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Little Egret Egretta garzetta

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Dear Friends and Colleagues

I thank you all off for the good work done together during our transition time and I do hope we will be doing our best this year.

AfWC report

AfWC 1999 report

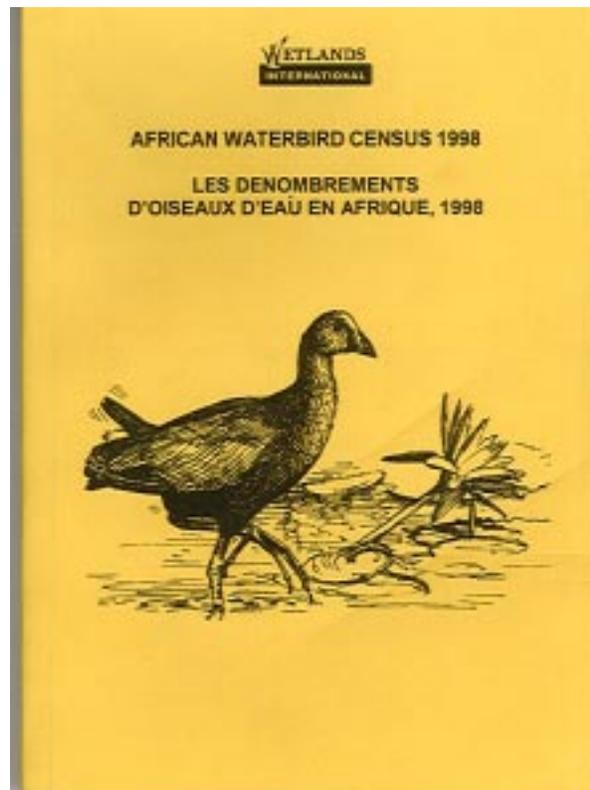
I guess you all received the report of the AfWC 1998 package we sent you in December. In case you have not already received it or need some more copies, please let us know. We will be pleased to send you a reasonable number of them.

AfWC 1999 report

We are now proceeding on compiling the 1999 AfWC report and need to receive urgently any remaining data and national reports from those who have not already sent them.

AfWC 2000

For this year's (2000) census, we still encourage people to send their data so that we can start inputting them into our database.



Tenth PanAfrican Ornithological Congress (PAOC 10)

For your information, the Tenth Pan-African Ornithological Congress will be held from 3 to 8 September 2000 in Kampala, Uganda. The Congress theme is "Birds and Biodiversity".

Round Table Discussions

During PAOC 10, we will be organising Round Table Discussions on

- the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) and,
- the Black Crowned Crane, and

AfWC Development Workshop

We have also plan an AfWC Development Workshop either just before or after the PAOC.

Third AfWC Steering Committee

The third AfWC Steering Committee meeting will also take place in Uganda.

Funding

There will be some limited funding available to support the participation of AfWC National and Regional Coordinators who wish to take part in this event. We encourage you to look for some other funding sources also, to be sure that we can have all of you in Kampala.

About Your participation

We will send you a draft agenda and will be happy to receive abstracts. We would also like to encourage you to submit an abstract focused on waterbirds, wetlands and biodiversity conservation, for inclusion in the PAOC. Please send abstracts directly to Dr Luc Lens, Chair of PAOC10 Scientific Committee. Please copy them to me also.

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Black Crowned Crane Programme

We now have the pleasure to welcome Emmanuel Williams, from Sierra Leone, our newly appointed Coordinator for this Programme in our Dakar Office.



This is a jointly managed Programme of Wetlands International and the International Crane Foundation (ICF) for ten months. Aims of this Programme are to determine the status of the Black Crowned Crane and to develop an action plan for its conservation in Africa.

Many of you have received a questionnaire from Emmanuel. We will be grateful if you can help in filling this questionnaire in and sending it back to him.

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For the new millennium

I just want to say Happy New year, before it become too late, to you and all members of your local and regional network, including your families.

Please feel free to tell us new ideas for improving the AfWC network!!.

Thanks for your support and wish you all the best!

Hilaire Y. Béibro,

Dakar, 27 January 2000