

## 2016-2017 Report



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46

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### Mission statement

The BirdLife Partnership strives to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources.

### Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

#### Barometer of life

##### ■ Red List

i. We published the 7th comprehensive assessment of the global Red List status of all the world's bird species in December 2016. This update was the first to fully reflect the complete taxonomic revision of birds, as published in the HBW-BirdLife Checklist (del Hoyo & Collar, 2014-2016). As a result, the total number of bird species recognised and assessed rose from c. 10,000 to c. 11,000. The proportion of species considered to be globally threatened remained similar, at roughly 13% (1 in 8 of the world's bird species). (KSR #1)

ii. We published updated Red List assessments for more than 200 species in December 2017, as well as minor amendments to other species factsheets for another 500 species. (KSR #1)

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### Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020

#### Barometer of life

Red List: (1) annual partial reactive reassessments of several hundred bird species and updated factsheets for as many relevant CR species as possible; (2) comprehensive proactive 4-yearly reassessment of all 11,000 bird species in 2020.

### Projected impact for the quadrennium 2017-2020

BirdLife's Preventing Extinctions Programme expects to have had the following impacts by 2020: (1) status of the world's most threatened bird species improved through the work of BirdLife Species Guardians and other effective action; (2) overall extinction risk across all bird species reduced; (3) the global Red List for birds regularly updated, improved and promoted, with knowledge gaps filled through targeted research and monitoring; (4) declines in common bird species prevented, halted or reversed.



Somali Ostrich (*Struthio molybdophanes*), Vulnerable  
 Photo: Peter Steward

**Summary of activities (2016-2017)**

Key Priority Area ratio: 1/7
Key Priority Areas addressed:
• Barometer of life (2 activities)
Main KSRs addressed: 1
KSR: Key Species Result



James Westrip and Hannah Wheatley completed the Red List Trainers course in 2017  
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Andy Symes delivered a Red List training course in Serbia for BirdLife partners from across the Western Balkans in 2016  
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