

## Symposium 12 Migration and conservation of cranes and storks

### Introduction

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Large migratory wetland birds such as cranes and storks are threatened in many parts of the world. Knowledge of breeding and wintering habitat and of migration routes and stopover points are crucial for the conservation of these birds. Recently, cranes and storks have begun to be tracked by satellite, which has facilitated the collection of much new and accurate information about their migration routes, information that could never be obtained from routine ringing recaptures. This symposium reviews recent studies and the present state of knowledge of the migration

and conservation of several indicator species of cranes and storks, focusing on newly developed research technologies and Asian taxa that are poorly known. More specifically, the contributors concentrate on four aspects of migration and conservation: (1) the satellite tracking of migration, (2) ecological requirements in staging and wintering areas, (3) satellite imagery in the identification and mapping of habitat, and (4) the application of basic migration research to conservation.