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Birds which are ecologically dependent on wetlands are known as waterbirds. They play a significant role in human lives: culturally, socially, scientifically and as a food resource. Waterbirds are an important component of most wetland ecosystems as they form vital components of the food webs. A number of other birds, such as raptors, kingfishers and passerines, which depend on wetlands, are termed as wetland-dependent birds. The present checklist, in which binomial scientific nomenclature has been used (Manakadan and Pittie, 2001), comprises 242 species of waterbirds and 67 species of wetland-dependent birds from India. Out of 242 Indian waterbird species 125 (ca 52%) are migrant, 109 are resident, while the status of eight species is not known. Based on their population status, Indian waterbirds can generally be categorized as very common (4 species), common (21), locally common (76), uncommon (36), rare (53), very rare (4), vagrant (47) and possibly extinct (1). Of the 309 waterbirds and wetland-dependent bird species, 34 are globally threatened (including 3 categorized as critical species), 19 near threatened, five marginal to the region, one data deficient, three endemic, three restricted range species, 11 biome-restricted species and 19 species are listed under Appendices I & II of CITES.

INTRODUCTION

Waterbirds can broadly be defined as birds ecologically dependent on wetlands. This definition includes groups popularly known as waterfowl, seabirds and shorebirds or waders. There are a number of other birds, such as raptors, kingfishers and some passerines, which also depend on wetlands. Waterbirds play a significant role in human lives culturally, socially, scientifically and as a food resource. They are an important component of wetland ecosystems, as they form vital links in the food webs. A few waterbirds are considered to be crop pests, although many play an important role in the control of agricultural pests. Birds are probably the most significant group which attract people to wetlands.

Many waterbirds are migratory, undertaking annual movements between their breeding and non-breeding grounds. In the process, they regularly cross national boundaries. Therefore, it is the collective responsibility of all nations to make efforts for their conservation. Baseline information is a prerequisite for planning and monitoring management actions for waterbirds and their habitats.

As part of the International Waterbird Census, the Asian Waterfowl Census collects, collates and disseminates information on the distribution of waterbirds

and wetlands. The programme needs to be expanded in the Asia-Pacific region. An Asian Wetland Inventory database is being developed to collect standardised information on wetlands of national and international importance across Asia. The following checklist of Indian waterbirds will be of great benefit in this respect.

Ripley (1961) produced a comprehensive synopsis of the birds of India and Pakistan, this was followed by a 10-volume compendium on the birds of India and Pakistan by Ali and Ripley (1968-74), considered to be the bible of Indian ornithology. Inskipp *et al.* (1996) published an annotated checklist of the birds of the Oriental region, while Grimmett *et al.* (1998) gave an updated comprehensive account of the birds of the Indian subcontinent adopting the nomenclature of Inskipp *et al.* (1996). Kazmierczak (2000) brought out a field guide to the birds of the Indian subcontinent, again following the nomenclature of Inskipp *et al.* (1996). While Ali and Ripley (1968-74) in their Handbook used the common names for subspecies, all other writers following them have used binomial nomenclature. The standardised common and scientific names of the birds of the Indian subcontinent by Manakadan and Pittie (2001) have been followed in the present checklist. Islam and Rahmani (2002) have chronicled the status of threatened birds of India, adapted from Threatened Birds of Asia (BirdLife International 2001), and has been followed in the present

communication. Recently, the Bombay Natural History Society (*Buceros*, 7(3); 2002) has reviewed the avifaunal list of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The list of waterbirds, including wetland dependent birds in Schedule-I (Part-III) or Schedule-IV (No. 11) has been identified. In the present study, an attempt has also been made to analyse the need for enhancing the conservation status of Indian waterbirds under WL (P) Act and CITES.

Alfred *et al.* (2002), while adopting the nomenclature of Ripley (1961), listed 245 forms of waterbirds from India. The present checklist, in which binomial nomenclature has been used (Manakadan & Pittie, 2001), comprises 242 species of waterbirds, and 67 species of wetland dependent birds from India (Table 1).

The two main threats to the conservation of waterbirds are 1) the loss and 2) degradation of habitat and over exploitation of the wetlands. Approximately 12% of Asian birds are globally threatened with extinction. Wetlands are particularly important since 20% of the threatened bird species in Asia inhabit wetlands. This is a much greater component than the 10% of globally threatened waterbirds. Many species are close to extinction through disturbance or loss of their habitats, as well as through intensive hunting pressure. It is, therefore, of foremost importance to understand the conservation, distribution and abundance status of Indian waterbirds, to evolve appropriate conservation strategies. In the present checklist an attempt has been made to determine this status for Indian Waterbirds.

RESULTS

Residential status: The cyclical migration of waterbirds across the globe has been long recognized as a natural wonder. Each year, waterbirds fly many thousands of kilometres across a vast range of climates and habitats, in response to the urge to nest or to avoid adverse weather conditions. Out of 242 Indian waterbird species, 125 (*ca* 52%) are migrant, 109 resident, while the status is not known for eight species.

Of the 125 migrants, 102 species are winter migrants (WM), five species of winter migrants are also resident (WM/R), five species with some passage population(s) (WM/PM), ten species are summer migrant (SM) and the remaining three species are purely passage migrant (PM).

