# BIODIVERSITY SURVEY IN AKANYARU WETLANDS, UNPROTECTED IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS IN RWANDA



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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A Biodiversity Survey in Akanyaru Wetland, unprotected Important Bird Areas in Rwanda was conducted in the period of July and December 2008. The survey aimed to providing up-to-date baseline information on the biodiversity in Akanyaru wetland and the threats this IBA is facing.

The survey updated a checklist of the birds and mammals of Akanyaru wetlands, estimated the abundance of water birds at Lake Kamudeberi and assessed the conservation status of bird species in accordance with IUCN and CITES. Different threats affecting the Akanyaru wetland were also documented.

A total of 111 bird species gathered in 37 families, were recorded in Akanyaru wetlands by sights and/or sounds during the point counts, opportunistic sampling and total counts methods. Madagascar Pond Heron, an IUCN listed as endangered was recorded in the Northern of Akanyaru wetlands. Four bird species listed by CITES were recorded and these include Egyptian Goose, Hadada Ibis, Little Egret and Sacred ibis.

Waterbirds and their groups were selected according to the form "AFRICAN WATERBIRD CENSUS (AfWC), CENSUS FORM EASTERN AFRICA" elaborated by Wetland International. The population of eighteen species was counted in the lake Kamudeberi and the surrounding vegetation.

Seven species of Mammals were recorded in papyrus and Crocodile and Hippopotamus were observed in the waterbody of Akanyaru River. Other unidentified animals including species of Amphibians, Mouses, Fishes and Snakes were also recorded.

The information obtained on the use of the swamp and various attitudes of the people towards the swamp show that Akanyaru wetland is exposed to the serious threats. Akanyaru River is attacked by Water Hyacinth while the wetland is threatened mainly by human induced activities including agricultural, hunting, burning, extraction of vegetation, uncontrolled fishing, etc. Using a GIS program, we calculated the remaining areas of Papyrus in Akanyaru wetlands at 2,471.32671 ha and this is risk to the habitat of the biodiversity in this wetlands.

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# **CHAPITRE I: AKANYARU WETLANDS**

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Resources for conservation are always limited therefore attention should be focused on the highest conservation priorities. The conservation importance of an area is determined by assessing its biodiversity using species as the basic units of biodiversity. At the continental scale, inventory has permitted the definition of large-area administrative and planning units such as ecoregions (Olson et *al.* 2001; Wikramanayake et *al.* 2002 in Owiunji et *al.* 2005) and hotspots (Myers et al. 2000) within which conservation planning and management can occur.

Wetlands as one of nature resources ecosystem, they cover a wide variety of biodiversity, habitat types including rivers and lakes, coastal lagoons, peatlands and even coral reefs. Unfortunately, wetlands are ranked amongst the most highly threatened ecosystems on the planet and the degradation and loss of wetlands are continuing. The perpetuity of this loss may be caused mainly by a limited awareness, lack of law and policies implementation, lacking of data on biodiversity richness and the impact of their misuses

Currently in Rwanda, a total area of 165,000 hectares is covered by wetlands (Rwandagateway 2005). In East Africa, where Rwanda is located, wetlands have been lost and degraded as a result of human activities. This include a range of construction and development projects, cultivation, pollution, drainage, siltation (due to soil erosion), and the introduction of alien species (O'Connell et *al*, inedit).

Different measures indispensable for the sustainability of the development and utilization of marshlands have been identified methods were proposed among them there are research, specific technical surveys and revision of policies and strategies (FAO, 2008). Akanyaru Wetlands is one unprotected swamps and an Important Bird Area (RW005) identified through the Birdlife International criteria (Fishpool et *al.* 2001). In this IBA, marsh vegetation is cut and burned during the dry season, resulting in progressive habitat degradation.

This survey aimed at providing up-to-date baseline information on the biodiversity in Akanyaru wetland and the threats this IBA faces. After determining the list of Birds and Mammals and the population of waterbirds, we assessed the distribution of major habitat types, their extent and major human threats to the biodiversity.

Birds were surveyed using a line transect, opportunic sampling and total count for waterbirds. Mammals were recorded using survey walk and indirect methods (dung counts, footprint survey). Then to record data on threats of the wetlands, all human and natural disturbance were recorded whenever were observed. Also a sample of people was interviewed on the use of the swamp.

# 1.2 Akanyaru wetlands

Akanyaru wetlands are located in the south of Rwanda on the international border with Burundi, at 29° 55′ East 2° 30′ South of coordinate and the altitude of 1350m. The vegetation consists of a variety of marshy habitats and papyrus swamp. Early successional stages are occupied by floating vegetation dominated by *Pistia stratiotes*, *Leersia hexandra* and *Oryza barthii*. Intermediate stages are a mixture of *Typha australis*, *Miscanthidium violaceum*, *Cladium jamaicense* and some papyrus. More complex habitats are occupied by *Typha australis*, *Miscanthidium violaceum*, *Cyperus denudatus*, *C. latifolius* and *Echinochloa pyramidalis*. There are expanses of papyrus, either as pure stands or combined with shrubby vegetation (Fishpool et *al* 2001).

The Akanyaru wetlands were identified as an Important Bird (RW005) through Birdlife International criteria A1 and A3 (A06). Akanyaru is a home of endangered bird species including Papyrus Gonolek "Laniarius mufumbiri" (NT), Papyrus Yellow Warbler "Chloropeta gracilirostris" (VU) and Madagascar Pond Heron "Ardeola idea" (EN). The wetlands are also a home of Sitatunga, an Endangered and a CITES listed mammal. The papyrus places are the shelter of Blue Monkeys (Cercopithecus mitis dogetii) and snakes, while waterway shelters Hippopotamus, Crocodiles and unidentified Fishes.

