowned, Blue, Grey Crowned and Wattled Cranes are on the Appendix II list for CITES. Wild caught trade in cranes was not legal in any country that the case studies were conducted in.

A preliminary assessment of CITES data was conducted using the CITES trade statistics derived from the *CITES Trade Database*, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Cambridge, UK. Caution however, should be taken when interpreting these data as the data in the database are approximately two years in arrears and importing and exporting countries have recorded different information on source and numbers traded. Data were assessed for the five years encompassing 1996 – 2000 and 2001 -2005 for comparison.

#### *Blue Cranes*

South Africa was the biggest exporter of Blue Cranes for both five year periods. This was to be expected as this crane is a near endemic to the country. The number of cranes exported from South Africa during the second five year period though dropped by almost 50%. China and the Netherlands were the primary importing countries between 1996 and 2000, and although Netherlands remained a large importer between 2001 and 2005, Latvia, Belgium and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) all became importers in the second five year period. The UAE was the largest importer during the second five year period. The United States of America (USA) was the only other country, besides the Netherlands that imported cranes in both time periods.

#### *Wattled Cranes*

Tanzania was the biggest exporter of Wattled Cranes in the 1996-2000 period, and although the numbers exported were reduced by around 85% during the 2001-2005 time period, they still exported Wattled Cranes during that time. The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) though became the biggest exporter (although only 10 individuals) in the 2001-2005 period - a new exporter of the species to the database in the time frames assessed. Singapore and

China respectively were the two biggest importing countries between 1996 and 2000, and besides a few imported into China between 2001 and 2005, they imported only low numbers during this time period. Austria became the biggest importer between 2001 and 2005 with the USA and Czech Republic becoming importers during this time as well. 27 Wattled Cranes were reported as wild caught by the importing country for the full ten year period whereas exporting countries recorded a total of 74 wild caught Wattled Cranes during the same period. The vast majority of wild caught cranes were from Tanzania.

#### *Grey Crowned Cranes*

Tanzania was by far the greatest exporter of Grey Crowned Cranes between 1996 and 2000 (more than 500 cranes exported), and although the numbers exported was significantly lower in the 2001 to 2005 period (less than 150 individuals exported), Tanzania was still the biggest exporter during that time. The Netherlands imported the greatest number of cranes in the 1996 to 2000 period, followed by China. In the period between 2001 and 2005, a number of countries imported cranes that did not import cranes in the previous 5 years. This included the UAE, who imported the most cranes during that time. All wild caught Grey Crowned Cranes were exported from Tanzania during the 10 year period assessed. A total of 567 wild caught cranes were reported from importing countries, whereas 557 wild caught cranes were reported from Tanzania as the exporting country.

#### *Black Crowned Cranes*

Mali, followed by Guinea, were the countries exporting the greatest number of Black Crowned Cranes between 1996 and 2000. In the period between 2001 and 2005 though, Sudan became the greatest exporter, exceeding numbers exported by Mali in the previous time period. Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Benin also exported Black Crowned Cranes during the 2001-2005 period and not in the 1996-2000 period. Between 1996 and 2000, Belgium and France were the two biggest importers of Black Crowned Cranes. France remained a large importer in the 2001-2005 period, and was joined by the UAE and Qatar as significant importers, neither of which imported cranes during the previous five years. 976 wild caught cranes were reported by the importing country over the 10 year period, whereas 1104 cranes were reported by the country of export.

#### **A preliminary assessment of crane studbooks**

A preliminary assessment of the African crane studbooks for the regional zoo associations was conducted. It should however be noted that only around 1 000 of the world's approximately 10 000 zoos and captive facilities belong to such associations. These associations usually have a list of criteria and code of ethics for any facility / organisation belonging to them and hence it was assumed that they would provide the best case scenario for the situation of cranes in captivity.

The following studbooks existed and were either active or were vacant (no longer active):

- Blue Cranes
  - AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) / EAZA (European Association of Zoos and Aquariums) / JAZA (Japanese Association of Zoos and Aquariums) / PAAZAB (African Association of Zoos and Aquariums) – all active
- Black Crowned Crane
  - EAZA / JAZA – all vacant
  - AZA - active
- Grey Crowned Crane
  - PAAZAB – vacant
- Wattled Crane
  - AZA / JAZA / PAAZAB / International – active

The initial assessment indicated that none of the captive populations within these studbooks were viable. Of particular concern though was the crowned crane situation where they were

reportedly used primarily as decoration on savannah exhibits and hence seldom bred due to the lack of suitable breeding areas, and if breeding did occur, hybridisation often resulted. They were also often predated on due to the enclosure design. The origin of the birds was poorly understood and often unknown.

### **International movements**

The international movements, both legal and illegal, of cranes and other species in trade are influenced by a number of factors. Avian influenza (Bird flu) has resulted in a moratorium on the movement of wild caught birds through the European Union (EU), which has limited legal trade through this route significantly. This however excludes those countries that are not a part of the EU, both in Europe and across the world.

A number of scenarios and trends are also evident around trade. Loopholes in policy and legislation are used by traders, new markets are constantly being sought (especially when one market, such as the EU now, closes), eggs are transported to escape detection, more birds are traded than is outlined on the permits, the cranes are shipped with other more numerous species and hence often escape detection, and legal birds are used as a front for the illegal trade.

### **Advocacy**

To date, the African Crane Trade Project has been presented at the PAAZAB (2006 and 2007) and to WAZA (2006) conferences, and has been outlined in the newsletters for these two associations as well. Discussions have been held with local communities, captive facilities and people trading in cranes and law enforcement officials around Africa and internationally.

### **Conclusion**

Our knowledge of the crane trade depended on circumstantial evidence with minimal data. Phase one of the project included short term investigations to assess the potential extent of the threat to wild populations. Findings showed that cranes were being removed from the wild in all countries that were involved in this preliminary investigation, for food, domestication, traditional use and the illegal trade market. CITES data show that wild caught cranes are still involved in trade although no quotas in any country have been allowed. Frighteningly, the captive populations in formal zoo associations are unsustainable and relatively unmonitored and not managed – besides Wattled Cranes. The removal of cranes from the wild for the purpose of trade for a number of reasons is therefore a threat to wild populations and requires immediate and urgent attention.

# THE STATUS OF GREY CROWNED CRANE *Balearica regulorum* AND WATTLED CRANE *Bugeranus carunculatus* IN TANZANIA

Mr Neil Baker, Tanzania Bird Atlas

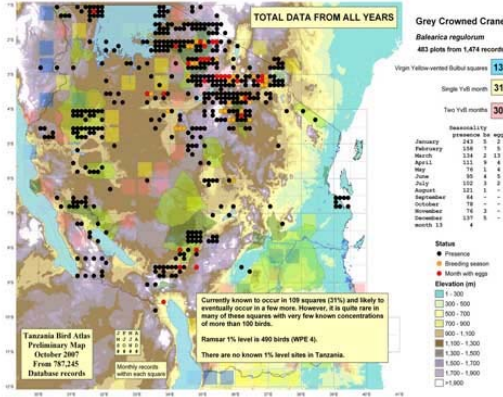


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Grey Crowned Crane data - all years

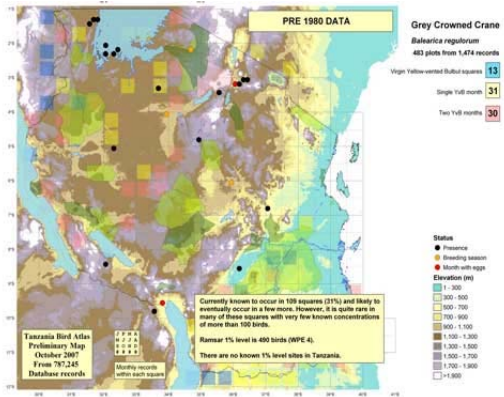


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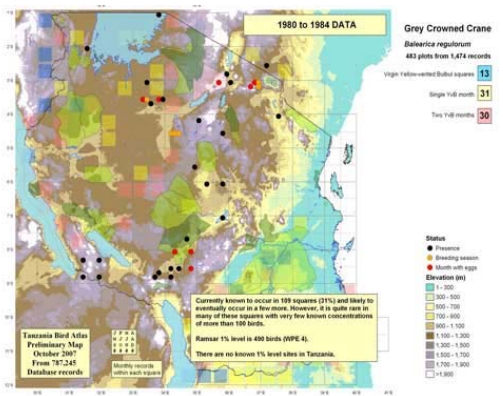


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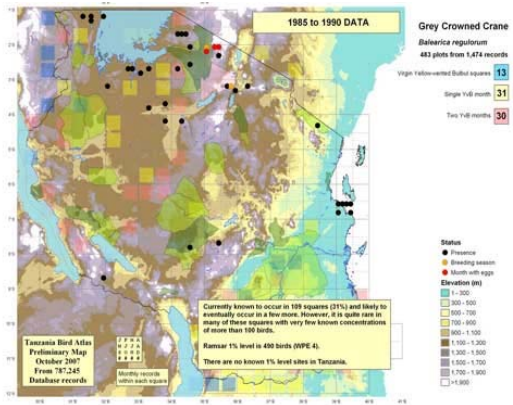


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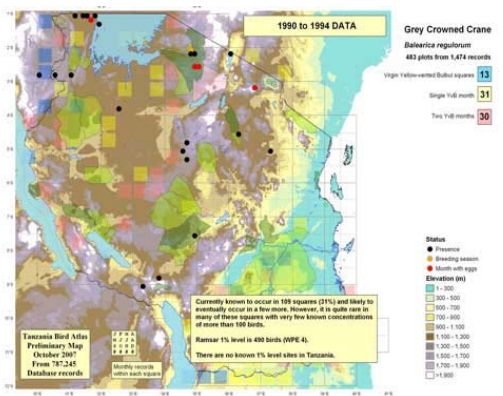


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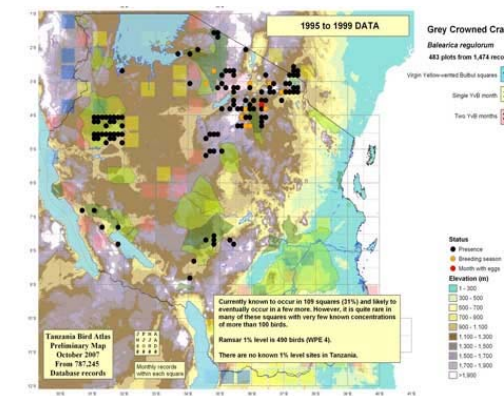


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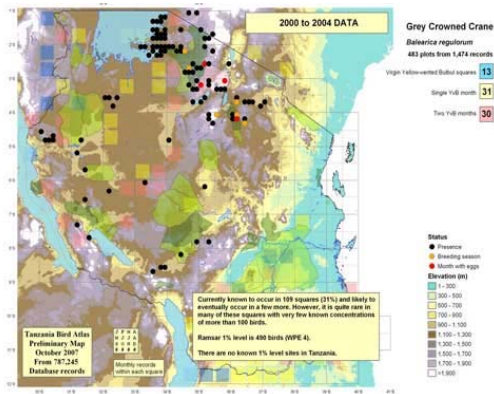


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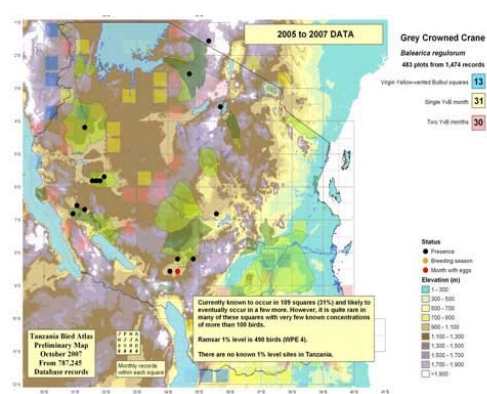


