

# MONTHLY REPORT

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know, Migratory birds travel at the same speeds we usually do while driving. These range from 15 to 55 miles per hour, depending on the species, prevailing winds, and air temperature. At these rates, migratory birds typically fly from 15 to 600 miles or more each day..



## Communications Task Force

The African Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA) in collaboration with BirdLife International Africa hosted a webinar on World Migratory Birds Day titled “Collaborating to Conserve Migratory Birds In Africa” on the 07th of May 2021. The webinar aimed to help Increase the understanding on migratory birds in Africa and population trends in the recent years, to shed light on challenges faced by birds as they move from one place to another, highlight existing policy instruments in ensuring cross-country collaboration in conserving migratory birds and also to highlight a few projects that organizations, communities and youth are implementing in Africa to conserve migratory birds.

This webinar attracted over 70 participants, and gave the audience an insight into threats facing migratory birds across Africa and some of the conservation work being done by BirdLife partners. The webinar also included a keynote address from Alex Ngari, BirdLife Africa’s Flyways Programme Manager, Dr Jacques Trouvilliez, Executive Secretary of the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), Evelyn Moloko, Coordinator of the AEWA African Initiative, Loiusah Kabbobah from Ghana Wildlife Society (BirdLife Partner), Paul Gacheru from Nature Kenya (BirdLife Partner) and closing remarks from Fred Kwame Kumah, ACBA.

You can watch the full webinar on our youtube page <https://youtu.be/u19TMTKLeNQ>

# CSO OF THE MONTH



## Resource Africa

Resource Africa was founded in 1991 in Zimbabwe. It has played a key role in promoting a people centred, rights based approach to conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources as a development strategy in southern Africa and internationally. We believe in a socially and environmentally just future that promotes sustainable, resilient livelihoods and enhanced opportunities for rural people, based upon recognition of and respect for their rights, to sustainably manage the natural resources on which their livelihoods depend. Our approach is based on respect for local cultures and traditions, is science based and demand led.

We collaborate with partners, primarily rural communities, and network of technical experts from diverse fields who inform our work and in Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, whose goals we support in collaboration with the Namibian Association of CBNRM Support Organisations (NACSO) and the Southern African Trust.

RA's main interventions are targeted at facilitating the opening up of space for dialogue with and input of local communities in their own voices in policy and decision making processes and platforms on their rights to sustainable use, environmental, social and economic justice and recognition of their knowledge and role in managing their resources, in order to influence policy. To achieve this, RA amplifies rural voices through sharing knowledge, identifying opportunities for policy influence, and linking communities with broader networks, social movements, government agencies, NGOs and technical experts who can provide additional support, evidence, and insights. In doing so, we ensure that resource management concerns such as land and resource tenure, governance, ethnicity, gender equality, intergenerational dialogue, and equity are brought to the fore. We provide technical support and legal advice to enable these complex processes to be effectively and strategically negotiated. RA also supports demand-led capacity development of its partners, particularly strengthening of community-led institutions and communicating their perspective to the global public through traditional and digital media.

In the last twelve months, we have successfully supported CLN inputs into various policy making processes with the issue of the Let Africans Decide Open Letter to Western Celebrities and Press Release, which received good press coverage internationally, the launch of the accompanying Let Africans Decide video and follow-up series, coverage of sustainable use rights in prominent international newspaper, The Guardian, submission of inputs and statements to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Post-2020 Framework discussions, and the UN Human Rights Commission (UNHRC). RA and the CLN have also issued multiple open letters to US and EU policy makers stating the case for sustainable use rights and responses to negative press on sustainable use as a valid conservation and development approach from international media.

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# COMMUNITY OF THE MONTH

## Nombhela Gardens and Cultural Village Cooperative



Photo Credit: Rerani Ramaano

Nombhela Gardens Co-operative is a community based organization established in 2002 by members of Njakanjaka village. It was subsequently registered as a co-operative. It's main purpose was to create employment opportunities for members of the co-operative and residents of the village. It is situated at Njakanjaka village, Collins Chabane Municipality of the Vhembe District, Limpopo, South Africa.

It's activities include Agriculture, Conservation of biodiversity and Youth development. It's approach to these activities is to use indigenous knowledge coupled with new improved techniques. The idea is to create and improve community livelihoods using their knowledge of traditional systems. Among the stakeholders is members of the community.

Community participation has been the key in our endeavors to achieve our objectives. The main tool was to establish a dialogue with the community. We made a call for contributions of locally rooted ideas and initiatives using different methods e.g at traditional sitting we emphasize the fact that development of the project is a participatory undertaking. The Co- operative spearheaded family farming, sharing of seeds and demonstrating sustainable farming methods and the community got involved in documenting the names and uses of the trees and herbs in the 40 hectors of our forest.



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# POLICY UPDATES

## INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE REGION AND BEYOND

Twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, 3 May – 13 June 2021. Online (confirmed)

Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, 3 May – 13 June 2021. Online (confirmed)

International Day for Biological Diversity 2021: “We’re part of the solution”, 22 May 2021. Online, Montreal, Canada

## UPCOMING EVENTS



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2021  
22nd May 2021

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