

# Promoting avoidance for conservation gains









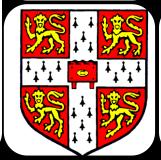




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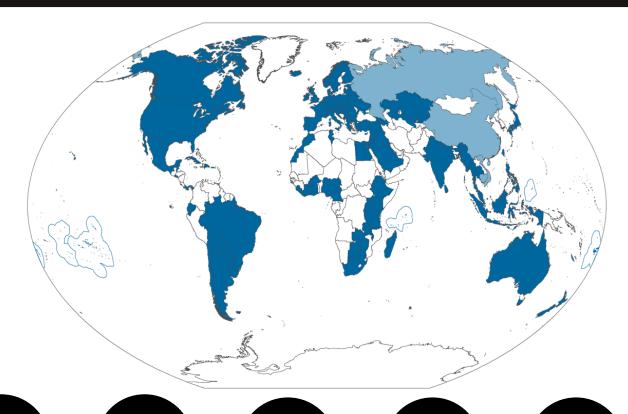
### Cambridge Conservation Initiative

transforming the landscape of biodiversity conservation





### **BirdLife International**



120

**Partners** 

7,400

staff

3

million members 11

million supporters

4

Million hectare of reserve



### Background









### **Mitigation Hierarchy**

Biodiversity

**Impact** 

Positive

Net Impact

Negative

Net Positive Impact

No Net Loss

Offset/ACA

Offset

Restore

Minimise

**Avoid** 



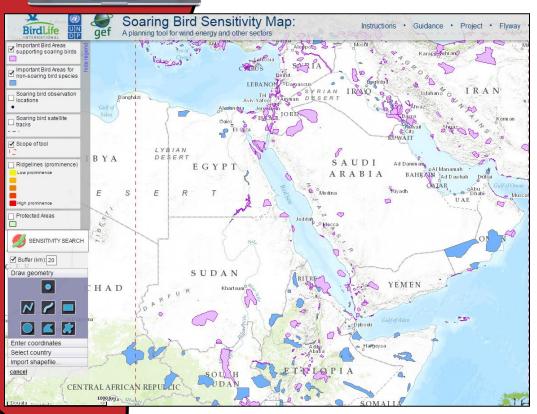
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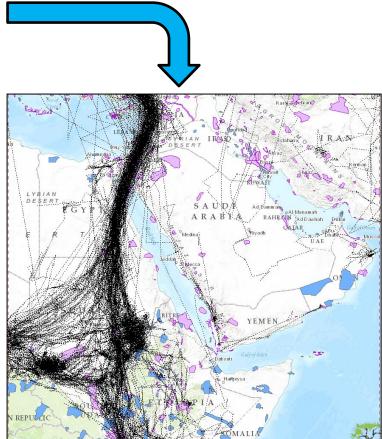
- **≯**Spatial avoidance
- **≯**Temporal avoidance
- ➤ Design avoidance
- **≯** Conclusions





### **Migratory Soaring Bird Sensitivity Mapping Tool**







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### **Toolkit for Ecosystem Services Site-based Assessment (TESSA)**

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Version.1.1

TESSA has been developed by the following organisations:











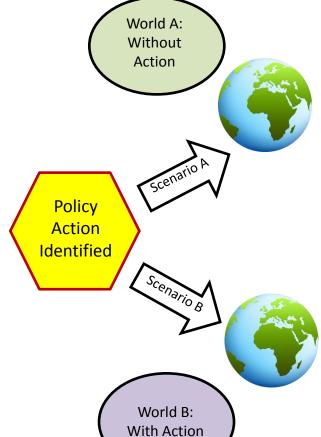








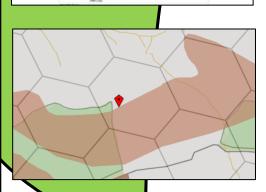




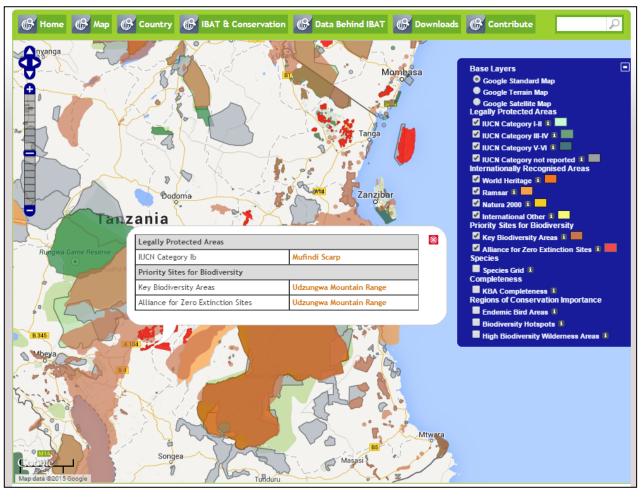








### **Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool**









### Biodiversity Risk and Opportunities Assessment (BROA)



#### **BIODIVERSITY RISK AND OPPORTUNITY ASSESSMENT (BROA)**

This BROA tool helps users to capture the evidence from their assessment, and to identify, assess and prioritise biodiversity risks and opportunities in a systematic way. The output of the tool is a set of prioritised risks and opportunities with defined Action and Monitoring Plans.

This tool should be used in a stepped approach working through the tables in the order below:

Help is embedded within the worksheets - (Hover over cells with a red corner or follow help links)

Extra information is available here:

1. Mandatory Risk Filter

2a. Risk Working Table

2b. Opportunity Working Table

3. Action and Monitoring Plans

Risk Causes

**Opportunity Guidelines** 

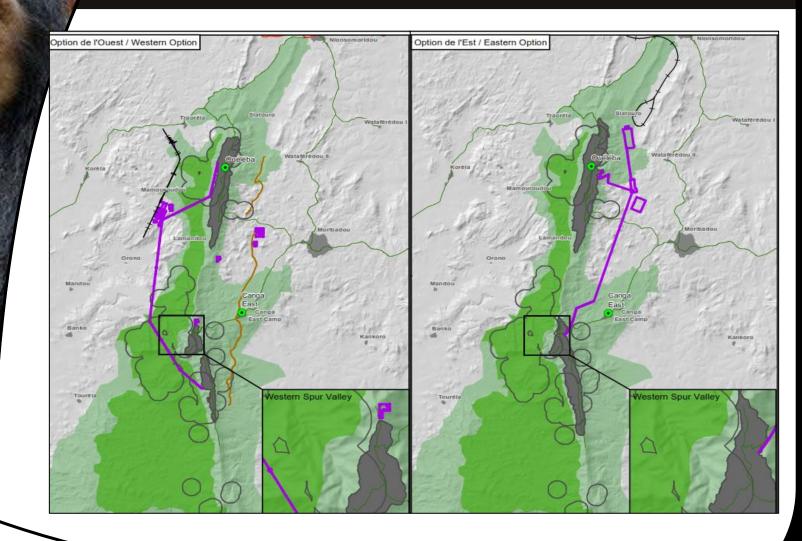
**Risk Matrices** 

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Risks and Opportunities for Action and Monitoring Planning



### **Spatial Avoidance**



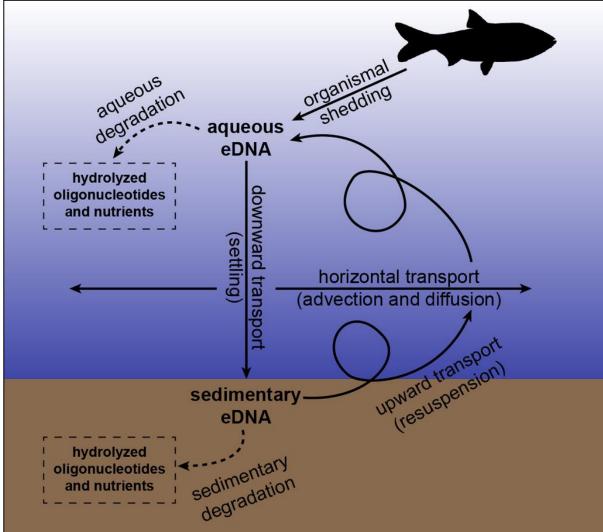


### eDNA – genetic avoidance

### **Barcode of Life**

Identifying Species with DNA Barcoding







### **Temporal Avoidance**



#### SAKHALIN ENERGY

TO BE THE PREMIER ENERGY SOURCE FOR ASIA-PACIFIC



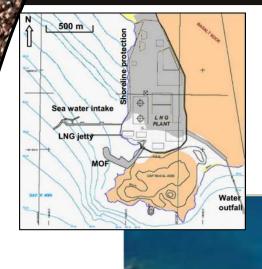


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### **Design Avoidance**



Coral banks

Bridge solution to reduce "footprint and to promote free flow of sea currents.

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### **Conclusions**

- > Wide range of tools and technology available
- ➤ Essential that they are used at earliest possible stage of project planning to ensure maximum avoidance potential
- Collaboration and capacity building are needed to improve data availability and quality





### Any questions?

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