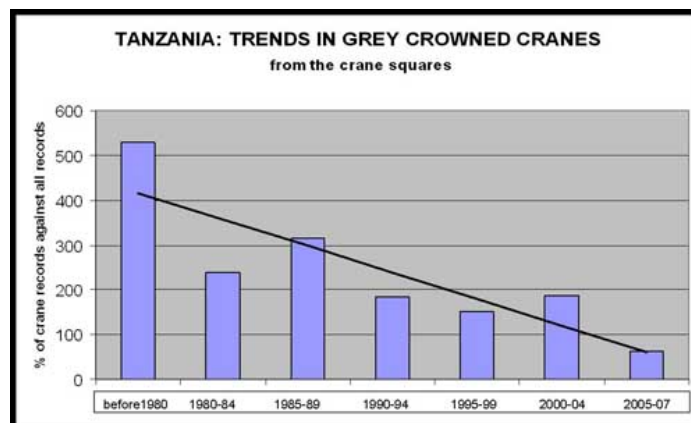
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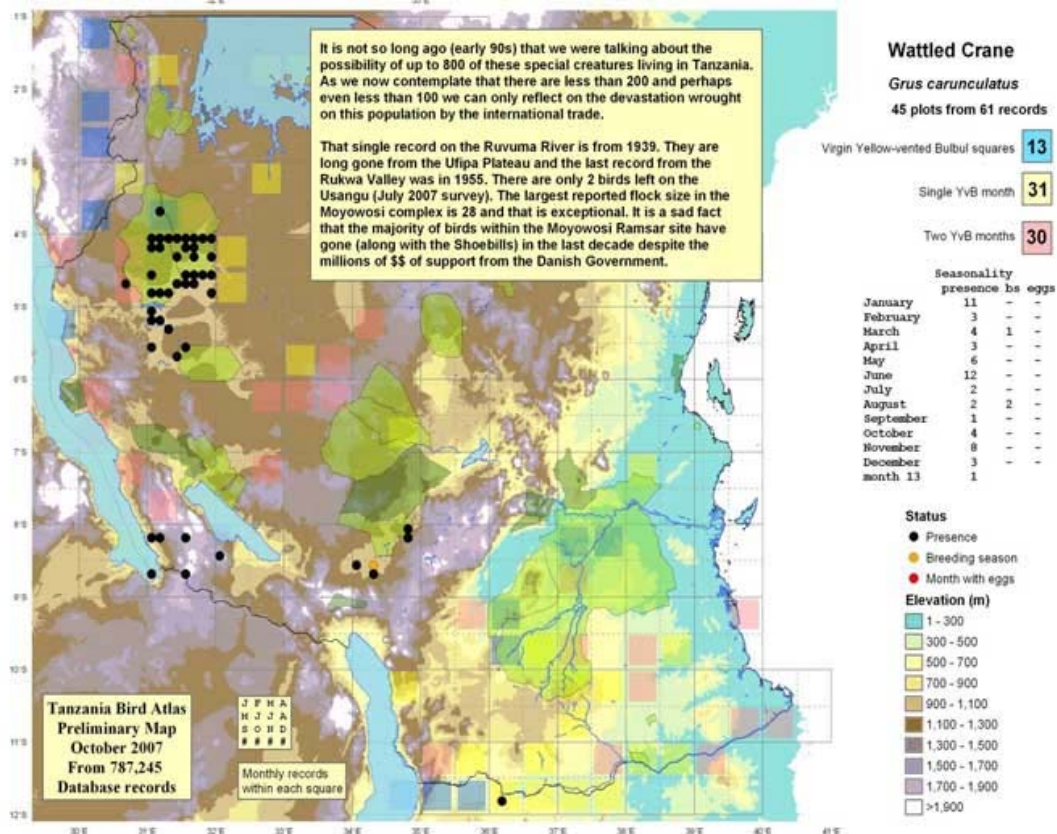
### Grey Crowned Crane. Tanzania Waterbird Count 1995 (Baker 1997)

Total recorded: 647 by 9 (19) teams. The final total of fewer than 1,000 birds was a surprise as flocks of thousands are known from some localities. Team 11a counted 524 birds from the rice schemes on the edge of Usangu Flats but an estimated 10,000 have occurred there in the recent past and many hundreds are seasonally present in Ngorongoro. Numbers in the west in the Moyowosi / Ugalla complex were far fewer than expected. In the north, non-breeding aggregations were expected as this species breeds in July and August. Many thousands have been exported from Tanzania during the last decade or more for the international bird trade and it is feared that this may have made a significant impact on population levels. While the evidence is not yet unequivocal there is growing concern that the population is decreasing and this is confirmed by the survey.

### Tanzania population estimate.

The provisional data from the Tanzania Atlas records this species in 45 (41%) of the 109 primary Atlas squares analysed for this report. It is therefore a widespread species but some records no doubt refer to escapes from bird collection centres as these are many km from suitable habitat. This species is essentially western and northern with very few records from the coastal lowlands or the dry central plateau. The estimated 10,000 birds on the Usangu rice schemes in the late 80s may well have represented the majority of the population in southern and south-western Tanzania at the time the count took place. In the north and west it is rarely found in flocks of more than a few hundred but even so this population in the mid 80s could have been in excess of 5,000 birds giving a country maximum of around 20,000. This seems very high when compared to data collected more recently including this survey. There are now probably fewer than 5,000 birds in Tanzania with the rather alarming prospect of the figure being considerably lower than this.





Wattled Crane data

**The Bird Atlas of Uganda 2005**

Up to the end of the 1970s it was estimated that the Uganda population was in the tens of thousands and perhaps increasing (Pomeroy 1980)  
But recent work has shown that numbers are now declining **MARKEDLY** with an estimated population of about 35,000 birds perhaps owing to the loss of breeding sites (Muhebwa-Muhoozi 2002)

## **WORKSHOP CLOSING REMARKS**

### **Dr. Omar Farah, Director General, National Museums of Kenya**

Ladies and gentlemen

I am pleased to have been invited to the closing ceremony of this workshop. Firstly, I wish to thank the Endangered Wildlife Trust and International Crane Foundation for choosing to hold the workshop in Kenya and to involve the National Museums of Kenya as the host institution.

National Museums of Kenya (NMK) is mandated by the government of Kenya to conserve the nation's cultural and natural heritage, including the rich diversity of birds. NMK hosts 25000 specimens of Kenya's fauna and flora. This national collection is a valuable resource for research, education and public awareness. We have vibrant public programmes and permanent exhibits whose primary aim is to promote better understanding, appreciation and conservation of the country's rich cultural and biological diversity. In this regard, we have a network of 29 regional museums throughout the country.

As part of our mandate, NMK monitors trade in wild species of animals and plants. Indeed we play an advisory role to Kenya Wildlife Service, which is the national focal point for CITES. We also provide an identification service and advice to individuals who seek permits to export or import plant and animal species.

We have been undertaking research and monitoring of Grey Crowned Cranes in Kenya since 1985. We have also been involved in monitoring movement of cranes for the purpose of export trade and domestication. However, our efforts in monitoring the crane population in Kenya have been fragmented, largely because of financial constraints.

During the last two years, however, the NMK has implemented two projects connected with cranes. The first one entailed training of community groups on how to monitor the numbers of cranes and changes in wetlands. The second project involved an investigation of the extent of trade in Grey Crowned Cranes. I believe that results of these projects have been highlighted during this workshop.

I trust that you have had fruitful deliberations during the last four days. By involving many organisations in Africa and partners abroad, this workshop has generated interest and concern about the impacts of trade on African cranes. I believe you have identified the key problems and solutions that are practical and affordable in Africa. Please communicate the decisions of this workshop to your governments and organisations so that they can be acted on as soon as possible.

I wish you a safe journey to your respective destinations and keep on the dialogue started here and strengthen the bonds of friendship and partnership for the benefit of cranes and peoples of Africa. Thank you and God bless you.

I now declare this workshop officially closed.

**AFRICAN CRANE TRADE PROJECT**  
**TRADE MITIGATION PLANNING WORKSHOP**

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**Kenya Wildlife Services Training Institute, Naivasha, Kenya**

**WORKSHOP REPORT**



Blue Cranes (*Warwick Tarboton*)

**SECTION 3**  
**WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

## ACRONYMS

|          |  |
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| ACWAC    | African Cranes, Wetlands and Communities (the ICF/EWT Partnership) |
| APLORI   | AP Leventis Ornithological Research Institute                      |
| AZA      | Association of Zoos and Aquaria                                    |
| BCC      | Black Crowned Crane  |
| CBO      | Community Based Organisations                                      |
| CITES    | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species            |
| CMS      | Convention on Migratory Species                                    |
| EAWLS    | East African Wildlife Society                                      |
| EAZA     | European Association of Zoos and Aquaria                           |
| EWT      | Endangered Wildlife Trust  |
| GCC      | Grey Crowned Crane   |
| ICF      | International Crane Foundation                                     |
| ISIS     | International Species Information System                           |
| IUCN     | World Conservation Union   |
| Kipsaina | Kipsaina Crane and Wetland Conservation Initiative                 |
| KWS      | Kenya Wildlife Service   |
| MEA      | Multilateral Environmental Agreements                              |
| NGO      | Non Governmental Organisation                                      |
| NMK      | National Museums of Kenya  |
| PAAZAB   | African Association of Zoos and Aquaria                            |
| SSC      | Species Survival Commission  |
| TANAPA   | Tanzania National Parks  |
| TAWIRI   | Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute                               |
| Tz       | Tanzania   |
| UAE      | United Arab Emirates   |
| UDSM     | University of Dar es Salaam  |
| UN       | United Nations   |
| UWA      | Uganda Wildlife Authority  |
| WC       | Wattled Crane  |
| WCST     | Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania                          |
| WI       | Wetlands International   |
| WWF      | World Wildlife Fund  |

## **CRANE SUPPLY AND LOCAL *IN SITU* ISSUES WORKING GROUP**

### **WORKING GROUP PARTICIPANTS**

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| Peter Mpuu       | Community representative                                  | Kenya          |
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### **INTRODUCTION / SITUATION OVERVIEW**

Various crane trade studies conducted in Africa as part of Phase 1 of the African Crane Trade Project, and some projects previous to this, have confirmed that cranes are being removed from the wild for a variety of reasons. Most of these removals are being conducted by members of the local community for food, domestication, traditional purposes and illegal trade. The following reasons outline the rationale behind these removals:

- **Poverty levels in the communities and selling cranes for food.** Communities living in poverty have either taken to wetland modification for food production, which leaves cranes with limited breeding grounds, or resorted to catching and selling cranes for income generation.
- **Crop raiding behaviours of the cranes.** As a result of their feeding behaviour, cranes have become problem animals when raiding maize, peas and ground nut crops. Certain communities feel that such cranes are “better done away with” through direct persecution, e.g. poisoning, than through trapping and harvesting for trade.
- **Ownership problem.** Cranes and crane areas are not owned by any one individual and hence are deemed to have no direct benefits to the local communities. This results in the capture and selling of cranes or traditional use thereof. However, it was highlighted that very few people benefit from trade in cranes.
- **Cultural beliefs result in cranes being used by traditional witch doctors.** Cranes are captured and sold or given to traditional healers / witch doctors who use them for a variety of reasons, the most prominent of which is the enhancement of love within the family.
- **Prestige** (as is the case in Nigeria) and prison settings in Uganda which leads to domestication. With the quest to appearing “big” and maintaining the status quo, rich men have kept cranes (domestication). This has not stopped with individuals but extends also to institutions like prisons that have captured and kept cranes under domesticated conditions.
- **Low awareness levels and environmental education.** These programmes, where present, are either inadequate or sometimes aimed at the wrong target audience. People are not adequately, or sometimes not at all, sensitised about legislation on biodiversity use and where sensitisation does occur, the legislation implementation is left wanting.
- **Natural disasters**, which when they strike (as has been the case in Mali - Inner Niger Delta), leave crane trade as the one remaining viable alternative income available to local communities.

- **Rarity / scarcity of the commodity** (cranes) which has raised the demand and increased prices.