Of 109 resident species, 33 are completely resident (R), 23 are part resident and part winter migrant (R/WM), 42 undertake local movements, chiefly

depending on water conditions (R/LM), 3 are part resident, part altitudinal and winter migrant (R/AM/WM), 2 take on altitudinal movements (R/AM), 2 part resident, part winter and local migrant (R/WM/LM), 2 part resident, part winter and passage migrant (R/WM/PM), and the remaining 2 part resident and part local and summer migrant (R/LM/SM) (Table 1).

Population status: According to the recommendations of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention), one of the criteria for identifying Important Bird Areas (IBAs) is the estimate of waterbird populations. Wetlands International regularly carries out estimates of waterbird populations across the globe to determine population trends. The draft of the 3rd edition of waterbird population estimates was prepared in April 2002. It is vital that the population status of both resident and migratory waterbird species should be regularly monitored at all levels. Indian waterbirds can generally be categorized as Very Common - VCom (4 species), Common - Com (21), Locally Common - LCom (76), Uncommon - UnCom (36), Rare - Ra (53), Very Rare - VRa (4), Vagrant - Va (47) and Possibly Extinct - PEx (1) (Table 1).

Conservation status: Habitat loss or degradation is the major cause of endangerment to the biodiversity of the Asian region. A broad range of national policies, particularly on forestry, agriculture, wetlands and fisheries, can have significant impacts on biodiversity conservation. By ensuring that policies and laws (at local, provincial and national levels) take into account the principle of conservation, threats to species can be minimised.

Wetlands are crucial to biodiversity conservation in the Asian region, since at least 20% of threatened bird species are found in these habitats. One in eight of all bird species in the Asian region is Globally Threatened (GT). Next to tropical forest, wetland habitats are the most affected by constant human pressures. Therefore, species like storks, herons, ibises, ducks, geese, cranes, gulls and waders all feature highly as threatened species in the Asian region.

The present study indicates that of the 309 waterbirds and wetland-dependent birds, 34 species (*ca* 11%) are Globally Threatened (GT), (26 waterbirds and 8 wetland dependent birds), of which three are Critical (Cr), six Endangered (En), 24 Vulnerable (Vu), one Conservation Dependent (CD). Further, nine Globally Threatened species are listed under Schedule-I and 22 under Schedule-IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, while three

species are not listed under the above Act at all. Altogether, 19 species are listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES, 2002) (Appendix-I: 13 and Appendix-II: 06) (Table 2). Of the 19 Near Threatened species (NT), 14 are waterbirds and five are wetland dependent birds.

Out of 309 waterbirds and wetland-dependant birds, only three are endemic, three fall in the Restricted Range Species (RRS) category, five species are marginal to the region, one species comes under data deficient category, while 11 species are Biome-Restricted, of which five species are from Eurasian High Mountain (Biome 05), three from Sino-Himalayan Subtropical Forest (Biome 08), one from Indo-Chinese Tropical Moist Forest (Biome 09), and two from Indo-Malayan Tropical Dry Zone (Biome 11) (Jhunjhunwala, *et al.*, 2001) (Table 2).

The analysis of the conservation status of Indian waterbirds indicates that greater efforts are needed to enhance their protection level, as out of 34 Globally Threatened species only 11 are listed under CITES, while the remaining species like Spot-billed Pelican, White-bellied Heron, both the adjutants (Greater and Lesser), Sarus Crane, Indian Skimmer, Andaman Crake, Pallas's Fish-Eagle and Greater Spotted Eagle, though Globally Threatened, are not listed in either Appendices of CITES, and have no restriction on their trade.

Of the 34 Globally Threatened species, only nine are listed under Schedule-I of the WL(P)Act, 22 are relegated to Schedule-IV, while two species, namely the Masked Finfoot and Indian Skimmer (with a total estimated population for the South Asian region of 5000 each) are not included under the WL(P) Act, 1972 at all. Similarly, two of the most highly threatened Indian waterbirds, namely Sarus Crane and Black-necked Stork are listed under Schedule-IV with 1% threshold populations of 90 and 04 respectively. It is felt that such lacunae must be looked into for the sake of the conservation of Indian waterbirds.

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Table-1. **Checklist of Indian waterbirds and Wetland Dependant Birds

