
Specialist Group Workshop

Summary of Key issues to be addressed

1. Gender balance and much broadened cultural and regional representation is required
2. Both the funding for work and for development of the organisation needs targeting at developing countries
3. Encourage Specialist Groups to actively seek support from staff
4. Encourage joint Workplans between Specialist Groups and Wetlands International staff
5. Existing Wetlands International forward plans should be sent out to all Specialist Groups now
6. Rights and responsibilities need much better definition and agreement, beyond TORs
7. Need to be clear who should be contacted and under what circumstances
8. Develop an Associates or Experts Register
9. Consider providing Secretariat services to facilitate Specialist Group work
10. An IWC global strategy will be drafted by the International Coordination Unit of Wetlands International. Birdlife presented its vision paper for the IWC Steering Committee, and has therefore completed its intended action
11. The Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats approach should be extended
12. Follow up possible project development with Tour du Valat
13. Specialist Groups require synergy with staff in project development
14. Specialist Groups prefer a relationship based on science not administration
15. Provide Specialist Groups with modern informatics tools – website, databases, and Newsletter
16. Re-establish the Hunting Specialist Group or its equivalent
17. Task-based working with species-based and thematic Specialist Groups is preferred
18. Incentive-based working must underpin Wetlands International's relationships with SGs
19. Develop forward plans that are open for further development by Specialist Groups and Partners
20. Clear terms of reference (or MoUs) which place responsibilities on all parties are needed
21. Develop an Associates Database, modelled on existing Staff Skills Database

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