Akanyaru wetlands are unprotected and are facing multiple human threats. During the dry season, marsh vegetation is cut and burned resulting in progressive habitat degradation and farmers graze cattle inside the swamps. In the peatlands unused to agriculture, local communities collect building materials as well as arts and crafts materials such as Papyrus, Typha and trees of various woody creepers. They also gather fodder of grass as straw for banana plantations.

#### 1.3 Lake Kamudeberi

Kamudeberi is an adjacent lake of almost two hectares, located in Mareba Sector, Bugesera District, Eastern Province. It is surrounded by small area of Typha followed by cultivated lands and the main crops are mazes and beans. The swamp in which Kamudeberi is located used to be a swamp of papyrus, connected to Akanyaru wetlands. Because of an increase of human population and a prolonged dry season in the region, there was a high demand of land for cultivation and the papyrus has been removed. Lake Kamudeberi is a result of the drained water when people were preparing the cultivated lands.

# Chap II. Biodiversity Survey in Akanyaru wetlands

# 2.1 Birds Survey

#### 2.1.1 Introduction

A Biodiversity survey and use of the wetlands studies were conducted in the Akanyaru Wetlands to produce information on the current situation of the site. Emphasis was placed on producing a bird checklist and documenting on category of birds for the development of a conservation strategy for the wetlands. The survey also served as a training exercise for a member of the Association pour la Conservation de la Nature au Rwanda (ACNR, Birdlife Affiliate in Rwanda), a student from National University of Rwanda to encourage him to undertake research in ornithology. Birds were detected by using sight and calls in point counts and opportunistic records were considered to maximize a number of encountered birds. The observers used 10 x 40 pairs of binoculars and a telescope and birds were identified using a standard text for East Africa (Fanshawe and Stevenson, 2002).

We conducted a survey in four sampling areas of Akanyaru wetlands selected according to the habitat types. These sites include Kinyovi, Nyiramatuntu, Murago, Akanyaru waterway and waterbirds of Lake Kamudeberi were counted. The period of sampling was between 7:00 to 11:00 in the morning and/or 3:00 to 5:30 in the afternoon.

#### 2.1.2 Methodology.

#### **Point counts**

It was not easy to set transects across the swamps because of the water level which was high and trails are sinking, trails were set on the edge of the wetlands.

Fig. 1: ACNR CEO, a student Jean Apul and a Local guide crossing the Akanyaru wetlands, photo by ACNR



Points were established at an interval of 200m along the transect in four sites. A point is a single station from which a count is made and each point in this study was visited three times. At each point observers waited for 3 minutes to allow birds settle down and then recorded all sightings and calls of birds for a period of 10 minutes (Sutherland, W. 2000). We then moved on to the next point and repeated this same process. The data were used to produce a bird checklist and to document the threatened species. GPS readings and altitude were taken for each point where it was possible to help map the points and estimating the remaining area of Papyrus (Table 1).

Table 1: The average GPS points and altitude

Sampling area	Average GPS	Average GPS	Average Altitude
	UTM/EW	TM/NS	( <b>m</b> )
Akanyaru waterways	167604	9764601	1353
Kinyovi	166820	9762586	1356
Umurago	170689	9761021	1354
Nyiramatuntu	1704178	9766647	
			1351
Kamudeberi	168651	9752761	1371

#### **Opportunistic sampling**

Opportunistic recording were used to maximize the number of species encountered in each transect. All bird species seen or heard at different times of the day were recorded. These data were used to complete the total record list of birds in Akanyaru Wetlands.

#### **Total counts**

Birds of Lake Kamudeberi were identified and directly counted. We used a canoe as a transport and we moved along side the edge of the lake counting all individuals of the identified species.

Fig. 2: Claudien in the local canoe at Kamudeberi, Photo ACNR



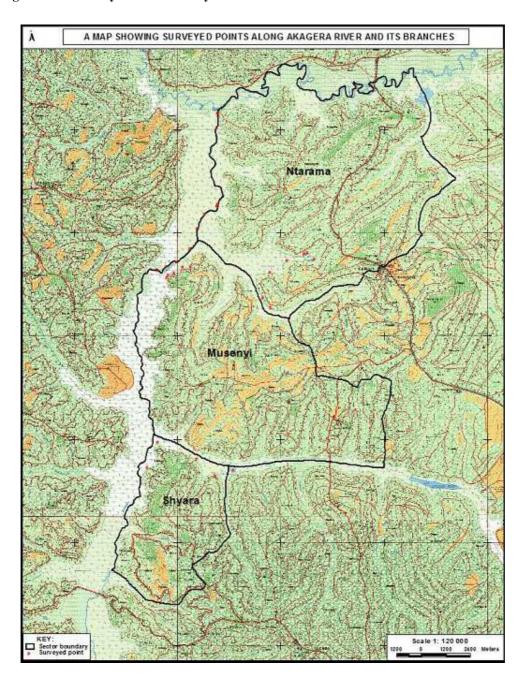
The counted number was filled in the African Waterbirds Census (AFWC) form of Wetland International (Annex 2).

## 2.2 Results

# 2.2.1 The surveyed sites

Our survey was conducted in three sectors of Bugesera District (Fig.3).

Figure 3: The surveyed sites at Akanyaru wetlands.