S.No.	HBI No.	Waterbirds	Species	Conservation Status	Residential Status	Abundance (2002)	CITES (1972) (1%)	WL(PA) (2002)	SAPE
1	(1)	Diver	Gaviidae <i>Gavia arctica</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va		Sch.IV	5500	-
2	(5)	Grebes	Podicipedidae <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> (Pallas, 1764)	R/LM	Com		Sch.IV	-	
3	(4a)	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i> (Bodddaert, 1783)	WM	Va		Sch.IV	-	
4	(3)	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/W/M	UnCom		Sch.IV	400	
5	(N)	Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va		Sch.IV	-	
6	(4)	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i> Brehm, 1831	WM	Ra		Sch.IV	250	
7	(6)	Petrels & Shearwaters	Procellariidae <i>Daption capense</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	?	Va		-	-	
8	(N)	Cape Petrel	<i>Pterodroma baraui</i> (Jouanin, 1964)	SM	Va		-	-	
9	(13b)	Barau's Petrel	<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i> (Jardine & Selby, 1828)	SM	Va		-	-	
10	(13a)	Bulwer's Petrel	<i>Bulweria fallax</i> Jouanin, 1955	SM	Ra		-	-	
11	(9)	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus pacificus</i> (Gmelin, 1789)	SM	Va		-	-	
12	(8)	Flesh-footed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus carneipes</i> Gould, 1844	PM	LCom		-	-	
13	(11)	* Audubon's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus lherminieri</i> Lesson, 1839	?	Com		-	-	
14	(12)	* Persian Shearwater	<i>Puffinus persicus</i> Hume, 1872	WM	Va		-	-	
15	(14)	Storm-Petrels	Hydrobatidae <i>Oceanites oceanicus</i> (Kuhl, 1820)	SM	Com		-	-	

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16	(N)	White-faced Storm-Petrel	<i>Pelagodroma marina</i> (Latham, 1790)	PM	Ra	-	-	-	-
17	(15)	Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i> (Gould, 1844)	?	Va	-	-	-	-
18	(16)	* Swinhoe's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma monorhis</i> (Swinhoe, 1867)	SM	Va	-	-	-	-
		Tropicbirds							
19	(17)	Grey-backed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	Ra	-	-	-	-
20	(18)	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i> Boddart, 1783	R	Ra	-	-	-	-
621	(19)	Yellow-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i> Daudin, 1802	R	Ra	-	-	-	-
		Pelecanidae							
22	(20)	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/WM	LCom	Sch.IV	225		
23	(21)	* Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i> Gmelin, 1789	GT/Vu	R/LM	LCom	Sch.IV	100	
24	(22)	* Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i> Bruch, 1832	GT/CD	WM	Ra	Appendix I	Sch.IV	120
		Sulidae							
25	(23)	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i> Lesson, 1831	R	Ra	-	-	-	-
26	(24)	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)	R	Ra	-	-	-	-
27	(25)	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i> (Boddart, 1783)	R	Ra	-	-	-	-
		Boobies							
28	(28)	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i> (Vieillot, 1817)	R/LM	Com	Sch.IV	1500		
29	(27)	Indian Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i> Stephens, 1826	R/LM	Com	Sch.IV	300		
30	(26)	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/WM	Com	Sch.IV	250		

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Anhingidae									
31	(29)	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i> Pennant, 1769	NT	R/LM	LCom		Sch.IV	40
32	(31)	Frigatebirds	Fregatidae					-	
33	(32)	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i> (Gmelin, 1789)	SM	Va			-	
34	(30)	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i> (G.R. Gray, 1845)	SM	Va			-	
		Christmas Island Frigatebird	<i>Fregata andrewsi</i> Mahtews, 1914	GT/Cr	?	Va	Appendix I	-	
Herons, Egrets & Bitterns									
35	(49)	Little Egret	Ardeidae					Sch.IV	
36	(50)	Western Reef-Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)	R/LM	Com			600	
37	(51)	Pacific Reef-Egret	<i>Egretta gularis</i> (Bose, 1792)	R/LM	Ra		Sch.IV	170	
38	(35-36)	Grey Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i> (Gmelin, 1789)	R	LCom		Sch.IV	-	
39	(34)	Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/WM	LCom		Sch.IV	200	
40	(33)	White-bellied Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i> Cretzschmar, 1827	?	Va		Sch.IV	1	
41	(37-37a)	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea insignis</i> Hume, 1878	GT/En	R	VRa		Sch.IV	6
42	(45-46)	Large Egret	<i>Ardea purpurea</i> Linnaeus, 1766	R/LM	LCom		Sch.IV	250	
43	(47, 48)	Median Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/LM	LCom		Sch.IV	250	
44	(44)	Cattle Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i> (Wagler, 1829)	R/LM	LCom		Sch.IV	250	
45	(42-42a)	Indian Pond-Heron	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/AM	Com		Sch.IV	=15000	
			<i>Ardeola grayii</i> (Sykes, 1832)	R/LM	Com		Sch.IV	=5000	

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46	(43)	Chinese Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i> (Bonaparte, 1855)	R/LM	Ra		Sch. IV	=1000	
47	(38-41)	Little Green Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R	Ra		Sch. IV	-	
48	(52)	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/LM	LCom		Sch. IV	=1000	
49	(53-54)	Malayan Night-Heron	<i>Gorsachius melanophorus</i> (Raffles, 1822)	R	Ra		Sch. IV	=100	
50	(55)	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)	R/LM	Ra		Sch. IV	=150	
51	(57)	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i> (Gmein, 1789)	R/LM	UnCom		Sch. IV	=5000	
52	(56)	Chestnut Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i> (Gmein, 1789)	R/LM	LCom		Sch. IV	=6000	
53	(58)	Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i> (Latham, 1790)	R/LM	UnCom		Sch. IV	=750	
54	(59)	Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Ra		Sch. IV	-	
Storks									
55	(60)	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i> (Pennant, 1769)	NT	R/LM	LCom	Sch. IV	150	
56	(61)	Asian Openbill-Stork	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i> (Boddaert, 1783)	R/LM	LCom		Sch. IV	1250	
57	(65)	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM/PM	UnCom		Appendix II	Sch. IV	=55
58	(62)	White-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i> (Boddaert, 1783)	R	Ra		Sch. IV	=150	
59	(63)	* European White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	LCom		Sch. IV	30	
60	(64)	* Oriental White Stork	<i>Ciconia boyciana</i> Swinhoe, 1873	WM	Ra		Appendix I	Sch. I	25
61	(66)	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i> (Latham, 1790)	NT	R	Ra	Sch. IV	4	

