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The Eighth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Wildlife Hazard Management Working Group (AP-WHM/WG/8)

Bangkok, Thailand, 25 to 28 May 2026

Agenda Item 4: Progress Update on Tasks Assigned to States and International/Regional Organizations

DEVELOP ICAO APAC WHM GO-TEAM MISSION PROGRAMME

(Presented by WORLDBIRDSTRIKE ASSOCIATION (LEAD), AUSTRALIA, INDIA, AND THAILAND)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the proposed Aerodrome Wildlife Hazard Management (WHM) Go-Team Workshop Syllabus and Capacity Building Programme developed to support APAC States and aerodrome operators in strengthening Wildlife Hazard Management implementation, operational competency and aviation safety in accordance with ICAO provisions.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Wildlife strikes continue to pose a significant threat to aviation safety globally, particularly during take-off, landing and low-altitude operations near aerodromes.

1.2 ICAO Annex 14 Volume I, Airport Services Manual (Doc 9137), Part 3 – Wildlife Hazard Management, PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981) and Safety Management Manual (Doc 9859) highlight the importance of implementing effective Wildlife Hazard Management (WHM) Programmes supported by trained and competent personnel.

1.3 The ICAO APAC Wildlife Hazard Management Working Group has developed a proposed Aerodrome Wildlife Hazard Management Go-Team Workshop Syllabus and Capacity Building Programme to support APAC States and aerodrome operators.

1.4 The programme is intended to improve wildlife hazard awareness, operational competency, wildlife risk assessment capability and implementation of Wildlife Hazard Management Programmes (WHMPs).

2. DISCUSSION

Overview of the WHM Go-Team Workshop Programme

2.1 The proposed workshop syllabus provides a structured framework covering key Wildlife Hazard Management principles, operational practices and regulatory requirements relevant to aerodrome operations.

2.2 The programme includes training modules relating to international regulations, wildlife ecology, Wildlife Hazard Assessments (WHA), Wildlife Hazard Management Programmes (WHMP), wildlife identification, habitat management, wildlife strike reporting, risk assessment and active/passive wildlife control measures.

2.3 The syllabus promotes integration of WHM into Safety Management Systems (SMS), stakeholder collaboration and competency-based training approaches.

2.4 The programme also recognises the importance of off-aerodrome wildlife management, land-use planning and engagement with local authorities and communities.

2.5 The workshop programme may be adapted to suit individual State, aerodrome and operational requirements and is intended to support regional harmonisation of WHM practices across APAC States.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the proposed Aerodrome Wildlife Hazard Management Go-Team Workshop Syllabus and Capacity Building Programme;
- b) support the continued development and implementation of standardised WHM Go-Team Workshop within the APAC Region;
- c) encourage APAC States and aerodrome operators to strengthen Wildlife Hazard Management competency frameworks;
- d) support regional collaboration relating to WHM Go-Team workshop, awareness and technical capacity building; and
- e) provide feedback and recommendations on the proposed training syllabus framework.

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<p>What: That,</p> <p>(a) Support the development and implementation of a standardised APAC Wildlife Hazard Management (WHM) Go-Team workshop syllabus and capacity building programme; and</p> <p>(b) Endorse the conduct of an initial workshop with WHM Experts for feedback and refinement purpose, followed by a pilot implementation at a selected mature aerodrome in the APAC Region to assess the operational effectiveness of the WHM Go-Team Workshop prior to its incorporation into WHM Go-Team Programme Document.</p>	<p>Expected impact:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Political / Global</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Inter-regional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops/Technical</p>
<p>Why: To strengthen Wildlife Hazard Management competency, improve aviation safety and support harmonised WHM implementation across APAC States.</p>	<p>Follow-up: <input type="checkbox"/> Required from States</p>
<p>When: 14-Aug-26</p>	<p>Status: Draft to be adopted by Subgroup</p>
<p>Who: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub groups <input type="checkbox"/> APAC States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICAO APAC RO <input type="checkbox"/> ICAO HQ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: AP-WHM/WG</p>	

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