## 2.2.2 Total species list

A total of 111 bird species gathered in 38 families (Annex 1), were recorded by sights and/or sounds during the point counts, opportunistic sampling and total counts methods. The species lists were used to compare the different sites visited in Akanyaru wetlands. A total list of species found in Akanyaru wetlands is provided in Appendix of this report.

Bird species of ACCIPITRIDAE (11), PLOCEIDAE (9), ARDEIDAE (9), EMBERIZIDAE (7) and ANATIDAE (6) families are more represented in Akanyaru wetlands. Of all 38 families recorded in Akanyaru during this survey, 5 families are

represented by two species while 16 are represented by one species (Table 2).

Table 2: Bird species by family

No	Family	No of species
1.	Accipitridae	11
2.	Alcedinidae	3
3.	Anatidae	6
4.	Ardeidae	9
5.	Charadriidae	2
6.	Ciconiidae	2
7.	Cisticolidae	2
8.	Coliidae	1
9.	Columbidae	4
10.	Corvidae	1
11.	Cuculidae	3
12.	Dicruridae	1
13.	Emberizidae	8
14.	Fringillidae	3
15.	Gruidae	1
16.	Hirundinidae	4
17.	Jacanidae	2

18.	Laniidae	3
19.	Malaconotidae	2
20.	Meropidae	1
21.	Motacillidae	5
22.	Muscicapidae	3
23.	Musophagidae	2
24.	Nectariniidae	5
25.	Passeridae	1
26.	Pelecanidae	2
27.	Phasianidae	1
28.	Ploceidae	9
29.	Pycnonotidae	1
30.	Rallidae	1
31.	Scolopacidae	1
32.	Scopidae	1
33.	Sylviidae	1
34.	Sturnidae	1
35.	Threskiornitidae	2
36.	Timaliidae	1
37.	Turdidae	4
38.	Zosteropidae	1
Total	•	111

# 2.2.3 IUCN and CITES listed species

The threatened species are key species for conservation of a site hence their presence/absence could be used as an indicator of the importance of a site for conservation. **Madagascar Pond Heron**, an IUCN listed as endangered species was recorded in the Northern of Akanyaru wetlands, near the junction to the Nyabarongo wetlands. Four bird species listed by CITES were recorded and these include Egyptian Goose, Hadada Ibis, Little Egret and Sacred ibis.

# 2.2.4 Bird counting at Lake Kamudeberi

Waterbirds and their groups were selected according to the form AFRICAN WATERBIRD CENSUS (AfWC), CENSUS FORM EASTERN AFRICA by Wetland International (annex 2). The population of eighteen species was counted in the lake and vegetation around with a big population of immature of Rufous-bellied Heron.

Table 3: Counted waterbirds at Kamudeberi

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	FAMILY	No OF INDIV.
1. African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	Accipitridae	1
2. African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus	Jacanidae	10
3. African Marsh-harrier	Cuircus ranivorus	Accipitridae	2
4. Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostris	Rallidae	2
5. Black-crowned Night-heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	Ardeidae	10
6. Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala	Ardeidae	1
7. Great White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus	Pelecanidae	3
8. Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	Ardeidae	2
9. Hottentot Teal	Anas hottentota	Anatidae	4
10. Lesser Jacana	Microparra capensis	Jacanidae	34
11. Long-toed Lapwing	Vanellus crassirostris	Charadriidae	70
12. Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	Scolopacidae	1
13. Rufous-bellied Heron	Ardeola rufiventris	Ardeidae	80
14. Sacred ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	Threskiornitidae	2
15. Squacco Heron	Ardea ralloides	Ardeidae	6
16. White-faced Whistling-duck	Dendrocygna viduata	Anatidae	110
17. Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata	Anatidae	33
18. Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	Ciconiidae	17

#### 2.3 Mammals

## 2.3.1 Methods: reconnaissance survey

Mammal's team followed the pre-existing human and animal paths in order to minimize the disturbance to the wetland. During the survey, the team recorded all signs of mammals or animals seen or heard and information provided by local people mainly hunters were also considered in order to complete our list. We also recorded the signs left by animals including dung, footprint or spoor, hairs, digging and nests.

#### 2.3.2 Results

A total of 7 species of mammals were recorded in Akanyaru wetlands by direct and indirect observation as well as people's information.

Table 4: The list of mammals of Akanyaru wetland

No	Common name	Recording areas
1.	Sitatunga	Papyrus
2.	Otter	Papyrus
3.	Monkeys	Papyrus
4.	Hippopotamus	Water Body
5.	Hare	Papyrus
6.	Thrush	Papyrus
7.	Mouse	Papyrus

Other unidentified animals including species of Amphibians, Mouses, Fishes and Snakes were also recorded in Akanyaru wetlands. Local people informed us about the presence of Crocodile (reptile).

# 2.4 Use of Akanyaru wetlands

All human and natural disturbances were recorded whenever observed. Also a sample of household was interviewed on the use of the swamp. We also recorded GPS points of the remaining papyrus to estimates the surface.