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62	(68)	Lesser Adjutant-Stork	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> (Horsfield, 1821) <i>Leptoptilos dubius</i> (Gmelin, 1789)	GT/Vu	R/LM	Ra		Sch. IV	50
63	(67)	Greater Adjutant-Stork		GT/En	R/LM	Ra		Sch. IV	7
64	(71)	Ibises & Spoonbills							
64	(71)	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)						
65	(69)	Oriental White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i> (Latham, 1790)	NT	R/LM	LCom		Sch. IV	200
66	(70)	Black Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i> (Temminck, 1824)	BRS(11)	R	UnCom		Sch. IV	=300
67	(72)	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i> Linnaeus, 1758		R	LCom	Appendix II	Sch. I	230
		Flamingos							
68	(73)	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i> Linnaeus, 1758		R/W/M/LM	LCom		Sch. IV	5000
69	(74)	Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i> (Geoffroy, 1798)	NT	R/LM	LCom		Sch. IV	1500
		Swans, Geese & Ducks							
70	(89)	Large Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> (Vieillot, 1816)		R/LM	LCom		Sch. I	200
71	(88)	Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i> (Horsfield, 1821)		R/LM	LCom		Sch. IV	=10000
72	(123)	White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucophala</i> (Scopoli, 1769)		W.M	Ra	Appendix II	Sch. IV	3
73	(87)	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i> (Gmelin, 1789)		W.M	Va		Sch. IV	-
74	(86)	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)		W.M	Va		Sch. IV	-
75	(84-85)	* Tundra Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i> (Ord, 1815)		W.M	Va		Sch. IV	-
76	(76-77)		Bean Goose (Latham, 1787)		W.M	Va	<i>Anser fabilis</i>	Sch. IV	-

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77	(79)	Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i> (Scopoli, 1769)	WM	Ra			Sch. IV	-
78	(80)	Lesser White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser erythrurus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	GT/Vu	WM	Ra		Sch. IV	-
79	(81)	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Com			Sch. IV	150
80	(82)	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i> (Latham, 1790)	R/WM	LCom			Sch. IV	=200
81	(83)	Snow Goose	<i>Anser caerulescens</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va			Sch. IV	-
82	(75)	Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i> (Pallas, 1769)	GT/Vu	(marginal to region)	WM	Va	Appendix II	Sch. IV
83	(90)	Brahminy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> (Pallas, 1764)	R/WM/PM	LCom			Sch. IV	500
84	(91)	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Ra			Sch. IV	100
85	(116)	White-winged Duck	<i>Cairina scutulata</i> (S. Muller, 1842)	GT/En	R	Ra	Appendix I	Sch. I	2
86	(115)	Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i> (Pennant, 1769)	R/LM	UnCom		Appendix II	Sch. IV	60
87	(114)	Cotton Teal	<i>Nettapus coromandianus</i> (Gmelin, 1789)	R/LM	LCom		Sch. IV	=1500	
88	(113)	Mandarin Duck	<i>Aix galericulata</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va		Sch. IV	-	
89	(101)	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	Com		Sch. IV	1500	
90	(102)	Falcated Duck	<i>Anas falcata</i> Georgi, 1775	WM	Ra		Sch. IV	-	
91	(103)	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	Com		Sch. IV	2500	
92	(100)	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/WM	UnCom		Sch. IV	750	

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93	(97-99)	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i> J.R. Forrester, 1781	R/LM	Com			Sch.IV	500
94	(105)	Northern Shoveller	<i>Anas clypeata</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	Com			Sch.IV	=6000
95	(96)	Andaman Teal	<i>Anas gibberifrons</i> (Muller, 1842)	E	R	UnCom		Sch.I	35
96	(93)	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	VCom			Sch.IV	=15000
97	(104)	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	VCom			Sch.IV	2500
98	(95)	Baikal Teal	<i>Anas formosa</i> Georgi, 1775	GT/Vu	WM	Ra	Appendix II	Sch.IV	=1000
99	(94)	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	VCom			Sch.IV	4000
100	(92)	Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta</i> <i>angustirostris</i> (Méniétriès, 1832)	GT/Vu	WM	Ra		Sch.IV	50
101	(106)	Pink-headed Duck	<i>Rhodo nessa</i> <i>caryophyllacea</i> (Latham, 1790)	GT/Cr	R	Probably Extinct	Appendix I	Sch.I	1
102	(107)	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Rhodonessa rufina</i> (Pallas, 1773)	WM	LCom			Sch.IV	=750
103	(108)	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	LCom			Sch.IV	=10000
104	(109)	Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i> (Guldenstadt, 1770)	NT	R/WM	LCom		Sch.IV	=100
105	(110)	Baer's Pochard	<i>Aythya baeri</i> (Radde, 1863)	GT/Vu	WM	Ra		Sch.IV	=100
106	(111)	Tufted Pochard	<i>Aythya fuligula</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	LCom			Sch.IV	=10000
107	(112)	Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i> (Linnaeus, 1761)	WM	Va			Sch.IV	-

