SUBJECT: New text proposal for the MD regarding bird species (see §20)

At the TWG 01/2, the WST/SAR proposed to include several bird species in §20 as being subject to declining populations (see Doc TWG 01/2/4c-8). The TWG 01/2 decided to discuss this proposal at the TWG 01/3 on the basis of recent data on population developments.

The following joint text proposal, which took into consideration the recent data on population developments, was compiled by the trilateral monitoring bird groups JMMB/JMBB in cooperation with WST/SAR:

XX) To express concern that some bird populations (e.g. Brent Goose, Eider Duck, Oystercatcher and Knot) have shown significant general decreases for a few years, and therefore to secure favorable food conditions in the future, especially for the shellfish-eating birds.

To underline that some breeding bird species such as Kentish Plover and Little Tern and some moulting bird species such as Shelduck and Common Scoter are particularly vulnerable during breeding and moulting, and therefore to undertake efforts to reduce the amount of disturbance at the sites used for these activities.

PROPOSAL: The meeting is invited to take note of and discuss the text proposal.