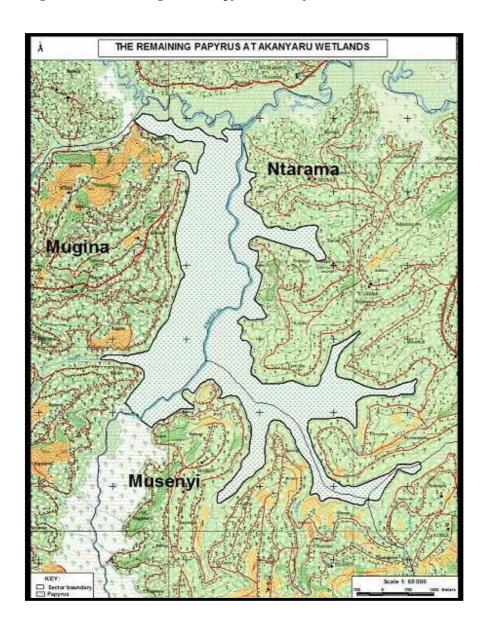
#### 2.4.1 Results

The information obtained on the use of the swamp and various attitudes of the people towards the swamp show that Akanyaru wetland is exposed to the serious threats. The recorded threats include agricultural, hunting, extraction of vegetation for different uses, etc. and the swamp is anarchically exploited because of lack of other alternative incomes and persistence of poverty and dry seasons in the region.

## 2.4.1.1 Remaining Papyrus

Beside the points for the surveyed area, we covered the windings of the remaining papyrus to calculate the remaining areas and Arc View GIS 9.2 was used to analyze the GPS data. A surface of 2,471.32671ha was calculated as the remaining area of the Papyrus and is located in three Sectors namely Mugina (Kamonyi District), Ntarama and Musenyi (Bugesera District).

Figure 4: The remaining area of Papyrus at Akanyaru wetlands



## **2.4.1.1 Hunting**

Animals hunted in Akanyaru wetlands include Sitatunga, Otter, Aphalophe, Hare, Thrush, and some waterbirds, mainly Ducks. According to hunters, animal are hunted for meats, to fulfill the protein incomes because of lack of enough livestock in Bugesera region. Some of the killed animals are not eaten in the region i.e Monkeys, Mouse, Hippopotamus and some species of birds, etc. but people are protecting their crop against

the damage caused by these animals. The hunting in this region is still traditional and hunters are using traps, bush fire and sometimes feral dogs.

The hunting may contributes to the reduction of the population the hunted species and risks to cause the disappearance of rare species.

#### 2.4.1.2 Cultivation and burning

In the surveyed area, swamp is highly encroached for the agriculture lands. People are getting in wetlands because of lack of enough suitable lands for cultivation during the dry season in the region. The main crops raised in the Akanyaru wetlands include mazes, vegetables like beans, cabbages, tomatoes, etc.

Fig. 5: A cultivated land for mazes in Akanyaru wetlands, photo by Claudien



While preparing the lands, people firstly burn or cut the vegetation to get a cultivation space (Figure 2). Through these activities, the biodiversity is destroyed and particularly, animals are dislodged and some time caught. Fire also kills the immature animals and destroys nests of birds. Agricultural activities are also reducing the stretch of the swamp and, thus, reduce the optimum space for the survival of certain species of large territory.

Figure 6: Papyrus burning at Akanyaru Wetlands, picture by Claudien



# 2.4.1.3 Grass cutting

Grass cutting is free in Akanyaru wetlands and is done mainly by women during the dry seasons because of inaccessibility in the wet seasons. The targeted grasses include Papyrus and Typha and are mainly used in hand craft making such as baskets, mattes, etc. They are also used in the houses construction where papyruses are used to make roofs, ceiling and enclosure because other materials like tiles and iron sheets are very expensive. Papyrus is also cut for mulching gardens of tomatoes, cabbages and banana plantations (Figure 7).

Fig. 7: Papyrus cut for mulching bananas plantation, picture by Claudien



# **2.4.1.4 Package**

In Akanyaru wetlands, cows are kept in the wetlands mainly during the dry seasons. During the survey, we recorded many big herds of cows and 10 small houses of calf were recorded along the Akanyaru River (Figure 8).

Figure 8: Calf's houses along Akanyaru River, picture by Hakizimana



# 2.4.1.5 Water Hyacinth

The Northern of Akanyaru wetlands, near the junction with Nayabarongo River, is attacked by Water Hyacinth (Fig 5) and sometimes it stops the river. People apply the physical removal of the superficial stems and leaves but this is not a sustainable manner to fight this very dangerous plant to lakes and rivers in Rwanda.

Figure 9: Water hyacinth in Akanyaru Wetlands, picture by Claudien



# CHAP III CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The survey of the biodiversity and the use of the Akanyaru wetlands shows that the site is rich in biodiversity mainly birds and mammals. Unfortunately, the site is highly threatened by human and natural disturbances.

Papyrus is a habitat of threatened bird species like Madagascar Pond Heron, Papyrus Gonolec and Mammals like Statunga, Endangered and a CITES listed species. It provides also habitat for all recorded mammals in Akanyaru wetlands, except Hippopotamus recorded in waterbody. This habitat remains at a very small scale and it is highly declining in favor of human activities. These activities are destroying habitat and sometimes cause the disappearance or limit the reproduction of some animals. In Akanyaru wetlands, the population of Sitatunga is highly reduced mainly at Nyiramatuntu and Kinyovi where people mentioned the disappearance of the species.

Lake Kamudeberi with some waterbirds and a breeding site for Rufous-bellied Heron is surrounded by cultivated lands and people are still fishing and hunting Ducks in this lake. At the lake, the unorganized and uncontrolled fishing may destroy young fishes and limit the breeding activity.

The biodiversity survey was conducted on the small scale because of limited time and funds and some biodiversity components were not covered because of limited expertise. We also noticed that the main reasons for the misuse of Akanyaru wetlands are poverty and lack of coordination in the use of wetlands resources.