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108	(117)	Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va		Sch.IV	-	
109	(118)	Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Ra		Sch.IV	=250	
110	(119)	Smew	<i>Mergus albellus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	Ra		Sch.IV	=250	
111	(122)	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	Va		Sch.IV	100	
112	(120-121)	Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/WM	LCom		Sch.IV	60	
113	(325)	Cranes	Gruidae <i>Grus leucogeranus</i> Pallas, 1773	GT/Cr	WM	VRa	Appendix I	Sch.I	1
114	(323-324)	Sarus Crane	<i>Grus antigone</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	GT/Vu	R/LM	LCom	Sch.IV	90	
115	(326)	Demoiselle Crane	<i>Grus virgo</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	LCom		Sch.IV	1000	
116	(320)	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	LCom		Sch.IV	700	
117	(322)	Hooded Crane	<i>Grus monacha</i> Temminck, 1835	GT/Vu	WM	Va	Appendix I	Sch.I	-
118	(321)	Black-necked Crane	<i>Grus nigricollis</i> Przevalski, 1876	GT/Vu BRS (05)	R/WM	VRa	Appendix I		58
Rails, Crakes, Moorhens & Coots									
119	(333)	Andaman Crake	Rallidae <i>Rallina cinnamomea</i> (Blyth, 1863)	E DD RRS (2)	R	Ra	Sch.IV	-	
120	(331)	Red-legged Crake	<i>Rallina fasciata</i> (Raffles, 1822)	R	Ra		Sch.IV	-	
121	(332)	Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i> (Lafresnaye, 1845)	R/LM	UnCom		Sch.IV	-	
122	(329-330)	Blue-breasted Rail	<i>Gallirallus striatus</i> Linnaeus, 1766	R/LM	UnCom		Sch.IV	-	

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123	(327-328)	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/WM	LCom	Va	Sch. IV	-	
124	(334)	Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	GT/Vu (Marginal to region)	WM	UnCom	Sch. IV	-	
125	(342)	Brown Crake	<i>Amaurornis akool</i> (Sykes, 1832)	R/LM	Com	Ra	Sch. IV	-	
126	(343-345)	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i> (Pennant, 1769)	R	Com	Ra	Sch. IV	=10000	
127	(341)	Elwes's Crake	<i>Porzana bicolor</i> (Walden, 1872)	BRS(08)	R	Ra	Sch. IV	-	
128	(335,336)	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i> (Scopoli, 1769)	WM	Ra	Ra	Sch. IV	-	
129	(337)	Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i> (Pallas, 1776)	R/WM	LCom	Ra	Sch. IV	-	
130	(338)	Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)	WM	UnCom	R/WM	Sch. IV	-	
131	(339-40)	Ruddy-breasted Crake	<i>Porzana fusca</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)	R/WM	Ra	Ra	Sch. IV	-	
132	(346)	Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i> (Gmelin, 1789)	R/LM	LCom	Ra	Sch. IV	-	
133	(348-349)	Purple Moorhen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/LM	LCom	Ra	Sch. IV	-	
134	(347-347a)	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/WM R/WM	Com VCom	R/WM	Sch. IV	=10000	
135	(350)	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i> Linnaeus, 1758				Sch. IV	15000	
136	(351)	Ringfoot	<i>Heliorhinidae</i>						
		Masked Fimfoot	<i>Heliosciurus personata</i> (G.R. Gray, 1849)	GT/Vu BRS(09)	R	VRa		=50	
137	(358)	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i> (Scopoli, 1786)	R/LM/SM	UnCom		Sch. IV	=1000	

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138	(359)	Jacanas	Jacanidae <i>Metopidius indicus</i> (Latham, 1790)	R	LCom		Sch. IV	=1000	
139	(429)	Painted-Snipes	Rostratulidae <i>Rostrula benghalensis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/LM	LCom			=1000	
140	(360-361)	Oystercatcher	Haematopodidae <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	Ra		Sch. IV	=100	
		Plovers, Dotterels & Lapwings	Charadriidae <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va		Sch. IV	-	
141	(372)	European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i> (Gmelin, 1789)	WM	UnCom		Sch. IV	750	
142	(373)	*Pacific Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	UnCom		Sch. IV	300	
143	(371)	Grey Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	Ra		Sch. IV	=1000	
144	(378)	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius placidus</i> J.E. Gray, 1863	WM	Ra		Sch. IV	=150	
145	(383)	Long-billed Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i> Scopoli, 1786	R/WM	Com		Sch. IV	=1000	
146	(379-380)	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/WM	LCom		Sch. IV	=1500	
147	(381-382)	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i> Pallas, 1776	R/WM	LCom		Sch. IV	1000	
148	(384-384a)	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius lesschenaultii</i> Lesson, 1826	WM	UnCom		Sch. IV	-	
149	(374)	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i> Pallas, 1773	WM	Va		Sch. IV	-	
150	(376)	*Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius veredus</i> Gould, 1848	WM	Va		Sch. IV	-	
151	(377)	*Oriental Plover					Sch. IV	-	