The issues driving crane removal from the wild outlined above were prioritised in the group as follows:

1. Poverty
2. Cultural beliefs
3. Awareness – low awareness and environmental education levels
4. Grey Crowned Cranes as a common good owned by nobody
5. Rarity and scarcity of the cranes
6. Natural disasters leaving crane trade as the only viable alternative

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT 1 INCREASED POVERTY PROMOTES TRADE IN CRANES**

### **Solution 1: Encourage income generating activities**

| <b>Action step 1: Identify social groups that are involved in crane trade</b> |   |
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| Responsibility  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EWT</li> <li>▪ NatureUganda</li> <li>▪ Wetlands International</li> <li>▪ Tanzania Wildlife Division</li> <li>▪ KWS</li> <li>▪ Kipsaina</li> <li>▪ NMK</li> </ul> |
| Timeline  | 6 months  |
| Resources   | Finance, human resources, transport   |
| Collaborators   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Universities</li> <li>▪ Other NGOs</li> <li>▪ Government</li> <li>▪ UWA</li> </ul>   |
| Measurable outcomes   | Number of groups identified   |
| Obstacles   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Time</li> <li>▪ The willingness of the people to identify and name the groups</li> <li>▪ Resource availability</li> </ul>  |

| <b>Action step 2: Identify alternative income generating projects</b> |   |
|---|---|
| Responsibility  | Lead organisations outlined in action 1 above and target communities                              |
| Timeline  | 6 months  |
| Resources   | Finance, human resource, Transport  |
| Collaborators   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Government Institutions</li> <li>▪ Other NGOs</li> </ul> |
| Measurable outcomes   | Number of identified / approved Income Generating Projects  |
| Obstacles   | None  |

| <b>Action step 3: Establish and strengthen capacity building</b> |   |
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| Responsibility   | The lead organisations outlined in action 1 above |
| Timeline   | Ongoing   |

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| Resources           | Training service providers   |
| Collaborators       | Local communities and government institutions  |
| Measurable outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Level of skill development</li> <li>▪ Number of training courses held / participants</li> </ul> |
| Obstacles           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local community/target group availability</li> </ul>  |

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| <b>Action step 4: Implement income generating activities project</b> |   |
| Responsibility   | The lead organisations outlined in action 1 above and communities   |
| Timeline   | 1 year  |
| Resources  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Funds</li> <li>▪ Extension services</li> </ul>   |
| Collaborators  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lead institution and governments</li> <li>▪ Sister programmes</li> </ul>   |
| Measurable outcomes  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The number of income generating projects implemented</li> <li>▪ The increase in local community income/ welfare</li> </ul> |
| Obstacles  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Climate/ weather changes</li> <li>▪ Lack of funding</li> </ul>   |

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| <b>Action step 5: Establish monitoring and evaluation schemes</b> |   |
| Responsibility  | Lead organisations outlined in action 1 above |
| Timeline  | 1 year  |
| Resources   | Finances and human resources                  |
| Collaborators   | Local communities and government              |
| Measurable outcomes   | Number of meetings held and reports produced  |
| Obstacles   | Funds   |

## **Solution 2:**

### **Effective and focussed awareness and education (improved skills, informed decisions)**

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| <b>Action step 1: Identify target groups (key stakeholders)</b> |  |
| Responsibility  | Lead organisations e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NatureUganda</li> <li>▪ NMK</li> <li>▪ Tanzania Wildlife Division</li> <li>▪ EWT</li> </ul> |
| Timeline  | 6 months   |
| Resources   | Education materials  |
| Collaborators   | Government   |
| Measurable outcomes   | Number of groups identified  |
| Obstacles   | None   |

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| <b>Action step 2: Implement awareness programmes for the groups</b> |  |
| Responsibility  | Lead organisations e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NatureUganda</li> <li>▪ NMK</li> <li>▪ Tanzania Wildlife Division</li> <li>▪ EWT</li> </ul> |

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| Timeline            | 12 months  |
| Resources           | Education materials  |
| Collaborators       | Government   |
| Measurable outcomes | Number of groups positively affected by awareness programmes implemented |
| Obstacles           | Some groups turning uncooperative  |

### **Solution 3: Need for micro credit schemes**

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| <b>Action step 1: Identify relevant micro credit schemes</b> |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlines in Solution 1 Action 1 above |
| Timeline   | 6 months   |
| Resources  | Human resources  |
| Collaborators  | Government, sister organisations, interested parties                 |
| Measurable outcomes  | Number of micro credit schemes identified                            |
| Obstacles  | None   |

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| <b>Action step 2: Establish a crane revolving funds system</b> |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 |
| Timeline   | 6 months   |
| Resources  | Funding  |
| Collaborators  | Government, sister organisations, interested parties           |
| Measurable outcomes  | Revolving fund in place  |
| Obstacles  | Fund availability  |

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| <b>Action step 3: Facilitate and motivate access to the micro credit schemes</b> |   |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1          |
| Timeline   | 6 -12 months  |
| Resources  | Human resources   |
| Collaborators  | Government, sister organisations, interested parties                    |
| Measurable outcomes  | Number of micro credit schemes accessed                                 |
| Obstacles  | Security and surety for loan acquisition from micro credit institutions |

#### **Note:**

It was noted that pilot projects to test the viability of micro-credit schemes should be considered

### **Solution 4: Provision of extension services**

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| <b>Action step 1: Identify the relevant extension services</b> |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 and beneficiaries |
| Timeline   | 3 -6 months  |
| Resources  |  |

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| Collaborators       | Government, sister organisations and interested parties |
| Measurable outcomes | Number of extension services provided (local community) |
| Obstacles           |   |

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| <b>Action step 2:</b> Facilitate the provision of the extension services |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined above in Solution 1 Action 1 |
| Timeline   | 6 months   |
| Resources  | Funds  |
| Collaborators  | Government, sister organisations and interested parties              |
| Measurable outcomes  | Viable projects in place   |
| Obstacles  | Transport  |

**Solution 5:  
Encourage habitat restoration**

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| <b>Action step 1:</b> Identify key habitats to be restored                 |  |
| <b>Action step 2:</b> Develop, identify and implement the restoration plan |  |
| <b>Action step 3:</b> Monitor and evaluate the progress (ongoing)          |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1         |
| Timeline   | 6 months to 1 year   |
| Resources  | Human resources and funds  |
| Collaborators  | Government and the local institutions                                  |
| Measurable outcomes  | Number and size of restored habitat                                    |
| Obstacles  | Political will and poverty levels driving locals into more degradation |

**PROBLEM STATEMENT 2  
MOST CULTURAL BELIEFS HAVE LED TO THE REMOVAL OF CRANES FROM  
THE WILD**

**Solution 1:  
Understand the evolution of cultural beliefs that are related to the traditional  
use of cranes**

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| <b>Action step 1:</b> Conduct a study about the cultural beliefs related to cranes |  |
| <b>Action step 2:</b> Disseminate the study to the relevant key stakeholders       |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 and local leaders |
| Timeline   | 1 – 2 years  |
| Resources  | Human resources and media  |
| Collaborators  | Government and NGOs  |
| Measurable outcomes  | Report   |
| Obstacles  | Language barrier and misleading information from the local people                |

**Solution 2:  
Advocate for change of attitudes towards crane conservation**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> We need to translate the results of the study into simple terms in order to |
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| accommodate the target group's learning needs.<br><b>Action 2:</b> Prepare and conduct awareness programmes. (meetings, radio, etc) |   |
| Responsibility  | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above and NGOs |
| Timeline  | 1 year  |
| Resources   | Print media, billboards and advertisements                                    |
| Collaborators   | Local community   |
| Measurable outcomes   | Increased awareness and change of perceptions (questionnaires)                |
| Obstacles   | None  |

### **Solution 3:**

#### **Investigate and demystify the notion of traditional healing/ practices**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify the positive and negative traditional beliefs on cranes.<br><b>Action 2:</b> Conduct awareness about and against the negative beliefs about cranes.<br><b>Action 3:</b> Promote the positive beliefs about cranes. |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above and local communities |
| Timeline   | 2 years  |
| Resources  | Human resources  |
| Collaborators  | Local community  |
| Measurable outcomes  | Report in place, attitude survey result (questionnaires)                                   |
| Obstacles  | Lack of cooperation by local communities   |

### **Solution 4:**

#### **Substitute use of live cranes with locally available alternatives or equivalents**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify the target group (domesticators)<br><b>Action 2:</b> Encourage them to use substitute to live cranes<br><b>Action 3:</b> Provide incentives to those people who subscribe to an idea of using statues. (Board, flags etc.) |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above and governments |
| Timeline   | 2 – 3 years  |
| Resources  | Human resources and finances   |
| Collaborators  | NGOs and the crane domesticators and company managers                                |
| Measurable outcomes  | Increased use of statues and logos bearing the crane symbol                          |
| Obstacles  | Lack of cooperation  |

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT 3**

#### **INADEQUATE AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ON RELEVANCE OF CRANE ECOLOGY/BIOLOGY**

### **Solution 1:**

#### **Mainstreaming crane conservation in local management plan**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Integrate crane conservation in the existing and future local management plan.<br><b>Action 2:</b> Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the crane component in the local management plan. |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 |

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|                     | above, local communities and local governments  |
| Timeline            | 1 – 2 years   |
| Resources           |   |
| Collaborators       | Conservation NGOs   |
| Measurable outcomes | Reviewed, prepared management plans   |
| Obstacles           | Will of the local governments to accommodate crane conservation and integrate it in management planning |

### **Solution 2:**

#### **Develop and implement effective awareness programmes**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify target groups (key stakeholders)  |  |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Review, adapt/adopt and implement the existing crane conservation action plans. (ICF, Wetland International) |  |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Conduct awareness campaigns ( schools, print, audio and visual media etc)                                    |  |
| Responsibility  | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above |
| Timeline  | 2 years  |
| Resources   | Funds and human resources  |
| Collaborators   | Government   |
| Measurable outcomes   | Awareness programme in place and attitude change                     |
| Obstacles   | Fund availability  |

### **Solution 3:**

#### **Create a sense of crane appreciation**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Promote the branding of products and items using crane logos.               |  |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Promote the positive perspectives about the cultural significant of cranes. |  |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Promote cranes as the eco-tourism attraction.                               |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above and local communities |
| Timeline   | 3 – 4 years  |
| Resources  | Funds and technology   |
| Collaborators  | Government   |
| Measurable outcomes  | Eco-tourism projects   |
| Obstacles  | Lack of cooperation from the local communities   |

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT 4**

### **THE TRAGEDY OF THE COMMONS**

#### **Solution 1:**

#### **Empower local communities into self management of local/natural resources**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Build the capacity for the local community to manage their local resources.   |   |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Facilitate the enactment and implementation of environmental related bi-laws. |   |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above and government |
| Timeline   | 2 – 3 years   |
| Resources  | Funds and expertise   |

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| Collaborators       | Politicians and the local leaders |
| Measurable outcomes | Bylaws in place                   |
| Obstacles           | Political interference            |

### **Solution 2:**

#### **Encourage protection of cranes outside protected areas**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Facilitate the formation of crane Site Support Groups.  |  |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Facilitate the establishment of community protected areas which can promote crane conservation. |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above, local organisations and the government |
| Timeline   | 3 years  |
| Resources  | Funds and expertise  |
| Collaborators  | Conservation NGOs  |
| Measurable outcomes  | Having community protected areas in place and Site Support Groups  |
| Obstacles  | Political will and land tenure systems prevailing  |

### **Solution 3:**

#### **Encourage active systematic monitoring of cranes and their habitats**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Establish baseline ( habitat, range, ecology, biology etc) |  |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Design and implement a monitoring programme                |  |
| Responsibility  | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above   |
| Timeline  | 1 – 2 years  |
| Resources   | Human resources and expertise  |
| Collaborators   | Conservation specialists   |
| Measurable outcomes   | Baseline reports and an effective monitoring programme in place        |
| Obstacles   | Lack of willingness from experts / High costing of expertise provision |

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT 5**

### **RARITY/ SCARCITY OF CRANES**

#### **Solution 1:**

##### **Conserve the remaining habitats (wetlands)**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify and promote the conservation of the remaining potential crane habitat areas |  |
| Responsibility  | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above |
| Timeline  | 2 years  |
| Resources   | Conservation specialists   |
| Collaborators   | Local community and leaders  |
| Measurable outcomes   | Increased breeding of cranes   |
| Obstacles   | None   |

**Solution 2:  
Rehabilitate and restore the degraded crane habitat areas**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify key habitat to be restored                  |  |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Develop/ identify and implement the restoration plan |  |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Monitor and evaluate the progress                    |  |
| Responsibility  | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above     |
| Timeline  | 1-3 year   |
| Resources   | Funds for travel and holding meetings, habitat specialists               |
| Collaborators   | Local communities and sister NGOs  |
| Measurable outcomes   | Number and size of wetland habitat identified and undergoing restoration |
| Obstacles   | Land tenure system and baseline information                              |

**Solution 3:  
Release the illegally domesticated birds (cranes) back into the wild**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify where domesticated cranes are                             |   |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Identify potential release areas                                   |   |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Conduct a feasibility study of the release of cranes into the wild |   |
| Responsibility  | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above and the government |
| Timeline  | 2 -3 years  |
| Resources   | Funds and human resources   |
| Collaborators   | Conservation and research institutions  |
| Measurable outcomes   | Reports in place  |
| Obstacles   | Resistance from concerned parties   |

**Solution 4:  
Re-introduce the crane species to areas where they have been depleted.**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify potential origins and sources of supply cranes                     |   |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Identify potential re-introduction sites                                    |   |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Conduct a feasibility study on the re-introduction of cranes into the wild. |   |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above and the government |
| Timeline   | 3 years   |
| Resources  | Human resources   |
| Collaborators  | Conservation specialists  |
| Measurable outcomes  | A report in place   |
| Obstacles  | Relevant scientific knowledge on re-introduction  |

**Note:**

The IUCN/SSC Guidelines for Reintroductions for both Solutions 3 and 4.

