



Consultations on Collaboration to Address Biodiversity Considerations in CIF-funded Wind Projects

Draft Action Plan



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- 1. To collate, share and promote experience to-date in considering birds and bats issues when planning wind energy projects supported by the CIF, and if needed prepare additional guidance.**
- 2. To develop mapping tools to provide strategic and site-selection guidance on sensitive zones for migratory and resident birds (and bats?) to those developing CIF-financed projects.**
- 3. To collate, share and promote experience in the CIF Partnership on the design and operational best practice in avoiding bird and bat mortality and other biodiversity impacts.**
- 4. To develop tools for pre- and post-construction monitoring of wind energy projects, and apply these in CIF countries, to assess impacts on birds and other biodiversity.**
- 5. To support the development of in-country capacity for avoidance and mitigation of biodiversity concerns in wind energy development within government agencies, civil society and the private sector (developers, consultants etc.).**
- 6. To consult on and show-case the results of this collaboration at future CIF Partnership Meetings, and through other forums (such as wind energy conferences) as appropriate.**

Scoping missions

To support and advance the development and implementation of this action plan, initial scoping missions are proposed with the following aims:

- 1. To understand the potential risks to birds and bats from posed by CIF projects.**
- 2. To understand steps being taken to minimize and mitigate any risks in strategic and project level planning.**
- 3. To capture examples of good practice in planning and implementing projects in order to minimize and mitigate these risks, for sharing with the wider CIF partnership.**
- 4. To understand current levels of capacity and access to information for addressing these risks.**
- 5. To identify future ways in which the pilot countries can strengthen efforts to address biodiversity considerations in wind energy development.**

It is proposed that these scoping missions be undertaken between June and October 2012 (for Egypt, South Africa, and Ethiopia?) with reporting back at next CIF Partnership Meeting (Istanbul, Nov 2012).