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152	(375)	Black-fronted Dotterel	<i>Elseyornis melanops</i> (Vieillot, 1818)	?	Va		Sch. IV	-	
153	(364)	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	LCom		Sch. IV	=650	
154	(370)	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i> (Boddart, 1783)	BRS(11)	R/LM	LCom	Sch. IV	=500	
155	(369)	*River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i> (Lesson, 1826)	R/LM	LCom		Sch. IV	=100	
156	(365)	Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	UnCom		Sch. IV	=250	
157	(366-368)	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i> (Boddart, 1783)	R/LM	Com		Sch. IV	=1500	
158	(363)	Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i> (Pallas, 1771)	GT/Vu	WM	Ra	Sch. IV	10	
159	(362)	White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i> (Lichtenstein, 1823)	WM	LCom		Sch. IV	=250	
Sandpipers, Stints, Snipes, Godwits & Curlews									
160	(411)	Eurasian Woodcock	Scolopacidae <i>Scolopax rusticola</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/AM/WM	LCom		Sch. IV	-	
161	(404)	Solitary Snipe	<i>Gallinago solitaria</i> Hodgson, 1831	BRS(05)	R/AM/WM	Ra	Sch. IV	-	
162	(405)	Wood Snipe	<i>Gallinago nemoricola</i> Hodgson, 1836	GT/Vu BRS(05)	R/AM/WM	Ra	Sch. IV	=50	
163	(406)	Pintail Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i> (Bonaparte, 1830)	WM	LCom		Sch. IV	=2000	
164	(407)	Swinhoe's Snipe	<i>Gallinago megalala</i> Swinhoe, 1861	WM	Ra		Sch. IV	-	
165	(408)	Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i> (Latham, 1787)	NT	WM	Va	Sch. IV	-	

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166	(409)	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/WM	Com		Sch.IV	-	
167	(410)	Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocryptes minimus</i> (Brünnich, 1764)	WM	UnCom		Sch.IV	=660	
168	(389-390)	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	LCom		Sch.IV	1600	
169	(391-391a)	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	UnCom		Sch.IV	1000	
170	(385-386)	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	UnCom		Sch.IV	=900	
171	(387-388)	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	UnCom		Sch.IV	-	
172	(392)	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i> (Pallas, 1764)	WM	LCom		Sch.IV	=300	
173	(393-394)	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/WM	Com		Sch.IV	=2000	
174	(395)	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> (Bechstein, 1803)	WM	LCom		Sch.IV	=1900	
175	(396)	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i> (Gunner, 1767)	WM	LCom		Sch.IV	=650	
176	(399)	Spotted Greenshank	<i>Tringa guttifer</i> (Nordmann, 1835)	WM	Va	Appendix I	Sch.IV	10	
177	(397)	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM/R	LCom		Sch.IV	=2000	
178	(398)	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	LCom		Sch.IV	=10000	
179	(400)	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i> (Guldenstadt, 1774)	WMPM	UnCom		Sch.IV	=1250	
180	(401)	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/WM	LCom		Sch.IV	=2000	
181	(402)	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va		Sch.IV	=750	
182	(N)	Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i> (Say, 1823)	WM	Va		Sch.IV	-	

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183	(403)	Asian Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus semipalmatus</i> (Blyth, 1848)	NT	WM	Ra	Sch. IV	180	
184	(413)	Great Knot	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i> (Horsfield, 1821)	WM	UnCom	Sch. IV	3200		
185	(412)	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va	Sch. IV	-		
186	(414)	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i> (Pallas, 1764)	WM	Va	Sch. IV	=750		
187	(423)	Spoonbill Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pygmaea</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	GT/Vu	WM	Ra	Sch. IV	50	
188	(416)	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i> (Leisler, 1812)	WM	LCom	Sch. IV	2000		
189	(415)	Rufous-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i> (Pallas, 1776)	WM	Ra	Sch. IV	4700		
190	(417)	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i> (Leisler, 1812)	WM	LCom	Sch. IV	=750		
191	(418)	Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i> (Middendorff, 1853)	WM	UnCom	Sch. IV	-		
192	(420, 421)	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	UnCom	Sch. IV	=1500		
193	(422)	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i> (Pontoppidan, 1813)	WM	UnCom	Sch. IV	1000		
194	(424-425)	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i> (Pontoppidan, 1763) <i>Vieillot, 1819</i>	WM	UnCom	Sch. IV	-		
195	425a	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i> <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va	Sch. IV	-		
196	(426)	Ruff	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i> Vigors, 1832	WM/PM	LCom	Sch. IV	=500		
197	(433)	Ibisbill	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/AM	UnCom	Sch. IV	=250		
198	(430-431)	Black-winged Stilt		R/LM	Com	Sch. IV	=5250		