#### Hence, we recommend that:

- 1. The survey be extended on different seasons and covers all aspect of biodiversity
- 2. For the better use of the wetlands and Lake Kamudeberi resources, fishers and handcraftsmakers be organized in cooperatives, registered by local authorities and have organized activities (fishing and extraction of vegetation).
- 3. There are a high number of packages in Akanyaru wetlands because of traditional rearing in the region. We encourage the modern rearing which requires a small

- space but also is more productive in terms of milk and this should solve the problem of animal protein scarcity noticed in the region.
- 4. Local people may be sensitized to other source of proteins like smaller livestock, beekeeping, mushroom cultivation, etc.
- 5. All activities in/around Akanyaru wetlands and Lake Kamudeberi respect the Organic Law determining the modalities of protection, conservation and promotion of environment in Rwanda of 08 April 2005 (Republic of Rwanda, 2005), especially the Article 85 stipulating that "with exception of activities related to protection and conservation of streams, rivers and lakes, an agricultural activities shall respect a distance of ten (10) meters away from the banks of streams and rivers and fifty (50) meters away from the banks of lakes. In such distances there shall be no agricultural activities permitted to be carried out".

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# **ANNEXES**

Table 5: Bird checklist of Akanyaru Wetlands

No	COMMON NAME	SC NAME	FAMILY	STATUS
1.	African crested-flycatcher?			
		Bradypterus baboecala	SYLVIIDAE	LC
2.	African Citril	Serinus citrinelloides	FRINGILLIDAE	LC
3.	African Crested-flycatcher	Trochocercus cyanomelas	MUSCICAPIDAE	LC
4.	African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
5.	African Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris	EMBERIZIDAE	LC
6.	African Green-Pigeon	Treron calva	COLUMBIDAE	LC
7.	African Harrier-hawk	Polyboroides typus	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
8.	African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus	JACANIDAE	LC
9.	African Marsh-harrier	Circus ranivorus	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
10.	African Paradise-flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis	MUSCICAPIDAE	LC
11.	African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	MOTACILLIDAE	LC
12.	African Yellow White-eye	Zosterops senegalensis	ZOSTEROPIDAE	LC
13.	Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides jardinei	TURDIDAE	LC
14.	Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
15.	Baglafecht Weaver	Ploceus baglafecht	PLOCEIDAE	LC
16.	Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostris	RALLIDAE	LC
17.	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
18.	Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	ARDEIDAE	LC
19.	Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegala	MALACONOTIDAE	LC
20.	Black-crowned Waxbill	Estrilda nonnula	EMBERIZIDAE	LC
21.	Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala	ARDEIDAE	LC
22.	Black-headed Weaver	Ploceus melanocephalus	PLOCEIDAE	LC
23.	Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
24.	Blue-headed coucal	Centropus monachus	CUCULIDAE	LC
25.	Bronze Mannikin	Lonchura cucullata	EMBERIZIDAE	LC
26.	Bronze Sunbird	Nectarinia Kilimensis	NECTARINIIDAE	LC
27.	Brown-backed Scrub-robin	Erythropygia hartlaubi	TURDIDAE	LC
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28.	Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis	MOTACILLIDAE	LC
29.	Carruthers's Cisticola	Cisticola carruthersi	CISTICOLIDAE	LC
30.	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	ARDEIDAE	LC
31.	Chubb's Cisticola	Cisticola chubbi	CISTICOLIDAE	LC
32.	Common bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus	PYCNONOTIDAE	LC
33.	Common Fiscal	Lanius collaris	LANIIDAE	LC
34.	Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild	EMBERIZIDAE	LC
35.	Crimson-rumped Waxbill	Estrilida rhodopyga	EMBERIZIDAE	LC
36.	Diederik Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius	CUCULIDAE	LC
37.	Eastern Grey Plantain-eater	Crinifer zonurus	MUSOPHAGIDAE	LC
38.	Egyptian goose	Alopochen aegyptiacus	ANATIDAE	LC
39.	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	Turtur chalcospilos	COLUMBIDAE	LC
40.	Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris	PLOCEIDAE	LC
41.	Folk-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis	DICRURIDAE	LC
42.	Grassland Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus	MOTACILLIDAE	LC
43.	Great White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus	PELECANIDAE	LC
44.	Green-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra vertcalis	NECTARINIIDAE	LC
45.	Grey Crowned Crane	Balearica regulorum	GRUIDAE	LC
46.	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	ARDEIDAE	LC
47.	Grey Kestrel	Falco ardosiaceus	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
48.	Grey-backed Fiscal	Lanius excubitoroides	LANIIDAE	LC
49.	Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus	PASSERIDAE	LC
50.	Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	THRESKIORNITIDAE	LC
51.	Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta	SCOPIDAE	LC
52.	Holub's Golden Weaver	Ploceus xanthops	PLOCEIDAE	LC
53.	Hottentot Teal	Anas hottentota	ANATIDAE	LC
54.	Intermediate Egret	Mesophoyx intermedia	ARDEIDAE	LC
55.	Lesser Jacana	Microparra capensis	JACANIDAE	LC
56.	Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
57.	Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus	MEROPIDAE	LC
58.	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	ARDEIDAE	LC
59.	Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
60.	Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
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51.	Long-billed Pipit	Anthus similis	MOTACILLIDAE	LC
52.	Long-toed Lapwing	Vanellus crassirostris	CHARADRIIDAE	LC
53.	Mackinnon's Shrike	Lanius mackinnoni	LANIIDAE	LC
54.	Madagascar Pond-Heron	Ardeola idae	ARDEIDAE	EN
55.	Malachite Kingfisher	Alcedo cristata	ALCEDINIDAE	LC
66.	Mariqua Sunbird	Nectarinia mariquensis	NECTARINIIDAE	LC
57.	Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	SCOLOPACIDAE	LC
58.	Northern Brown-throated Weaver	Ploceus castanops	PLOCEIDAE	LC
59.	Opened-billed Stork	Anastomus lamelligerus	CICONIIDAE	LC
70.	Papyrus Canary	Serinus koliensis	FRINGILLIDAE	LC
71.	Pied Crow	Corvus albus	CORVIDAE	LC
72.	Pied kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	ALCEDINIDAE	LC
73.	Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens	PELECANIDAE	LC
74.	Red-billed Teal	Anas erythoryncha	ANATIDAE	LC
75.	Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala	ESTRILDIDAE	LC
76.	Red-chested Sunbird	Nectarinia erythrocerca	NECTARINIIDAE	LC
77.	Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	COLUMBIDAE	LC
78.	Red-rumped Swallow	Hirundo daurica	HIRUNDINIDAE	LC
79.	Rock Martin	Hirundo fuligula	HIRUNDINIDAE	LC
30.	Ross's Turaco	Musophaga rossae	MUSOPHAGIDAE	LC
31.		Lamprotornis		
	Rueppell's Glossy-starling	purpuroptera	STURNIDAE	LC
32.	Rufous-bellied Heron	Ardeola rufiventris	ARDEIDAE	LC
33.	Sacred ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	THRESKIORNITIDAE	LC
34.	Scaly Flancolin	Francolinus squamatus	PHASIANIDAE	LC
35.	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Nectarinia senegalensis	NECTARINIIDAE	LC
86.	Sharpe's Pied-Babbler	Turdoides sharpei	TIMALIIDAE	LC
37.	Slender-billed Weaver	Ploceus pelzelni	PLOCEIDAE	LC
88.	Southern Yellow-rumped Seedeater	Serinus atrogularis	FRINGILLIDAE	LC
89.	Speckled mousebird	Colius striatus	COLIIDAE	LC
90.	Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis	PLOCEIDAE	LC
91.	Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis	ANATIDAE	LC