**PROBLEM STATEMENT 6  
NATURAL DISASTERS AND OVER-EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ESPECIALLY IN CRANE OCCURRING AREAS**

**Solution 1:  
Disaster preparedness**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify potential disasters and their trends   |  |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Facilitate the preparation of contingency plans to mitigate the impacts of identified disasters |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above, local communities and meteorologists |
| Timeline   | 1 years  |
| Resources  | Funds and expertise  |
| Collaborators  | Government   |
| Measurable outcomes  | Contingency plan in place  |
| Obstacles  | Limited technology and lack of commitment  |

**Solution 2:  
Encourage micro-projects in the communities aimed at balancing the use of natural resources**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify potential micro-projects which are relevant to the local context                 |  |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Facilitate the implementation of the micro-projects                                       |  |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Assist local people to identify/access markets for the products from their micro-projects |  |
| Responsibility   | Same as the lead organisations outlined in Solution 1 Action 1 above and local communities |
| Timeline   | 3 years  |
| Resources  | Funds and expertise  |
| Collaborators  | Government and local leaders   |
| Measurable outcomes  | Having viable projects in place  |
| Obstacles  | Existent microfinance regulations and discouraging market prices for products              |

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP**

## **WORKING GROUP PARTICIPANTS**

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Organisation</b>       | <b>Country</b> |
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| Mzamilu Kaita   | Wildlife Division         | Tanzania       |

## **INTRODUCTION / SITUATION OVERVIEW**

1. Outdated wildlife laws (Problem Statement 2a below)  
Uganda, Wildlife Act 2000, many amendments in the pipeline, some old laws still exist which date back to the 1950s  
Tanzania, Wildlife Act 1974 has many amendments and a new wildlife act is in the government process now  
Kenya, Wildlife Act 1995, new wildlife Policy in preparation  
A common problem is that most legislation is non species specific in all countries
2. Identification of species, (body parts, DNA).  
Most law officers, custom officials, etc. cannot identify birds and therefore equate names on permits with birds in the hand.
3. Weak laws (Problem Statement 2b below)  
Uganda: poor deterrence, low fines (plus high inflation issues), low values attached to birds  
Kenya: low values attached to mammals, birds etc, low fines, inflation issues  
Tanzania: because we trade, Government attaches a higher value to mammals and birds. BUT the regulations are often circumvented
4. Low awareness of laws among public (Problem Statement 3a below)  
Ignorance of the law among the public
5. Low awareness of laws among law officers (police, customs, magistrates) (Problem Statement 3b below)  
Sufficient awareness for large mammals but poor for birds and cranes in particular.
6. Corruption (Problem Statement 4 below)  
Petty corruption at village, district level, higher levels among politicians, wildlife officers, airline staff, customs, fuelled by overseas demand. These USD (dollars) originate from traders in Europe and the USA.
7. No regional harmonisation of laws
8. Interpol (International Police)
9. Political interference (Problem Statement 5 below)
10. Interpretation of the law  
Some law enforcement officers at all levels do not see the value.
11. Porous borders  
Even if law enforcement was effective at all border points these would be easy to circumvent. It is quite easy to simply walk across all these borders.
12. Insufficient resources (Problem Statement 1 below)  
Few officers, poor funding, lack of equipment, training, poor infrastructure, etc.

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT 1**

**TRADE IN CRANES IS A LOW PRIORITY ISSUE AMONG AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS AND INSUFFICIENT RESOURCES ARE ALLOCATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT**

#### **Solution 1:**

**Increase resources to the level where the trade can be effectively policed**

The working group did not have any answers to this issue. Mr Kaita suggested an increase in existing budgets of 20% over 5 years but no figures were available for existing budgets or for the amounts required or what this would do to inflation. A suggestion was also made that incentives could be provided to existing staff, and could include, amongst others salary payment on time, housing, field equipment, transport, bonus, training, official support – many of which are lacking in most countries. It was agreed that it was beyond this group's expertise and also beyond the area of influence of the workshop participants.

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT 2**

**WILDLIFE LAWS ARE A LOW PRIORITY AMONG AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. UPDATING AND RATIONALISING THEM IS A SLOW EXPENSIVE PROCESS.**

#### **Solution 1:**

**Review existing laws**

##### *Action step:*

This requires a continent wide review of wildlife laws pertaining to birds in general and cranes in particular. We recommend that a consultant be employed for a "length of time" who would liaise with the relevant partners in each range state, identify current gaps and make recommendations for improvements specific to cranes and other large waterbirds.

This is to be a joint effort between the EWT and the ICF with the involvement of all in country partners. These partners are to be identified as a matter of priority - they already exists in most range states.

This would involve a 12 month project of \$150,000 from mid 2008 to mid 2009, with the following objectives:

1. To propose new laws
2. To create species specific regulations within the new laws
3. To create local (District, Village) by-laws specifically for sensitive crane sites

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT 3**

**BIRD TRADE IS A LOW PRIORITY AND LITTLE EFFORT IS MADE TO CREATE AWARENESS AMONG OFFICIALS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

#### **Solution 1:**

**Create awareness at national and local levels**

##### *Action step 1*

Design and produce a booklet in the 35 main languages, each to have a summary of national laws as well as information on the continental and national status of each crane species. In full colour this would cost less than \$0.50 per copy. Some countries would need 10,000 copies, others 5,000. These would be distributed to target groups, local villagers,

village leaders, local law enforcement officials and teachers within crane range and key national officials. This would also require translation from the four main continental languages into tribal languages. We need to consider including the Shoebill and Saddle-billed Storks.

Producing this booklet would go a long way to involving other stakeholders. The booklet could be summarised in a poster.

Other points to consider:

- A. Use existing NGOs, BirdLife Partners exist in most range states. Wetlands International has offices and some countries have wildlife clubs. Each country would have different requirements to create awareness.
- B. A newspaper campaign to introduce the issue, the booklet and poster.
- C. A song competition (use examples from West Africa, Mali).
- D. A play / dance who could we work with on this, but this needs greater clarification and investigation

*Action step 2*

Bring more stakeholders on board.

#### **PROBLEM STATEMENT 4 CORRUPTION IS A FACT OF LIFE THROUGHOUT AFRICA, AFFECTING ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY**

Any actions are beyond the scope of this workshop, but the following solutions were suggested.

##### **Solution 1:**

**Increase salaries of all law enforcement personnel to allow them and their families to live without stealing**

##### **Solution 2:**

**Strengthen anti-corruption departments**

##### **Solution 3:**

**Create awareness of this problem with respect to crane trade**

##### **Solution 4:**

**Have corruption issues included in the national curriculum to improve morality**

#### **PROBLEM STATEMENT 5 DESPITE EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS DIRECT POLITICAL INTERFERENCE CREATES PROBLEMS**

Any actions are beyond the scope of this workshop, but the following solutions were suggested

**Solution 1:  
Strengthen democracy among the range states**

**Solution 2:  
Sensitise the general public**

**IN SUMMARY**

This working group was given an “impossible task”, law enforcement in Africa faces enormous challenges, all of them on a level well above anything this or any other wildlife specialist interest group can effectively address.

While it is relatively easy to identify the problems it is far from easy to even begin to address them. We therefore chose not to concentrate on the “impossible” issues, rather to focus on where we thought we might actually achieve something.

The “impossible” issues were grouped into 3 headings.

1. Lack of resources, both human and financial. What is required to effectively police the international trade is far more than any financial benefits that may accrue from such trade and therefore totally unattainable given the current constraints faced by most, if not all, African countries.
2. Corruption at the local and national level is so ingrained and is such a problem for all Africans that it is well beyond the scope of this meeting.
3. Political interference in legal issues is a major constraint to development and democracy throughout Africa. This is well beyond our mandate.

This left us with only two subjects that we felt competent to address and where we felt we might actually achieve a measurable action that would benefit cranes.

1. **A review of the wildlife laws throughout the range states with a view to having birds in general and cranes in particular given specific status as merited by their current and projected future status.**

We envisaged that this requires a full time consultant based out of the EWT who would collect and collate all range state wildlife laws using in-country partners such as those used by Wetlands International as well as the numerous Government agencies that the ICF and the EWT are already working with. Identifying these partners is a necessary first step. In discussion we felt that this is achievable within a 12 month time frame beginning mid 2008.

As the review progresses it is essential that recommendations are made to each range state Government that all cranes are specifically mentioned by name, that their current status is recognised and that suitable penalties are introduced as incentives not to harm them.

Ideally this would go beyond this to actually encourage people to protect them but this might not be workable in a legal document. It is recognised that the regulations and by-laws within any Act would become the working documents and the wording of these is most important.

The measurable outcome of this review would be twofold. The review itself would be circulated to all partners for comment and feedback. The recommendations from this feedback would be incorporated into advice given to Government and circulated as widely as possible.

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify potential micro-projects which are relevant to the local context |  |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Facilitate the implementation of the micro-projects                       |  |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Extensive review of wildlife laws   |  |
| Responsibility   | ICF/EWT  |
| Timeline   | 12 months : mid 2008 – mid 2009  |
| Resources  | \$150,000  |
| Collaborators  | Wetland International, Other NGOs, Governments, UN agencies, BirdLife partners   |
| Measurable outcomes  | 1. Published review circulated to all members.<br>2. Feedback from members also published.<br>3. National laws include greater protection to cranes. |
| Obstacles  | 1. funding<br>2. consultant<br>3. government collaboration   |

**2. Bird trade is a low priority and little effort is made to create awareness among officials and the general public.**

The production of a A5, 15 page booklet costing less than \$0.50 would go a long way to creating awareness at local and national levels. Easily translatable into the 30+ languages within the range states. With information on, laws, international and national status, life histories, tribal stories, etc. Such a booklet could also include other flagship waterbirds such as Shoebill and Saddle-billed Stork. 22 countries, 10,000 copies per country.

Distribution is an issue, postage within Africa is no longer cheap. However, we feel that the multitude of NGOs provide the vehicle for free and relatively easy distribution at all levels. When these booklets are available a media campaign will be launched in each range state by members of the crane forum. Posters will be produced for permanent display at police stations, immigration offices, village centres near crane habitat and other suitable locations.

Specifically for West Africa a song will be written and attempts will be made to translate this for a wider audience throughout the range states.