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Ibisbill, Avocets & Stilts									
199	(432)	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM/R	LCom			Sch.IV	=400
200	(428)	Phalaropes	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Ra			-	
201	(427)	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicaria</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va			-	
202	(434)	Crab-Plovers	<i>Dromas ardeola</i> Paykull, 1805	WM	Ra			-	
		Stone plovers/ Thick-knees	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i> (Cuvier, 1829)	R/LM	UnCom			Sch.IV	-
203	(437)	* Great Stone-Plover	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i> (Vieillot, 1818)	R	LCom			Sch.IV	-
204	(438)	* Beach Stone-Plover							
		Pratincoles	<i>Glareola pratincola</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)	WM	Ra			=250	
205	(442)	* Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i> J.R. Forster, 1795	R/LM/SM	LCom			670	
206	(443)	* Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i> Temminck, 1820	R/LM	LCom			=250	
		Skuas	<i>Stercorariidae</i>						
208	(445-446)	* Brown Skua	<i>Catharacta antarctica</i> (Lesson, 1831)	SM	Va			-	
209	(446a)	* South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i> (Saunders, 1893)	SM	Va			-	
210	(447)	Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i> (Temminck, 1815)	WM	Ra			-	
211	(448)	Parasitic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	Va			-	

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Gulls, Terns & Noddies Laridae									
212	(449)	Sooty Gull	<i>Larus hemprichii</i> Bruch, 1853	WM	Va			Sch.IV	-
213	(N)	Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	WM	Va			Sch.IV	-
214	(450)	* Heuglin's Gull	<i>Larus heuglini</i> Bree, 1876	WM	Ra			Sch.IV	=2000
215	(451)	* Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i> Pallas, 1811	WM/PM	UnCom			Sch.IV	-
216	(453)	Pallas's Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i> J.E. Gray, 1831	R	ICom			Sch.IV	-
224	(479)	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i> Lesson, 1831	R/WM	ICom			Sch.IV	-
225	(478)	Large Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i> Lichtenstein, 1823	R	ICom			Sch.IV	-
226	(480)	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i> Latham, 1787	WM	ICom			Sch.IV	-
227	(466)	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i> Montagu, 1813	R	UnCom			Sch.IV	-
228	(468-469)	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i> Raffles, 1822	R	ICom			Sch.IV	-
229	(464-465)	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/WM	ICom			Sch.IV	-
230	(466a)	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i> Pontoppidan, 1763	?	Va			Sch.IV	-
231	(475-476)	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i> Pallas, 1764	WM/R	ICom			Sch.IV	-
232	(477)	Saunders's Tern	<i>Sterna saundersi</i> Hume, 1877	R	UnCom			Sch.IV	-
233	(467)	White-cheeked Tern	<i>Sterna repressa</i> Hartert, 1916	R	ICom			Sch.IV	-
234	(470)	Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i> J.E. Gray, 1831	NT	R	ICom		Sch.IV	-
235	(471,72,73)	Bridled Tern	<i>Sterna anaethetus</i> Scopoli, 1786	R	ICom			Sch.IV	-

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S.No.	HBI No.	Waterbirds	Species	Conservation Status	Residential Status	CITES Status (2002)	WL(P)A (1972)	SAPF (2002) (1%)
236	(474)	Sooty Tern	<i>Sterna fuscata</i> Linnaeus, 1766	R	LCom		Sch. IV	-
237	(458)	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i> (Pallas, 1811)	R/WMPM	LCom		Sch. IV	-
238	(459)	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> (Temminck, 1815)	WM/PM	UnCom		Sch. IV	-
239	(459a)	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	PM	Va		Sch. IV	-
240	(481)	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R	LCom		Sch. IV	-
241	(482)	* Black Noddy Skimmers	<i>Anous minutus Boie, 1844</i>	?	Va		Sch. IV	-
242	(484)	Indian Skimmer	<i>Rynchops albicollis</i> Swainson, 1838	R/LM	UnCom	50		
Wetland Dependant Birds								
243	(135)	Hawks, Eagles, Kites & Harriers	Accipitridae <i>Halierastur indus</i> (Boddart, 1783)	R/LM	LCom		Sch. I	-
244	(173)	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> (Gmelin, 1788)	R	Ra		Sch. I	-
245	(174)	Pallas's Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> (Pallas, 1771)	GT/Vu	R/WM	Ra	Appendix I	Sch. I
246	(172a)	White-tailed Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i> Linnaeus, 1758	NT	WM	Ra	Appendix I	Sch. I
247	(177)	Lesser Grey-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga humilis</i> (S. Muller & Schlegel, 1841)	NT	R/AM	Ra	Sch. I	-
248	(175-176)	Greater Grey-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i> (Horsfield, 1821)	R	UnCom		Sch. I	-

