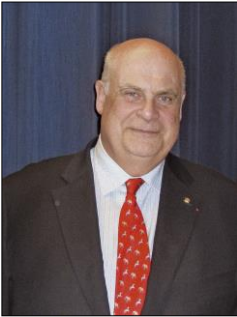




## **World Migratory Bird Day 2014 Destination Flyways: Migratory Birds and Tourism**



**Statement by Bernard Lozé, President**

**The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)**

The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) wishes to thank the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) for their major responsibility in organizing the World Migratory Bird Day for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in succession. The World Migratory Bird Day is a simple, down-to-earth and effective way to raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats in particular, and about environmental issues in general throughout the world. The CIC fully supports this year's theme which is "Destination Flyways: Migratory Birds and Tourism".

As it has been emphasized e.g. at the 2000 IUCN Amman conference, wise, sustainable use of wildlife is widely accepted as one of two fundamental principles of long-term preservation of wildlife. The CIC is particularly interested in promoting the sustainable use, including the harvest management of huntable migratory birds in various ways. We recognize that the main threat facing migratory birds at present is the loss, degradation and fragmentation of their breeding, staging and wintering habitats. The CIC is willing to co-operate with other international organizations to overcome these problems. One potential forum for cooperation is the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW), where both our organizations are founding members.

Finally, we are happy to announce that the work on migratory birds in the CIC was sped up this year through the establishment of a Migratory Waterfowl Group. The Group *inter alia* aims at supporting research, raising awareness and contributing to the adoption of a flyway approach in the population and harvest management of migratory birds, in co-operation with non-governmental and governmental organizations such as the AEWA.

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