



## **SUMMARY REPORT OF 2017 WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY CELEBRATION IN ETHIOPIA**

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The 2017 World Migratory Bird Day was colourfully celebrated on **20 and 21 May** at Lakes Chitu, Shalla and Zeway in the Central Rift Valley of Ethiopia. Education programmes, lectures, bird walks and media coverage were the different types of events taking place. The celebration was dedicated to explaining the topic of “Sustainable Development for Wildlife and People” in accordance with the theme of “**Their Future is our Future - A healthy planet for migratory birds and people**”. This year’s theme, which is linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, has created great opportunities to acquaint the participants of the celebration with the two goals that deal with the conservation of natural resources that are crucial for the future of humankind. Of the 17 goals of the UN, adopted in September 2015, the two goals, namely #14 **Life below Water** and #15 **Life on Land**, are exclusively dealing with the immediate need of conserving biodiversity both in water and on land upon which people are dependent for their resources and survival.

Currently changes in the quality and size of the wetlands due to unplanned development activities have complicated the issue of bird conservation in many parts of the world. In Ethiopia, the situation is worsening as these development undertakings are carried out in the Rift Valley area which is the most fragile ecosystem but did not get proper attention in the form of an integrated and sustainable approach of development. The wetlands in the Rift Valley Lakes of Ethiopia are the major feeding and stop-over sites where hundreds of thousands of migratory birds congregate at the peak seasons from November - February each year. Many of the lakes in this region are also designated as Important Bird Areas which need high priority for bird conservation and bird-related tourism activities. That is why every year Ethiopia celebrates World Migratory Bird Day in the Central Rift Valley to raise awareness for the need for sustainable management of the natural resource with main attention focused on bird conservation.

The main topics raised during the celebration were:

1. What is bird migration and why the need for conserving migratory birds?
2. Analysis of the condition of the three Lakes of Chitu, Shalla and Zeway and the need for policy-makers to intervene urgently to resolve the threats hanging over these lakes.
3. Conservation efforts carried out in the area for the betterment of the status of the resource.
4. The status of the co-ordination of different stakeholders working in the area.
5. The water bird resource potentials of Lakes Chitu and Shalla found in Abijata-Shalla Lakes National Park.

People from governmental and non-governmental conservation institutions, local community elders, school teachers and journalists had been invited and attended the celebration. All the events were organized jointly by Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority which is the focal institution for CMS and AEWA and the Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society which is the BirdLife partner in Ethiopia.





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