92.	Squacco Heron	Ardea ralloides	ARDEIDAE	LC
93.	Swamp Alseonax	Muscicapa aquatica	MUSCICAPIDAE	LC
94.	Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria	COLUMBIDAE	LC
95.	Tropical Boubou	Laniarius aethiopicus	MALACONOTIDAE	LC
96.	Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus	CHARADRIIDAE	LC
97.	Western Marsh-harrier	Circus aeruginosus	ACCIPITRIDAE	LC
98.	White-browed Coucal	Centropus supercilium	CUCULIDAE	LC
99.	White-browed Robin-chat	Cossypha heuglini	TURDIDAE	LC
100.	White-collared Oliveback	Nesocharis ansorgei	EMBERIZIDAE	LC
101.	White-faced Whistling-duck	Dendrocygna viduata	ANATIDAE	LC
102.	White-headed Saw-wing	Psaldoprocne albiceps	HIRUNDINIDAE	LC
103.	White-winged Widowbird	Euplectes albonotatus	EMBERIZIDAE	LC
104.	Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii	HIRUNDINIDAE	LC
105.	Woodland kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis	ALCEDINIDAE	LC
106.	Yellow Bishop	Euplectes capensis	PLOCEIDAE	LC
107.	Yellow-backed Weaver	Ploceus melanocephalus	PLOCEIDAE	LC
108.	Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata	ANATIDAE	LC
109.	Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	CICONIIDAE	LC
110.	Yellow-throated Greenbull	Chlorocichla flavicollis	TURDIDAE	LC
111.	Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus	MOTACILLIDAE	LC

# Table 6: AFRICAN WATERBIRD CENSUS (AfWC) FORM, EASTERN AFRICA

COMPIL	ER'S name a	nd address:			CENSI	CAN W US (AfW US FORI ERN AFI	M	BP 8060, Dakar-Yoff, SENEGAL wetlands@sentoo.sn Fax. +221 8206479
DATE OF	COUNT:				COUNTR	RY:		
TIME OF	DAY:		VISIBILITY:	%				
NAME O	F SITE:							
PROVING	CE/STATE:				SITE CO	DE:		
					(Wetland	s Internatio	nal	
NEARES'	Γ LARGE T	OWN:				y this code)		
WAY OF	COUNTING	G:			HAS THE	E SITE BEE	EN COUNTED BE	FORE? YES NO
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Aerial	on Foot	Vehicle	Boat	Mixed	A LARG	ER SITE, W	WHICH SITE(S)?	
COVERA	GE OF THI	E WETLAND (AI	PPROX.):	%	If less the	n 100%, plea	ase show area cover	red on added sketch-map
CONDITI	ON OF TH	E WETLAND (e.g	g. wet, dry, polluted	, modified):	TYPE OF	F COUNT:	TOTAL COUN  ACTUAL COUN	] 🗆
					PRES	SENCE	Please mark spec	ies estimates with an 'E'
CITE CTA	THE (mustos	tion/management)			DISTURI		MOTOR BOATS	LOW-FLYING AIRCRAFT
National P	_	Nature Reserve	: Private	No Status	DISTURI	DANCE:	MOTOR BOATS	LOW-FL FING AIRCRAFT
	_				FISHING		∟ Hunting/trapp	PING OTHER (specify)
BREEDIN	NG BIRDS: 1	Please mark any cu	irrently breeding spo	ecies with a 'B' (and	d indicate nui	mber of pairs	s if known)	
Total		GREBES			Total		STORKS	
PODCR		Great Crested Gre	be - <i>Podiceps crista</i>	tus	MYCIB		Yellow-billed Stor	rk - Mycteria ibis
TACRU		Little Grebe - Taci	hybaptus ruficollis		ANALA		African Open-bille	ed Stork - Anastomus lamelligerus
PODNI			be - Podiceps nigric	collis	CICNI		Black Stork - Cico	onia nigra
					CICAB		Abdim's Stork - C	iconia abdimii
Total		PELICANS			CICEP		Woolly-necked Ste	ork - Ciconia episcopus
PELON		Great White Pelica	an - Pelecanus onoc	rotalus	CICCI		White Stork - Cice	onia ciconia
PELRU		Pink-backed Pelica	an - Pelecanus rufes	scens	EPHSE		Saddle-billed Stor	k - Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis
PELEC		unidentified pelica	ns - Pelecanus spp.		LEPCR		Marabou Stork - L	eptoptilos crumeniferus