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| <b>Action 1: Production of booklets and posters</b> |  |
| Responsibility                                      | ICF/EWT  |
| Timeline  | 24 months mid 2008-2010<br>again in year 5 !!  |
| Resources   | \$300,000  |
| Collaborators                                       | Wetland International contacts, Other NGOs, Governments, UN agencies, BirdLife partners.                                     |
| Measurable outcomes                                 | Publication and distribution of 200,000 booklet backed by media campaigns. Ultimately less trade and a population increase.. |
| Obstacles   | 1. funding<br>2. 35 languages<br>3. 22 (?) Countries<br>4. collaboration<br>5. distribution                                  |

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| <b>Action 2: Media campaign</b> |                                  |
| Responsibility                  | Crane Forum members              |
| Timeline                        | on going from mid 08 to end 2012 |

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| Resources           | \$22,000 (\$1,000 per range state)  |
| Collaborators       | Wetland International contacts, Other NGOs, Governments, UN agencies, BirdLife partners.. |
| Measurable outcomes | Newspaper articles, radio programs, TV interviews.  |
| Obstacles           | 1. funding<br>2. local expertise  |

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| <b>Action 3 : Create a song</b> |                                |
| Responsibility                  | Wetlands International - Mali  |
| Timeline                        | Next 6 months                  |
| Resources                       | \$1,000                        |
| Collaborators                   | Crane forum members            |
| Measurable outcomes             | Crane forum members            |
| Obstacles                       | Translation in other languages |

## **CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH PROJECTS/RESPONSES** **WORKING GROUP**

### **WORKING GROUP PARTICIPANTS**

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Organisation</b>                           | <b>Country</b> |
|------------------|---|----------------|
| Nathan Gichuki   | University of Nairobi                         | Kenya          |
| Jim Harris       | International Crane Foundation                | USA            |
| Aron Kecha       | National Museums of Kenya                     | Kenya          |
| Shiwua Manu      | AP Leventis Institute                         | Nigeria        |
| Angela Mwakatobe | Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) | Tanzania       |
| Oliver Nasirwa   | Wetlands International                        | Kenya          |
| Paul Nding'ang'a | BirdLife Africa Secretariat                   | Kenya          |
| Griffins Ochieng | National Museums of Kenya                     | Kenya          |

### **INTRODUCTION / SITUATION OVERVIEW**

This group focused on problems and solutions from the point of view of research and the activities of the conservation organisations responding to the issues of trade in cranes. The group consisted of active researchers and practising conservationists from a variety of public and private institutions located in Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and the United States.

Most of the discussion concerned information needs, and ways to address access, gathering, and analysis of the variety of data needed, and priorities for filling gaps. The group explicitly considered how to involve communities in the design and implementation of research and conservation projects, and outlined a process for developing a comprehensive awareness and education programme for diverse audiences. The group also considered it a priority to expand networks and partnerships so that more expertise and resources could participate in solutions. One very specific challenge received attention: how to make cranes and wetlands of such significance as a community-wide resource, that the community itself would police the actions of a few individuals who have in the past benefited from crane trade and in some cases have had substantial negative impacts.

Our solutions tended to focus on processes needed to address each problem, and continuous monitoring and evaluation of results so that research and conservation projects could be improved and best practices replicated.

This summary begins with the first small group session.

We lack information on status and trends for cranes in East Africa (including Sudan); we have better information for West Africa.

We brainstormed and identified issues relevant to our topic, then consolidated 28 items into the following list of common issues:

1. Lack of public awareness and education
2. Lack of information, or access to that information from communities and other key stakeholders
3. Lack of information on trade
4. Lack of research data on the birds
5. Lack of coordination on research and conservation action
6. Lack of funds for research and conservation
7. Small number of people cause severe impact (collectors, traders)

Next we worked on problem statements.(in order of priority)

1. There is insufficient information about the biology and ecology of the cranes, including their breeding success, population trends, habitat requirements and status, and distribution. We especially lack information on Grey Crowned Cranes in East Africa, and cranes in Sudan and Ethiopia.
2. There is lack of awareness and education amongst the communities, law enforcers, crane traders, and general public on the impact of crane trade.
3. Inadequate and fragmented research and conservation efforts hamper effective response to crane trade
4. There is inadequate or limited access to information about and attitudes and needs of communities and other stakeholders involved in crane trade.
5. There is lack or limited access to information about the trade in cranes and crane products, including method for capture, market chain, numbers of birds involved, mortality, prices, and destination. **(THIS WAS LOOKED AT BY THE FOURTH WORKING GOUP LOOKING AT DEMAND)**
6. Small numbers of people involved in crane trade cause severe impacts.
7. Lack of appropriate partners hampers research and effective conservation response to crane trade.

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT 1**

**THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY OF THE CRANES, INCLUDING THEIR BREEDING SUCCESS, POPULATION TRENDS, HABITAT REQUIREMENTS AND STATUS, AND DISTRIBUTION. WE ESPECIALLY LACK INFORMATION ON GREY CROWNED CRANES IN EAST AFRICA, AND CRANES IN SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA.**

1. Comprehensive literature review (formal and informal sources).  
Establish a team of 2-3 people to undertake a desk study for each African crane species. The team should prepare a status report based on available information and a list of bibliography and circulate it among the stakeholders. (Two months).
2. Identification of gaps and knowledge in the information and in conservation measures. Based on the reports, the team should identify the gaps and knowledge on conservation measures, Gather comments and revise the report. (One month).
3. Collect data/information to fill gaps. A similar team should design and develop a plan for data collection, to fill the identified gaps for the sake of monitoring and mapping. This should be achieved in three months.
4. Initiate a network of relevant organisations/individuals in East Africa, Ethiopia and Sudan.

### **Solution 1:**

#### **Collect data/information to fill gaps**

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| <b>Action 1: Develop a plan for data collection, monitoring and mapping</b> |   |
| Short term goal   | Grey Crowned Cranes (East Africa, Sudan), Black Crowned Cranes (Sudan, Ethiopia, West Africa, Wattled Cranes (Tanzania and Ethiopia)  |
| Long term goal  | All species and all range states  |
| Responsibility  | Short-term – WC Kerryn and Kaita (ICF/EWT and Tanzania Wildlife Division); GCC – Nathan and Kerryn (University of Nairobi and ICF/EWT)<br>BCC – Manu and Bakary (APLORI and WI)<br>Long-term - Kerryn and Jim (EWT and ICF) |
| Timeline  | 1 – 3 months  |

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| Resources           | Personnel time, communications costs, office consumables   |
| Collaborators       | Nigerian Conservation Foundation, WCST, TAWIRI, TANAPA, Nigeria Ministry of Environment and National Parks, Kenya Wildlife Service, Nature Kenya, EAWLS, UDSM, Sudanese Wildlife Society, other NGOs, Crane Working Group of Germany, IUCN, BirdLife International, Crane Specialist Group (SSC) |
| Measurable outcomes | Three short-term and one long-term plans   |
| Obstacles           | Resource persons are isolated geographically and busy<br>Communication challenges in region<br>Non-cooperation from some quarters  |

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| <b>Action 2: Implement data collection plan</b> |  |
| Responsibility                                  | Same as Solution 1 Action 1  |
| Timeline  | Short-term: 12 months<br>Long-term: 3 years  |
| Resources                                       | Field transport, equipment, personnel, communication   |
| Collaborators                                   | BirdLife partners, relevant government institutions, ICF, WI, EWT etc.   |
| Measurable outcomes                             | Population status reports<br>Re-assessment of IUCN Red list status<br>Information available for CITES assessment |
| Obstacles                                       | Limited funding<br>Insecurity and inaccessibility of crane sites   |

## **Solution 2:**

### **Initiate a network of relevant organizations/individuals in East Africa, Ethiopia, and Sudan**

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| <b>Action 1: Identify the relevant organisations / individuals</b> |  |
| Responsibility   | Kerryn and Nathan (ICF/EWT, University of Nairobi)       |
| Timeline   | 1 month  |
| Resources  | Communication costs, personnel costs                     |
| Collaborators  | IUCN SSC, BirdLife International, Wetlands International |
| Measurable outcomes  | Comprehensive inventory of contacts                      |
| Obstacles  | Inaccessibility of some of those contacts                |

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| <b>Action 2: Establish an email list-serve and invite all contacts</b> |  |
| Responsibility   | Kerryn (ICF/EWT)   |
| Timeline   | 1 month  |
| Resources  | Communication and personnel costs  |
| Collaborators  | All contact persons and organisations  |
| Measurable outcomes  | An operational list-serve  |
| Obstacles  | Communication challenges<br>Email communication problems (wrong addresses, etc.) |

## **Solutions 3 and 4:**

### **Comprehensive literature review (formal and informal sources). Identification of gaps in knowledge and in conservation measures**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Establish a team of 3-5 people per species to undertake desk study and assemble literature and other available information |   |
| Responsibility  | Kerryn (ICF/EWT) and team members   |
| Timeline  | 3 months total (for steps 1-3)  |
| Resources   | Personnel time, communication costs, office overhead  |
| Collaborators   | ICF, IUCN SSC, BirdLife International, Wetlands International, Crane Working Group of Germany |
| Measurable outcomes   | Status report   |
| Obstacles   | Resource persons isolated<br>Communications challenges<br>Reduced cooperation                 |

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| <b>Action 2:</b> Identify gaps |   |
| Responsibility                 | Team  |
| Timeline                       | 3 months total for steps 1-3  |
| Resources                      | Personnel time, communication costs, office overhead  |
| Collaborators                  | ICF, IUCN SSC, BirdLife International, Wetlands International, Crane Working Group of Germany |
| Measurable outcomes            | Status report   |
| Obstacles                      | Resource persons isolated<br>Communications challenges<br>Reduced cooperation                 |

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| <b>Action 3:</b> Provide feedback to solution 1 |   |
| Responsibility                                  | Kerryn (ICF/EWT) and team members   |
| Timeline  | 3 months total for steps 1-3  |
| Resources                                       | Personnel time, communication costs, office overhead  |
| Collaborators                                   | ICF, IUCN SSC, BirdLife International, Wetlands International, Crane Working Group of Germany |
| Measurable outcomes                             | Status report   |
| Obstacles                                       | Resource persons isolated<br>Communications challenges<br>Reduced cooperation                 |

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT 2**

**THERE IS LACK OF AWARENESS AND EDUCATION AMONGST THE COMMUNITIES, LAW ENFORCERS, CRANE TRADERS, AND GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE IMPACT OF CRANE TRADE.**

1. Develop appropriate awareness and education programme for the targeting communities, bird keepers, traders and the general public on cranes, crane trade and impacts of crane trade.
2. Design appropriate implementation strategies for the different audiences.
3. Implement the strategies.
4. Monitor and evaluate the progress of the programmes.

### **Solution 1:**

**Develop appropriate awareness education programme**

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| <b>Action 1: Identify lead / local organisation and partners in range states</b> |   |
| Responsibility   | Kerryn and Jim (EWT and ICF)  |
| Timeline   | Month   |
| Resources  | Personnel time, office overheads, communication and travel costs                  |
| Collaborators  | Government agencies, community groups, NGOs, media partners                       |
| Measurable outcomes  | Awareness and education program, awareness and education materials, target groups |
| Obstacles  | Power failures (electricity), lack of cooperation, insecurity                     |

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| <b>Action 2: Identify target groups (e.g. communities, traders law enforcers, etc.)</b> |   |
| Responsibility  | Lead organizations identified in step 1   |
| Timeline  | 3-6 months for steps 2-4  |
| Resources   | Personnel time, office overheads, communication and travel costs                    |
| Collaborators   | Government agencies, community groups, NGOs, media partners                         |
| Measurable outcomes   | Awareness and education programme, awareness and education materials, target groups |
| Obstacles   | Power failures (electricity), lack of cooperation, insecurity                       |

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| <b>Action 3: Identify the awareness and education needs for respective target groups</b> |   |
| <b>Action 4: Design an awareness and education programme for each target group</b>       |   |
| Responsibility   | Lead organizations identified in step 1   |
| Timeline   | 3-6 months for steps 2-4  |
| Resources  | Personnel time, office overheads, communication and travel costs                    |
| Collaborators  | Government agencies, community groups, NGOs, media partners                         |
| Measurable outcomes  | Awareness and education programme, awareness and education materials, target groups |
| Obstacles  | Power failures (electricity), lack of cooperation, insecurity                       |

## **Solution 2:**

### **Design implementation strategy for awareness and education programme**

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| <b>Action 1: Identify location and characteristics of each target group</b>   |  |
| <b>Action 2: Identify most effective means of delivery of programme (media), e.g., brochures, posters, radio, television, barazas, websites</b> |  |
| <b>Action 3: Implement actions 1 and 2</b>  |  |
| <b>Action 4: Monitor and evaluate awareness and education programme</b>   |  |
| Responsibility  | Lead organization and partners   |
| Timeline  | 3 years and continuous after initiation of project                                     |
| Resources   | Personnel time, printing cost, office overhead, consultants, travel costs              |
| Collaborators   | Media companies, CBOs, NGOs, government agencies, zoos, and bird keepers, corporations |
| Measurable outcomes   | Documentaries, media releases, awareness materials (e.g.,                              |

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|           | posters, brochures)<br>Action 4: Evaluation report         |
| Obstacles | Attitudes of target groups, inaccessibility of some places |

**PROBLEM STATEMENT 3**  
**INADEQUATE AND FRAGMENTED RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS HAMPERS EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO CRANE TRADE**

1. Establishing a network and a coordination team of crane researchers and conservation bodies.
2. Establish an information sharing mechanism among African crane range states and international partners, focused at stopping crane trade.
3. Disseminate workshop outputs.
4. Establish a database on African cranes.

