

**Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**  
**3rd Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**  
**Regina, Canada**  
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### **Recommendation 3.2: Need for further studies of flyways**

RECALLING that the Conference of the Contracting Parties is competent to consider “reports and statistics on matters which are essentially international in character affecting wetlands”;

NOTING that Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat establish “nature reserves on wetlands, whether they are included in the List or not”;

TAKING NOTE of the conclusions of the Workshop on Flyways and Reserve networks at the present Meeting;

#### **THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES**

RECOMMENDS that research be undertaken urgently to investigate the recent and severe decline in numbers of waders (shorebirds) in the Western Hemisphere;

FURTHER RECOMMENDS that research on waders (shorebirds) be pursued in West Africa and at inland sites used by waders, with a view to determining population trends and migration routes;

FURTHER RECOMMENDS that research efforts be intensified in East Asia to discover the cause of the severe decline in populations of ducks and large water birds;

FURTHER RECOMMENDS that waterfowl hunting statistics be collected, to allow better management of flyway populations of waterfowl, in particular in the Western Palearctic region (and especially the Mediterranean) and in East Asia;

EMPHASIZES the urgent need for information on wader (Shorebirds) populations using the East Africa flyway; and

EMPHASIZES the need to establish reserves at wetlands linked by migratory birds as already begun in the Western Hemisphere.