		STORK	unidentified storks - Ciconiidae spp.
Total	CORMORANTS & DARTER		
PHACA	Great Cormorant - Phalacrocorax carbo	Total	IBISES & SPOONBILLS
PHAAF	Long-tailed Cormorant - Phalacrocorax africanus	THRAE	Sacred Ibis - Threskiornis aethiopicus
PHALA	unidentified cormorants - Phalacrocorax spp.	HAGHA	Hadada Ibis - Bostrychia hagedash
ANHRU	African Darter - Anhinga rufa	BOSCA	Wattled Ibis - Bostrychia carunculata
		PLEFA	Glossy Ibis - Plegadis falcinellus
Total	HERONS & EGRETS	PLALE	Eurasian Spoonbill - Platalea leucorodia
ARDCI	Grey Heron - Ardea cinerea	PLAAL	African Spoonbill - Platalea alba
ARDME	Black-headed Heron - Ardea melanocephala		
ARDGO	Goliath Heron - Ardea goliath	Total	HAMERKOP & SHOEBILL
ARDPU	Purple Heron - Ardea purpurea	SCOUM	Hamerkop - Scopus umbretta
EGRAL	Great Egret - Casmerodius albus	BALRX	Shoebill - Balaeniceps rex
EGRAR	Black Heron - Egretta ardesiaca		
EGRIN	Yellow-billed Egret - Mesophoyx intermedia	Total	FLAMINGOS
EGRDI	Dimorphic Egret - Egretta dimorpha	PHORO	Greater Flamingo - Phoenicopterus ruber roseus
EGRGA	Little Egret - Egretta garzetta	PHOMI	Lesser Flamingo - Phoenicopterus minor
EGRGU	Western Reef Heron - Egretta gularis	PHOEN	unidentified flamingos - Phoenicopteridae spp.
BUBIB	Cattle Egret - Bubulcus ibis		
EGRET	unidentified egrets - Egretta/Bubulcus spp.	Total	CRANES
ARDRA	Squacco Heron - Ardeola ralloides	GRUGR	Common Crane - Grus grus
ARDID	Madagascar Squacco Heron - Ardeola idae	BUGCA	Wattled Crane - Grus carunculatus
ARDRU	Rufous-bellied Heron - Ardeola rufiventris	ANTVI	Demoiselle Crane - Grus virgo
BUTST	Green-backed Heron - Butorides striatus	BALPA	Black Crowned Crane - Balearica pavonina
NYCNY	Black-crowned Night-heron - Nycticorax nycticorax	BALRE	Grey Crowned Crane - Balearica regulorum
IXOMI	Little Bittern - Ixobrychus minutus		
IXOST	Dwarf Bittern - Ixobrychus sturmii		FINFOOT
ARDEI	unidentified Ardeidae - Ardeidae spp.	PODSE	African Finfoot - Podica senegalensis
Total	GEESE & DUCKS	CHAAL	Kentish Plover - Charadrius alexandrinus
DENBI	Fulvous Whistling Duck - Dendrocygna bicolor	CHAMA	White-fronted Plover - Charadrius marginatus
DENVI	White-faced Whistling Duck - Dendrocygna viduata	СНАРА	Chestnut-banded Plover - Charadrius pallidus
THALE	White-backed Duck - Thalassornis leuconotus	CHAMO	Lesser Sandplover - Charadrius mongolus
PLEGA	Spur-winged Goose - Plectropterus gambensis	CHALE	Greater Sandplover - Charadrius leschenaultii
SARME	Knob-billed Duck - Sarkidiornis melanotos	CHAAS	Caspian Plover - Charadrius asiaticus
ALOAE	Egyptian Goose - Alopochen aegyptiacus	LIMLI	Black-tailed Godwit - Limosa limosa
CYACY	Blue-winged Goose - Cyanochen cyanopterus	LIMLA	Bar-tailed Godwit - Limosa lapponica
NETAU	African Pygmy Goose - Nettapus auritus	NUMPH	Whimbrel - Numenius phaeopus
ANAPE	Eurasian Wigeon - Anas penelope	NUMAR	Eurasian Curlew - Numenius arquata
ANACR	Common Teal - Anas crecca	TRIER	Spotted Redshank - Tringa erythropus
ANACA	Cape Teal - Anas capensis	TRITO	Common Redshank - Tringa totanus
ANAUN	Yellow-billed Duck - Anas undulata	TRIST	Marsh Sandpiper - Tringa stagnatilis
ANAAC	Northern Pintail - Anas acuta	TRINE	Common Greenshank - Tringa nebularia
ANAER	Red-billed Teal - Anas erythrorhynchos	TRIOC	Green Sandpiper - Tringa ochropus
ANAHO	Hottentot Teal - Anas hottentota	TRIGL	Wood Sandpiper - Tringa glareola
ANAQU	Garganey - Anas querquedula	ACTHY	Common Sandpiper - Tringa hypoleucos