**Solution 1:**  
**Establish a Network and Coordination Team of Crane Researchers and Conservationists.**

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| <b>Action 1: Identify crane researchers and conservationists</b> |  |
| Responsibility   | EWT, ICF, BirdLife International   |
| Timeline   | 1-3 months   |
| Resources  | Personnel time, communication costs, office overheads                                    |
| Collaborators  | Crane researchers and conservationists, research institutions, conservation institutions |
| Measurable outcomes  | Operational network  |
| Obstacles  | Technological challenges   |

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| <b>Action 2: Establish a network of researchers and conservationists</b> |  |
| Responsibility   | Lead organisations   |
| Timeline   | 3 - 6 months   |
| Resources  | Communication costs, personnel time and office overheads                                 |
| Collaborators  | Crane researchers and conservationists, research institutions, conservation institutions |
| Measurable outcomes  | Operational network  |
| Obstacles  | Technological challenges   |

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| <b>Action 3: identify an enthusiastic coordinator / moderator of the network</b> |  |
| Responsibility   | Lead organisations   |
| Timeline   | 1-3 months   |
| Resources  | Personnel time, communication costs, office overheads                                    |
| Collaborators  | Crane researchers and conservationists, research institutions, conservation institutions |
| Measurable outcomes  | Operational network  |
| Obstacles  | Technological challenges   |

**Solution 2:****Establish an information sharing mechanism within African range states and international partners**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify potential consumers of information in range states e.g. CITES focal points, CMS, Ramsar focal points, conservation agencies, lobby groups etc |  |
| Responsibility  | EWT, ICF and BirdLife International  |
| Timeline  | 1 – 2 months   |
| Resources   | Personnel time, communication costs, office overheads                                    |
| Collaborators   | Crane researchers and conservationists, research institutions, conservation institutions |
| Measurable outcomes   | Operational information sharing mechanism  |
| Obstacles   | Technological challenges, government bureaucracy   |

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| <b>Action 2:</b> Identify an effective mechanism for sharing information to reach all focal points for network member |  |
| Responsibility  | Lead organisations   |
| Timeline  | 1 months   |
| Resources   |  |
| Collaborators   | Crane researchers and conservationists, research institutions, conservation institutions |
| Measurable outcomes   | Operational information sharing mechanism  |
| Obstacles   | Technological challenges, government bureaucracy   |

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| <b>Action 3:</b> Implementation of the information sharing mechanism |  |
| Responsibility   | Lead organisations   |
| Timeline   | 3-6 months   |
| Resources  |  |
| Collaborators  | Crane researchers and conservationists, research institutions, conservation institutions |
| Measurable outcomes  | Operational information sharing mechanism  |
| Obstacles  | Technological challenges, government bureaucracy   |

**Solution 3:****Establish database of African crane information**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Collate existing crane data information |   |
| Responsibility   | EWT, ICF, WI  |
| Timeline   | 8 months  |
| Resources  | Consultants, equipment (IT), office overheads, and communication costs  |
| Collaborators  | Zoos, bird keepers and crane researchers and conservationists, research institutions, conservation institutions |
| Measurable outcomes                                      | Functional database   |
| Obstacles  | Technological challenges, lack of cooperation from contributors   |

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| <b>Action 2 :</b> Design database and input information / data |              |
| Responsibility   | EWT, ICF, WI |
| Timeline   | 6 months     |

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| Resources           | Consultants, equipment (I.T), office overheads, and communication costs   |
| Collaborators       | Zoos, bird keepers and crane researchers and conservationists, research institutions, conservation institutions |
| Measurable outcomes | Functional database   |
| Obstacles           | Technological challenges, lack of cooperation from contributors   |

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| <b>Action 3 : Create awareness among stakeholders about the database</b> |   |
| Responsibility   | EWT, ICF, WI  |
| Timeline   | 3 months  |
| Resources  | Consultants, equipment (I.T), office overheads, and communication costs   |
| Collaborators  | Zoos, bird keepers and crane researchers and conservationists, research institutions, conservation institutions |
| Measurable outcomes  | Functional database   |
| Obstacles  | Technological challenges, lack of cooperation from contributors   |

**PROBLEM STATEMENT 4:  
THERE IS INADEQUATE OR LIMITED ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT AND ATTITUDES AND NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN CRANE TRADE**

1. Involve communities in research activities.
2. Involve communities in formulation of awareness and education programmes and in their implementation.
3. Establish information sharing mechanism between communities, researchers and conservationists.

**Solution 1:  
Involve communities in research and conservation programmes**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identification of entry points in the community<br><b>Action 2:</b> Inform community leaders about your research/conservation programme<br><b>Action 3:</b> Involve community members in design of research or conservation activity as appropriate<br><b>Action 4:</b> Provide on-the-job training for field assistants |   |
| Responsibility  | Researchers, conservationists, NGOs, CBOs, and local authorities                                      |
| Timeline  | Continuous  |
| Resources   | Personnel time, transport and logistics   |
| Collaborators   | ICF, EWT, community representatives, BirdLife partners  |
| Measurable outcomes   | Community attitudes, as measured under Problem 2.   |
| Obstacles   | Language barrier, culture differences, hostility/unfriendly communities, politics, and research egos. |

**Solution 2:  
Establish information sharing mechanism among researchers, conservationists and communities.**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Develop simplified reports targeting communities  |  |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Hold regular meetings to update community members about research/conservation                           |  |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Encourage field assistants in Solution 1 to disseminate information about research project              |  |
| <b>Action 4:</b> Provide information to teachers and schools, and other media like barazas (village meetings) and groups |  |
| Responsibility   | Researchers, conservationists, NGOs, CBOs, and local authorities   |
| Timeline   | Continuous   |
| Resources  | Personnel time, transport and logistics, design and printing costs   |
| Collaborators  | ICF, EWT, community representatives, BirdLife partners   |
| Measurable outcomes  | Information disseminated through simplified reports  |
| Obstacles  | Community time limited, school curriculum do not allow for additional instruction, lack of interest and commitment |

### PROBLEM STATEMENT 5

**THERE IS LACK OR LIMITED ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRADE IN CRANES AND CRANE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING METHOD FOR CAPTURE, MARKET CHAIN, NUMBERS OF BIRDS INVOLVED, MORTALITY, PRICES, AND DESTINATION. (THIS PROBLEM STATEMENT WAS TACKLED BY THE GOUP LOOKING AT DEMAND)**

### PROBLEM STATEMENT 6

**ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN THE CRANE TRADE**

1. Promote community responsibility in the conservation of the African crane.
2. Lobby and advocate for change of policies to encourage common ownership of resources and equitable sharing of benefits from crane conservation.
3. Establish one or two pilot projects by creating community-wide incentives for safeguarding cranes.

### Solution 1:

**Promote community responsibility in the conservation of the African crane**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify income generating projects (IGPs) that will instil sense of community responsibility for cranes and wetlands. |   |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Implement IGPs   |   |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Evaluate the pilot IGP projects and disseminate results and best practices.  |   |
| Responsibility  | EWT/ICF to identify lead organization within country, to implement projects   |
| Timeline  | Step 1 (3 months), step 2 (2-3 years), step 3 (1 year)  |
| Resources   | Personnel time, travel costs, office overhead; for step 2, depends on IGP   |
| Collaborators   | Governments in countries, conservation agencies, donor agencies, micro-finance agencies   |
| Measurable outcomes   | Operational IGPs, improved livelihoods, better appreciation for cranes, and increased crane population; reduced trade, evaluation reports |
| Obstacles   | Limited finances for IGPs; limited donor agencies, time limited   |

**Solution 2:**

**Lobby and advocate for change of policies to encourage common ownership of resources and equitable sharing of benefits from crane conservation**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify policies that may need review       |   |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Propose the review and the changes necessary |   |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Lobby for policy change and adoption         |   |
| Responsibility  | Lead organization (consultant) (and partners for step 3)  |
| Timeline  | step 1 (4 months), step 2 (6 months), step 3 (1 year or longer)   |
| Resources   | Consultancy costs, personnel time, communications (petitions and memoranda), logistical costs (meetings and consultancies)  |
| Collaborators   | IUCN, government agencies, line ministries, CBOs  |
| Measurable outcomes   | Policies that favour conservation of cranes, community participation, equitable sharing of benefits from cranes/wetlands conservation, policies that discourage trade in cranes |
| Obstacles   | Government bureaucracy, lack of cooperation, lack of money, opposing interest groups  |

**Solution 3:**

**Establish one or two pilot projects by creating community-wide incentives for safeguarding cranes.**

Covered by Solution 1.

Examples of IGPs: ecotourism, micro-credit in Mali and Uganda

**PROBLEM STATEMENT 7**

**LACK OF APPROPRIATE PARTNERS HAMPERS RESEARCH AND EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION RESPONSE TO CRANE TRADE**

1. Identify potential partners in crane conservation, both local and international.
2. Establish partnerships with appropriate local and international partners.
3. Promotion of crane conservation within the multilateral environmental agreements (MEA's).

**Solution 1:**

**Identify potential partners in crane conservation, both local and international, that are needed to achieve our crane conservation objectives.**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify potential partners                     |   |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Establish contact with the partners             |   |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Establish partnerships with these organizations |   |
| <b>Action 4:</b> Establish network with the partnership          |   |
| Responsibility   | EWT, ICF, BirdLife International, Wetlands International                  |
| Timeline   | step 1 (1 month), step 2 (2 months), step 3 (2 months), step 4 (3 months) |
| Resources  | Personnel time, communication costs, overhead                             |
| Collaborators  | Conservation organizations, NGOs, line agencies                           |
| Measurable outcomes  | Contact lists, list serve for partnerships                                |

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| Obstacles | Lack of cooperation from some potential partners |
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**Solution 2:**

**Promotion of crane conservation within the multilateral environmental agreements (MEA's)**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify MEAs  |  |
| <b>Action 2:</b> Prepare information crane trade related issues   |  |
| <b>Action 3:</b> Disseminate information developed in Action 2 of this solution to MEAs identified in Action 1 in this solution |  |
| Responsibility  | EWT, ICF   |
| Timeline  | step 1 (1 month), step 2 (3-6 months), step 3 (1 months from 2, continuous thereafter) |
| Resources   | Personnel time, communication cost, overheads, travel cost                             |
| Collaborators   | Country focal points for the MEAs, secretariats for the MEAs                           |
| Measurable outcomes   | List of relevant MEAs, list of focal points, crane trade related documents and reports |
| Obstacles   | Lack of cooperation from some MEAs focal points and secretariats                       |

**Developing Strategies and Action Plans**

**Discussion of Red List Classification**

Provide information to BirdLife International to review Red List status of Black Crowned and Grey Crowned Cranes. They are currently listed as Near Threatened (Black Crowned Crane) and Least Concern (Grey Crowned Crane), and probably should be adjusted to at least Vulnerable.

