



Poros Resolution

The following resolution, hereafter to be referred to as "Poros Resolution", was adopted by the representatives of the 15 European Stork Villages¹ and the participants of the 14th Conference of the European Stork Villages, which took place in Poros, Greece, on 17-18 May 2017.

The European Stork Villages and the participants of the 14th Conference of the European Stork Villages Network are

ALERTED by the illegal killing of White Storks and other migrating birds during their annual migration across the Mediterranean basin and especially over Lebanon², despite the fact that hunting is legally banned in this country until September 2017;

CONCERNED by the ongoing huge mortality of migrating White Storks at a wastewater treatment plant in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt, where thousands of White Storks die each year although this problem is publicly known for almost 30 years³.

The European Stork Villages and the participants of the 14th Conference of the European Stork Villages Network therefore

REQUEST the Executive Secretary of the *Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals* (CMS), together with the treaty's *Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Trade and Taking of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean*, and the Executive Secretary of the *Agreement on the Conservation of the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds* (AEWA), to address the killing of White Storks in the Mediterranean countries and particularly in Lebanon;

REQUEST the Government of Lebanon to stop the illegal killing of White Storks and other migrating birds in Lebanon, and to prolong the ban on hunting in the country until the proper enforcement of the hunting law can be ensured;

REQUEST the Executive Secretary of the CMS, together with the treaty's *Preventing Poisoning Working Group*, and the Executive Secretary of the AEWA, as well as the Government of Egypt, to address and stop the mortality of White Storks at the waste water treatment plant in Sharm el Sheikh.

Poros, Greece, on 18 May 2017

¹ The 'European Stork Villages Network' is a union of European municipalities, which have been designated by the EuroNatur Foundation for their extraordinary contribution to the conservation of the White Stork and its habitats. The representatives of the European Stork Villages believe that the conservation of the White Stork will be successful only through sustainable management of its habitats and migration routes, sustainable rural development and with public awareness raising.

² Brochet AL et al. (2016) Preliminary assessment of the scope and scale of illegal killing and taking of birds in the Mediterranean. *Bird Conservation International* 26: 1-28.

³ Schulz H (1988) Weistorchzug. Ökologie, Gefährdung und Schutz des Weißstorchs in Afrika und Nahost. Weikersheim, 459 pp.