ANACL	Northern Shoveler - Anas clypeata	XENCI	Terek Sandpiper - Tringa cinereus
NETER	Southern Pochard - Netta erythropthalma	AREIN	Ruddy Turnstone - Arenaria interpres
OXYMA	Maccoa Duck - Oxyura maccoa	GALNI	African Snipe - Gallinago nigripennis
DUCKS	unidentified ducks - Anatinae spp.	GALMD	Great Snipe - Gallinago media
		GALGA	Common Snipe - Gallinago gallinago
Total	RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS	CALAA	Sanderling - Calidris alba
RALCA	African Water Rail - Rallus caerulescens	CALMI	Little Stint - Calidris minuta
POREG	African Crake - Crecopsis egregia	CALFE	Curlew Sandpiper - Calidris ferruginea
PORFL	Black Crake - Amaurornis flavirostra	PHIPU	Ruff - Philomachus pugnax
GALCH	Common Moorhen - Gallinula chloropus	WADER	unidentified waders - Charadrii spp.
GALAN	Lesser Moorhen - Gallinula angulata		
GALAL	Allen's Gallinule - Porphyrio alleni	Total	GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMER
PORPO	Purple Swamphen - Porphyrio porphyrio	LARLE	White-eyed Gull - Larus leucophthalmus
FULCR	Red-knobbed Coot - Fulica cristata	LARHE	Sooty Gull - Larus hemprichii
RAILS	unidentified Rallids - Rallidae spp.	LARFU	Lesser Black-backed Gull - Larus fuscus
	amounted rando randa spp.	LARCI	Grey-headed Gull - Larus cirrocephalus
Total	JACANAS	LARGE	Slender-billed Gull - Larus genei
MICCA	Lesser Jacana - Microparra capensis	LARRI	Black-headed Gull - Larus ridibundus
ACTAF	African Jacana - Actophilornis africana	LARUS	unidentified gulls - Larus spp.
	Threat steam Treiophilornis agricula	CHLHY	Whiskered Tern - Chlidonias hybridus
Total	WADERS/SHOREBIRDS	CHLLE	White-winged Tern - Chlidonias leucopterus
ROSBE	Greater Painted-Snipe - Rostratula benghalensis	GELNI	Gull-billed Tern - Gelochelidon nilotica
DROAR	Crab-Plover - Dromas ardeola	STECA	Caspian Tern - Sterna caspia
HAEOS	Eurasian Oystercatcher - Haematopus ostralegus	STEHI	Common Tern - Sterna hirundo
HIMHI	Black-winged Stilt - Himantopus himantopus	STERE	White-cheeked Tern - Sterna repressa
RECAV	Pied Avocet - Recurvirostra avosetta	STEFU	Sooty Tern - Sterna fuscta
BURSE	Senegal Thick-knee - Burhinus senegalensis	STEAL	Saunders's Tern - Sterna saundersi
BURVE	Water Thick-knee - Burhinus vermiculatus	STEBR	Greater Crested Tern - Sterna bergii
BURCA	Spotted Thick-knee - Burhinus capensis	STEBE	Lesser Crested Tern - Sterna bergalensis
CURTE	Temminck's Courser - Cursorius temminckii	STERN	unidentified Sterna terns - Sterna spp.
GLAPR	Collared Pratincole - Glareola pratincola	ANOST	Brown Noddy - Anous stolidus
GLAPK	Rock Pratincole - Glareola nuchalis	RYNFL	African Skimmer - Rhynchops flavirostris
VANCR	Long-toed Plover - Vanellus crassirostris	KINFL	African Skimmer - Knynchops Juvirosiris
VANCR	Blacksmith Plover - Vanellus armatus	Total	BIRDS OF PREY
VANAR	Spur-winged Plover - Vanellus spinosus	PANHA	Osprey - Pandion haliaetus
VANSP	Spur-winged Plover - Vanellus spinosus	HALVO	Osprey - Panaton natiaetus  African Fish Eagle - Haliaeetus vocifer
VANLU	Black-neaded Plover - Vanelius tectus	CIRAE	Eurasian Marsh Harrier - Circus aeruginossus
VANLU VANME	Senegal Plover - Vanellus lugubris	CIRAE	Eurasian Marsh Harrier - Circus aeruginossus  African Marsh Harrier - Circus ranivorus
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VANCO	Crowned Plover - Vanellus coronatus	CIRMA	Pallid Harrier - Circus macrourus
VANSE	African Wattled Plover - Vanellus senegallus	CIRPY	Montagu's Harrier - Circus pygargus
PLUSQ	Grey Plover - Pluvialis squatarola	ASICA	African Marsh Owl - Asio capensis
CHAHI	Ringed Plover - Charadrius hiaticula		ADDIVIDADA GRANCIA
CHADU	Little Ringed Plover - Charadrius dubius	Total	ADDITIONAL SPECIES (use extra sheet if needed)
CHAPE	Kittlitz's Sandplover - Charadrius pecuarius		DIDDG 4 CONTROL
CHATR	Three-banded Plover - Charadrius tricollaris	TOTALS:	BIRDS of SPECIES