Bakary Kone will inquire among colleagues in West African countries about current information on Black Crowned Cranes. Shiiwua Manu will go to northern Nigeria to look for Black Crowned Cranes. Kerryon will work with Nathan Gichuki on this.

# **INTERNATIONAL DEMAND WORKING GROUP**

## **WORKING GROUP PARTICIPANTS**

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|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
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## **INTRODUCTION / SITUATION OVERVIEW**

There is a demand for African cranes which appears to be unsustainable. Cranes are traded both legally and illegally and the nature of this trade is not fully understood. Exactly where the cranes are traded to and for what purpose requires greater clarification. There is a general lack of awareness of the true status of African cranes in the wild and the impact of the trade on their populations, however all four species are known to be in decline. There are large numbers of African cranes held in captivity around the world however most are non-breeding, poorly managed and unable to meet captive demands.

The following issues were outlined and grouped during the brainstorming session to identify issues around demand:

### *Issue 1:*

Private sector needs

Zoos

Entertainment Parks

Derivatives / parts

Domestication (not local community)

Research samples

Hunting / falconry

Changing trends / facts

Financial gain

“stamp book” collections – all species

Decoration

Lack of information on demand

Differences in use / demand (private collections, zoos, middle east)

New founder birds for managed breeding programmes

Lack of information on wild status (possibly addressed by research group also but dealt with on perhaps how to get information out there to zoos)

### *Issue 2:*

Avian diseases

Lack of captive breeding

Non sustainable captive population

Lack of nutritional knowledge

Inappropriate housing

Inappropriate housing mixed species

Lack of information on wild status (possibly addressed by research group also but dealt with on perhaps how to get information out there to zoos)

Lack of inter-regional communication

Mixing taxa/interbreeding

Lack of husbandry knowledge / experience

Lack of exchange / cooperation between collections of different types  
New founder birds for managed breeding programmes

*Issue 3:*

Avian diseases  
Changing trades methods  
Loopholes in policy / legislation  
Changing trade routes  
Illegal trade routes  
Dealers / brokers  
Poor transport conditions  
Mortality in transit  
Lack of awareness of cranes trade and sources and collections  
Lack of information on wild status (possibly addressed by research group also but dealt with on perhaps how to get information out there to zoos)

*Issue 4*

Lack of willingness to tackle problems  
CITES Status (PARKED for group discussion)  
Vortex modelling on future trends  
Poor legal awareness  
Lack of awareness of cranes trade and sources and collections  
Loopholes in policy / legislation

**PROBLEM STATEMENT 1**

**THERE IS A HIGH DEMAND FOR AFRICAN CRANES. THE EXTENT AND FACTORS DRIVING THIS ARE NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD.**

**Solution 1:**

**Determine current numbers and values of live cranes in each user sectors**

*List of potential sectors using cranes*

Zoos belonging to national and regional associations  
Non-affiliated zoos  
Private collectors  
Entertainment parks  
Dealers/traders  
Domesticators  
Others not yet identified

*Minimum goal*

Get number from ISIS and four regional zoo associations within six months of the report

*Maximum goal*

Extrapolated estimates on all user sectors

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| <b>Action 1: Access and summarise ISIS and Zoo Association data</b> |  |
| Responsibility  | Stephen van der Spuy, Fred Beall and Mike Jordan |
| Timeline  | 6 months from report                             |
| Outcome   | Outcome data forwarded to ACWAC                  |

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| <b>Action 2:</b> Obtain estimates of all other user sectors via a combination of questionnaires, interviews, and existing published data |   |
| Responsibility   | Stephen van der Spuy, Mike Jordan and Kerryn Morrison |
| Timeline   | 2 years from published report                         |
| Outcome  | Outcome data forwarded to ACWAC                       |

**Solution 2:**

**Find out if there is an international use of crane derivatives and if so determine extent of and use of thereof**

*Minimum goal*

Are crane derivatives being used

*Maximum goal*

Fully understand use and extent of use

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Collect existing data from groups / organisations working on cranes or traditional medicine |                              |
| Responsibility   | ICF / student                |
| Timeline   | 1 year from published report |
| Outcome  | Report                       |

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| <b>Action 2:</b> Literature review on the use of derivatives of cranes |                              |
| Responsibility   | ICF / student                |
| Timeline   | 1 year from published report |
| Outcome  | Report                       |

**Solution 3:**

**Determine extent, value, use, and origin of cranes in hunting/falconry industry in the Middle East**

*Minimum goal*

Survey individuals to find historical use data

*Maximum goal*

Know current use and future demand including origin of cranes

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Obtain estimates of the use of cranes for hunting by falconry in the Middle East |                                |
| Responsibility  | Mike Jordan                    |
| Timeline  | 1 year from published report   |
| Outcome   | Information forwarded to ACWAC |

**Solution 4:**

**Fully asses CITES data reveal legal recorded trade and changing trends within nine months of the report**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Carry out the analysis of the CITES data |                                |
| Responsibility  | Kerryn Morrison                |
| Timeline  | 9 months from published report |
| Outcome   | Report                         |

### **Solution 5:**

#### **Using current and historical data model the impact of potential future changes in crane trade on the wild populations (Vortex)**

*Minimum goal*

Use current data to model potential population trends (South Africa, Tanzania)

*Maximum goal*

Model population trends for all four species at subpopulations level within three years

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Workshop to model crane trade population data and potential future impacts |                               |
| Responsibility  | Kerryn Morrison               |
| Timeline  | 3 years from published report |
| Outcome   | Report                        |

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT 2**

#### **CAPTIVE POPULATIONS OF AFRICAN CRANES ARE CURRENTLY UNSUSTAINABLE**

### **Solution 1:**

#### **Promote crane health and husbandry techniques that encourage crane breeding and longevity**

*Minimum goal*

AZA, PAAZAB, EAZA as a minimum should be sharing crane husbandry standards

*Maximum goal*

All contactable crane holders should receive these health and husbandry standards

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Determine all availability and access to all existing crane husbandry and health guidelines |                                    |
| Responsibility   | Kerryn Morrison (Ann Burke at ICF) |
| Timeline   | 6 months from published report     |
| Outcome  | Web-based access to guideline      |

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| <b>Action 2:</b> Inform all crane holders of the availability of guideline and encourage their use |   |
| Responsibility   | Fred Beall, Mike Jordan, Stephen an der Spuy, Kerryn Morrison (cascade via existing networks) |
| Timeline   | 9 months from published report  |
| Outcome  | Information distributed   |

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| <b>Action 3:</b> Translation of key husbandry documents into appropriate languages for main crane holding nations |                                       |
| Responsibility  | ACWAC                                 |
| Timeline  | Commence 1 year from published report |
| Outcome   | Translated guidelines                 |

**Solution 2:****Assessment of existing studbooks to determine viability of the captive population under current management to inform future management of cranes***Minimum goal*

Assessment of Wattled and Blue Cranes to be completed by the end of 2008

*Maximum goal*

Full assessment of all studbooks by end of 2009

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Obtain and analyse current studbooks |                              |
| Responsibility  | Fred Beall, Mike Jordan      |
| Timeline  | 1 year from published report |
| Outcome   | Analyses published           |

**Solution 3:****Increase the level of regional and international management of population of African cranes***Minimum goal*

Level of management increased on two populations (AZA levels DERP (Display, Education, Research, Program) PMP (Population Management Plan), SSP (Species Survival Plan) EAZA PAAZAB

*Maximum goal*

All populations managed (Four African crane species)

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Petition regional zoo associations to increase the population management of African cranes |   |
| Responsibility  | Fred Beall, Mike Jordan, Stephen van der Spuy |
| Timeline  | 1 year from published report                  |
| Outcome   | Population management increased               |

**PROBLEM STATEMENT 3****THERE IS A LACK OF AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT OF TRADE IN AFRICAN CRANES ON THE WILD POPULATIONS****Solution 1:****Creating awareness and facilitating action amongst local and international NGO's to address the African crane trade crisis**

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Identify the key local and International NGO's of significance to the African crane trade crisis |                                |
| Responsibility  | ACWAC                          |
| Timeline  | 6 months from published report |
| Outcome   | Partners identified            |

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| <b>Action 2:</b> Provide information to encourage action by the partners to address the African Crane Trade crisis |       |
| Responsibility   | ACWAC |

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| Timeline | 9 months from published report                |
| Outcome  | Greater awareness and advocacy towards action |

### **Solution 2:**

**Provide accurate data on the wild population status of African cranes and the sources and nature of trade to:**

- Zoos
- Funding agencies/NGO's /IUCN, WWF, BirdLife
- Traders/Dealer
- General public
- Private collectors
- Domesticators
- Entertainment parks
- Others not yet identified
- Crane holder
- Researchers
- Media

*Minimum goal*

Electronically dissemination of updated information

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Collate and summarise up to date on the status and trade in African cranes |  |
| Responsibility  | ACWAC  |
| Timeline  | 1 year from published report                                     |
| Outcome   | Summary report   |
| Source  | CITES report (Problem statement 1 Solution 4 action 1), zoo data |

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| <b>Action 2:</b> Disseminate summary report to stakeholders |  |
| Responsibility  | ACWAC  |
| Timeline  | 1 year from published report                                     |
| Outcome   | Stakeholders contacted   |
| Source  | CITES report (Problem statement 1 Solution 4 action 1), zoo data |

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT 4**

**TRADE AND TRANSPORT; CHAINS, ROUTES AND LOOPHOLES USED ARE NOT UNDERSTOOD. MORTALITY IN TRADE AND TRANSIT IS UNKNOWN AND COULD INCREASE DEMAND.**

### **Solution 1:**

**Obtain information on transport condition methods and their impact on morbidity and mortality of cranes**

*Minimum goal*

Acquire official customs and quarantine data

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Request and collate data from official customs and quarantine premises |  |
| Responsibility  | ACWAC with ICF vet                       |
| Timeline  | 1 year from published report             |
| Outcome   | Morbidity and mortality rates determined |

**Solution 2:  
Identify and understand the trade routes and chains used in the international trade of African Cranes**

*Minimum goal*

Obtain information on current legal trade through CITES within nine months of workshop report.

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Carry out analysis of CITES data |                                |
| Responsibility                                    | Kerryn Morrison                |
| Timeline  | 9 months from published report |
| Outcome   | Report produced                |

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| <b>Action 2:</b> Obtain information on trade and transport via questionnaires interviews and existing published data |  |
| Responsibility   | Kerryn Morrison coordinated as a team effort   |
| Timeline   | Commencing after the workshop                  |
| Outcome  | Regular flow of information to Kerryn Morrison |

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| <b>Action 3:</b> Provide information regularly to relevant authorities |         |
| Responsibility   | ACWAC   |
| Timeline   | Ongoing |

**Solution 3:  
Review current legislation with a view to identify weaknesses and loopholes in the African crane trade legislation**

*Minimum goal*

Review the top three exporting countries

*Maximum goal*

Review all exporting countries

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| <b>Action 1:</b> Review the legislation affecting the crane trade in the top 10 importing and exporting countries |   |
| Responsibility  | Kerryn Morrison (with EWT's Law and Policy Working Group) |
| Timeline  | 2 years from published report                             |
| Outcome   | Report produced   |

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| <b>Action 2:</b> Disseminate recommendations to relevant authorities and partners PLUS action identified in CITES discussion in plenary |                               |
| Responsibility  | ACWAC                         |
| Timeline  | 3 years from published report |
| Outcome   | Report produced               |

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*Wattled Cranes (Günther Nowald)*

## **SECTION 4**

### **FINAL PLENARY : THE WAY FORWARD**

## **Final Plenary : The Way Forward**

A number of topics were discussed during the final plenary which had participation from all the workshop participants. A summary and conclusion of the discussion around each of the points discussed are outlined below.

### **CITES**

The discussion was based around the decision to promote an uplisting of at least crowned cranes to Appendix I from Appendix II or not. Kerryn outlined the reasons why this route had not been followed for the 2007 CITES Conference of Parties.

CITES is the only international regulatory body that can regulate international trade. Although Appendix I status makes it more difficult to trade or move birds, it is still possible for conservation or research purposes. The shift in demand from the western countries, where trade could not always be controlled, to the Middle and Far East, with even less control, was of grave concern. Although legal trade could be regulated under CITES in CITES signatory countries, such as China, the UAE and India, it was highlighted that a different approach would be needed in those countries that were not signatories to CITES, e.g. Saudi Arabia. CITES would not affect in-country trade for domestication and would not halt illegal trade. However, and very importantly, it would make cross border illegal trade more difficult due to the increased awareness and regulatory control around legal trade. It was also noted that a down listing to Appendix II at a later stage could be promoted if reasonable.

It was noted that uplisting to Appendix I was not always a viable option. The debate around the Arabian Oryx was given as an example and the fact that uplisting was not considered as it would probably have increased the demand and value of the species, and also due to the fact it was likely to increase the unmonitored illegal trade.

The need to work with airlines, such as Emirates and Qatar, which fly between Tanzania and the Middle East was stressed as an important action moving forward.

### *Process*

The process was outlined briefly and the need to start immediately was emphasised. It was agreed that a change in the IUCN threatened status to Vulnerable for both the Black and Grey Crowned Cranes, as it should be, would assist in the process. It was noted that data were required, even if only pertaining to population and trade trends. Participants emphasised the fact that proposals to CITES were stronger if proposed by African range states and hence the need to start promoting this immediately. The Tanzanian participants felt that Tanzania would support the proposal if reliable data were given. It was suggested that the profile of cranes needed to be raised within the range state government structures, and once again the uplisting to Vulnerable for Grey and Black Crowned Cranes would assist with this. Government buy-in was agreed as essential, although concerns around the time needed for this were expressed.

### *Conclusion*

Agreement was reached that an uplisting of at least Grey and Black Crowned Cranes to Appendix I and potentially Blue and Wattled Cranes too would be proposed and promoted for the CITES Conference of the Parties in 2009. The length of time required for this proposal was stressed and importance therefore to start immediately highlighted. A need for more people in the discussion was highlighted, and Kerryn agreed to set up a committee to take this forward. This process will run concurrently with a review of the IUCN Red Listing status of the cranes.

## **IUCN RED LISTING**

The participants highlighted that the current status of Near Threatened for the Black Crowned Crane and Least Concern status for the Grey Crowned Crane under the IUCN Red Data lists were inaccurate as both of these species had undergone serious declines over the past few decades. It was therefore agreed that these needed to be reviewed immediately, and if possible, under BirdLife's current threatened status review process currently underway. It was noted though that BirdLife did not separate or list separately, the sub-species. To address this issue, it was therefore emphasised that threatened status of the species in each country needs to be determined and communicated with government – even if no formal structures are in place to do this in any particular country. A suggestion that these in-country reviews be sent to the IUCN Crane Specialist Group for support was made. This would lend more weight to such reviews. Overall, it was agreed that both national and international processes needed to run concurrently.

### *Conclusion:*

It was agreed that the process to review the threatened status of Grey and Black Crowned Cranes should begin immediately. A forum of 5 – 6 people will coordinate the review and determine which listing to move for and to identify gaps which needed work. Neil Baker agreed to head up the forum and it was agreed that information will be placed on the BirdLife website for comment and public review as a start. A timeline of one year was given for the successful uplisting.

Neil agreed to send out an email to a list of potential participants and would see who responded. Those at the workshop or key people to be involved, included:

*Nature*Uganda (Jimmy Muheebwa), Regional (Oliver Nasirwa), Kenya (Nathan Gichuki) Nigeria (Manu Shiuwa), Tanzania – TAWIRI (Angela Mwakatobe), Mali (Bakary Kone), Tanzania - TANAPA – Tanzania National Parks (Lejora Inyasi), Wanjaro (Tanzania), Wetlands International have good links in Sudan (Tim Dodman), Oliver will follow up Sudan, Kerryn and Stephen for southern Africa, Manawisa / Brouwer in Niger, Chad – Commando, Paul Ndong'ang'a (BirdLife Africa Partnership).

## **WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS (IUCN)**

The IUCN holds a World Conservation Congress every four years, with the next one planned for Barcelona in 2008. The Congress provides a platform for membership to put forward motions or policy statements which could be incorporated into work plans. These are all entered on their website and hence are made publicly available. Motions need to be submitted to all members at least six months in advance after which they are then approved for discussion and voting at the congress, based on an IUCN filter prior to the Congress. Any member can draft a motion whether government or an NGO, but support is required by more than one member, and a collective motion is a lot stronger. However, government support for the motion is beneficial. If approved for discussion, an active advocacy campaign around the motion is required to gain support for it.

Two possible resolutions were proposed by the participants at the workshop:

1. The need to improve CITES data, access to data and reporting on CITES data, as well as to improve the governance structures within signatory countries.
2. Highlight the concern around trade in cranes.

It was agreed that Kerryn would draft these two motions as soon as possible and that Yolán would gather IUCN member support at least from Southern Africa. It would be good though to have international support as well. It was noted that these resolutions could assist with CITES uplisting and it will immediately highlight countries that support such a motion with whom we can work.

### **FORUM TO UPDATE PEOPLE ON PROGRESS BEING MADE**

Kerryn suggested that a forum be started that would be kept abreast of activities outlined in this report to ensure that mitigation measures were implemented. It was agreed that all of the participants at the workshop would be added to such a list serve.

### **ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY OF CASE STUDY REPORTS COMPLETED**

It was agreed that some of the information contained within the reports were sensitive, especially considering the localised areas covered (and lack of national perspective), short time frame and lack of ground truthing. However it was stressed that it was vital that the findings be made known to key stakeholders within the country. It was also highlighted that we needed to get the message out there and that stories were therefore needed, and that these should be weighed up against the impacts from both the public awareness and local community sides. There were certain countries though, e.g. Eric and Jimmy from Uganda, that felt that the report could be distributed as it was.

Kerryn agreed to develop a summary of the investigative studies now completed which would exclude any sensitive information and would be made available to the public and to the governments of each country concerned. She also agreed to ensure that the relevant government departments within each country would be given a copy of the in-country report and in future to ensure that the governments were informed of such studies from the start.

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## **SECTION 5**

## **APPENDICES**

## Appendix 1: Mitigation Planning Workshop Participant list

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## Appendix 2: Workshop programme

### SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER 2007

All day: Delegates arrive at the Hotel Boulevard  
19:00 – 21:00 DINNER

### MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2007

06:30 – 08:00 BREAKFAST

08:00 Leave for Naivasha from Hotel Boulevard, Nairobi  
11:00 – 12:00 Arrive in Naivasha and book in

12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH

13:00 – 13:15 Welcome by Ms Kerryn Morrison, Manager of African Cranes, Wetlands and Communities of the ICF/EWT Partnership

13:15 – 13:45 Opening address : Director : Kenya Wildlife Services

13:45 – 14:15 Background to the African Crane Trade Project (Kerryn Morrison)

14:15 – 14:45 TEA

14:45 – 18:00 Presentations

- South African case study  
(Samson Phakathi, EWT's Conservation Leadership Group)
- Uganda case study  
(Jimmy Muheebwa, Nature Uganda)
- Kenya case study  
(Zipporah Musyimi, University of Nairobi)
- Mali Case Study  
(Bakary Kone, Wetlands International)
- Nigerian Case Study  
(Dr Shiiwa Manu, A P Leventis Ornithological Research Institute Laminga)
- Tanzania case study / CITES data assessment / stud book assessment  
(Kerryn Morrison, ICF/EWT Partnership)

19:00 – 20:00 DINNER

### TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2007

07:00 – 08:00 BREAKFAST

08:00 – 08:30 Introduction to CBSG Southern Africa and the workshop process  
(Yolan Friedmann)

08:30 – 09:00 Formation of working groups and overview of Task 1 (Development of Problem Statements)

09:00 – 10:30 Working Group sessions

10:30 – 11:00 TEA

11:00 – 13:00 Plenary – First Working Group reports

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| 13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH  |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Plenary on overview of Task 2 (Development of Solutions) |
| 14:30 – 18:00 | Working Group sessions<br>TEA (self regulated)           |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | DINNER   |

### **WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2007**

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| 07:00 – 08:00 | BREAKFAST  |
| 08:00 – 09:30 | Plenary – Second Working Group reports                                     |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | Plenary on overview of Task 3 (Development of Strategies and Action Plans) |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | TEA  |
| 10:30 – 13:00 | Working Group sessions   |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | Working Group sessions   |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | TEA  |
| 16:00 – 18:00 | Plenary – Third Working Group reports                                      |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | DINNER   |

### **THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 2007**

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| 07:00 – 08:00 | BREAKFAST   |
| 08:00 – 10:00 | Workshop completion                                   |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | TEA   |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Workshop closure                                      |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Closing address : Director National Museums of Kenya  |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | LUNCH   |
| 13:00         | Bus leaves for Nairobi for those who need to get back |
| 13:00         | Outing leaves for National Park in the area           |

### Appendix 3: Participants goals and hopes

| I wish to accomplish  | I wish to contribute  |
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| Crane trade mitigation measures will be discussed and recorded and an action plan formulated.   | Knowledge about community's contribution to Grey Crowned Crane and wetland conservation in Uganda.  |
| The root cause of trade in the represented African countries where trade is carried out and mitigations found. Cranes are indicators of wetland quality and for this should be saved to continue serving this role for the common good of all and coming generations.   | Mitigation of crane trade in my country, Kenya, through community education will be achieved, as my contribution.   |
| A plan going forward which has identified key partners and action steps which are implementable. Shared plan with buy-in from partners.   | The information I have gathered over the past few years on cranes and trade.  |
| Coming up with an action plan on mitigation of crane trade in Africa and the world as a whole. An achievable work plan.   | Wish to contribute my ideas on how I feel the trade in cranes can be mitigated in Kenya, in particular, and how it can be replicated in the whole world. If the ideas I have given can also be applied to other parts of the world. |
| Workable strategies for African crane conservation. Implementable strategies for enhanced in-situ management of African cranes.   | Workable mitigation measures that will sustain African crane populations in situ.   |
| Stop trading in cranes. Effective laws on crane trade. Alternative sources of income to decrease need to cultivate in wetlands. Awareness and education   | Tell about our country's problems and potential relevant solutions to some specific problems about crane conservation in our country.   |
| I hope we will come out with a shared vision and a practical, effective action plan that will guide our actions and those of many others not here.  | Attentive listening and perspectives from crane conservation in other regions.  |
| <p>That the workshop acknowledges that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ African cranes are in terminal decline.</li> <li>▪ Trade is currently the most significant factor. Over population is the ultimate problem.</li> <li>▪ That all previous and ongoing efforts to control and monitor trade have failed.</li> <li>▪ That an international total ban is the only way to create a breathing space.</li> <li>▪ That unfortunately this can only be achieved through CITES.</li> </ul> | 25 years of working and writing about bird trade issues.  |
| People understanding each others views on crane trade issues so that a common goal and solutions can be reached to save cranes.   | Hope to contribute ideas and knowledge towards solving problems especially roles of captive community.  |
| Meet new people and share experiences. Come up with a plan to mitigate threats resulting from the impact of trade on African cranes.  | Contribute ecological information on African cranes.  |
| Create awareness of the problems related to crane population declines.  | Understanding of how captive population management might help global awareness.   |
| Get diverse ideas / way forward on how to   | Relevant ideas to address the problem at  |

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| achieve the vision. Get Crowned Crane birds back into the wild / natural habitat. Educate communities effectively to carry out conservation in the long term.   | hand :crane trade and its conservation.   |
| At the end of the workshop we will have an action plan for conserving African cranes. To come out with mitigation measures for identified threats.  | To share information which I have on African crane trade from my country.                   |
| Develop a workable strategy to halt the trade in cranes. Trade alone will not drive cranes to extinction.   | Ideas about how the crane trade can be reduced.   |
| Identification and actions which will ban crane trade. Clear ideas put into a project proposal for protecting cranes from trade.  | Bring expertise learned about crane trade in Mali and how to ban it.                        |
| To understand how the African crane trade functions and to prevent the extinction of African cranes through the trading of cranes. Ensure better management of captive cranes to ensure there is an assurance population. | Providing information regarding the functioning of zoos with regard to African crane trade. |