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S.No.	HBI No.	Waterbirds	Species	Conservation Status	Residential Status	Abudance Status	CITES (2002)	WL(PA (1972)	SAPE (2002) (1%)
249	(193)	Western Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	ICom		Sch. I	-	
250	(194)	Eastern Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus spilonotus</i> Kaup, 1847	WM	ICom		Sch. I	-	
251	(170)	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i> Pallas, 1811	GT/Vu	WM/R	Ra	Sch. I	-	
252	(169)	* Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i> Hodgson, 1833	WM	ICom		Sch. I	-	
253	(167)	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i> Savigny, 1809	GT/Vu	WM	Ra	Appendix I	Sch. I	-
254	(203)	Osprey	Pandionidae						
		Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM/R	UnCom		Sch. I	-	
255	(209-211)	Falcons	Falconidae						
		Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i> Tunstall, 1771	-R/WM	UnCom		Appendix I	Sch. I	-
256	(247)	Partridges	Phasianidae						
		Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i> (Temminck, 1815)	GT/Vu	R	ICom	Sch. IV	-	
257	(631-2)	Owls	Strigidae						
		Brown Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i> (Gmelin, 1788)	R			Sch. IV	-	
258	(633)	Tawny Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa flavipes</i> (Hodgson, 1836)	R			Sch. IV	-	
259	(633a)	Buffy Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa ketupu</i> (Horsfield, 1821)	R	Va		Sch. IV	-	
260	(721)	Kingfishers	Alcedinidae						
		Blyth's Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo hercules</i> Laubmann, 1917	NT BRS (08)	R	Ra	Sch. IV	-	
261	(722-724)	Small Blue Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)				Sch. IV	-	
262	(725-726a)	Blue-eared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo meninting</i> Horsfield, 1821		R	Com	Sch. IV	-	

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S.No.	HBI No.	Waterbirds	Species	Conservation Status	Residential Status	Abundance Status	CITES (2002)	WL(P)A (1972)	SAPE (2002) (1%)
263	(727-728)	Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx erithacus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/LM	Ra		Sch. IV	-	
264	(730-732)	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon capensis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R	LCom		Sch. IV	-	
265	(729)	Brown-winged Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon amauropelta</i> Pearson, 1841	NT	R	LCom	Sch. IV	-	
266	(733-734)	Ruddy Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon coromanda</i> (Latham, 1790)	R/LM	Ra		Sch. IV	-	
267	(735-738)	White-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/LM	Com		Sch. IV	-	
268	(739)	Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i> (Boddaert, 1783)	R/LM	LCom		Sch. IV	-	
269	(740-743)	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus chloris</i> (Boddaert, 1783)	R	LCom		Sch. IV	-	
270	(717-718)	Greater Pied Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i> (Temminck, 1834)	R	LCom		Sch. IV	-	
271	(719-720)	Lesser Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R	Com		Sch. IV	-	
272	(747)	Bee-eaters	<i>Meropidae</i>						
		Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i> Pallas, 1773	SM/PM	LCom				
273	(748)	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i> Linnaeus, 1766	R/WM	LCom				
274	(744-745)	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaultii</i> Vieillot, 1817	R	LCom				
275	(911)	Swallows & Martins	<i>Hirundinidae</i>						
		*Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/WM	LCom				
276	(910)	*Pale Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i> (Sharpe & Wyatt, 1893)	R/WM	LCom				
277	(912)	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i> (Vieillot, 1817)	R/LM	Com				
278	(916-918)	Common Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/WM	LCom				

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S.No.	HBI No.	Wetland Dependent Birds	Species	Conservation Status	Residential Status	Abundance Status	CITES (2002)	WL(P)A (1972)	SAPE (2002) (1%)
279	(921)	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i> Leach, 1818	R/SM	LCom	-	-	-	-
280	(923-928)	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i> Linnaeus, 1771	R/SM/WM	LCom	-	-	-	-
281	(922)	Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo fluvicola</i> Blyth, 1855	R/SM	LCom	-	-	-	-
282	(1885-90)	Wagtails & Pipits	Motacillidae <i>Motacilla alba</i>	R/WM/PM	Com	Sch. IV	-	-	-
283	(1891)	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i> Gmelin, 1789	R	LCom	Sch. IV	-	-	-
284	(1881-83)	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i> Pallas, 1776	R/AM/WM	LCom	Sch. IV	-	-	-
285	(1875-80)	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i> Linnaeus, 1758	R/AM/ WM/PM	LCom	Sch. IV	-	-	-
286	(1884)	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i> Tunstall, 1771	R/AM/WM	LCom	Sch. IV	-	-	-
287	(1864)	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i> (Pallas, 1811)	PM	Ra	Sch. IV	-	-	-
288	(1865)	Rosy Pipit	<i>Anthus roseatus</i> Blyth, 1847	R/AM/WM	LCom	Sch. IV	-	-	-
289	(1871)	*Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	WM	LCom	Sch. IV	-	-	-
290	(1872)	*Buff-bellied Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i> (Tunstall, 1771)	WM	Ra	Sch. IV	-	-	-
291	(1772-74)	Dippers	Cinclidae <i>Cinclus cinclus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/AM	UnCom	-	-	-	-
292	(1775-76)	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasi</i> Temminck, 1820	R/AM	LCom	-	-	-	-
293	(1769-71)	Wrens	Troglydytidae <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	R/AM	LCom	Sch. IV	-	-	-

Table-1. **Checklist of Indian waterbirds and Wetland Dependant Birds (contd.)

S.No.	HBI No.	Wetland Dependent Birds	Species	Conservation Status	Residential Status	Abundance Status	CITES (2002)	WL(P) (1972)	SAPE (2002) (1%)
Accentors									
294	(1678)	Guldenstadt's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythrogaster</i> (Guldenstadt, 1775)	R/W/M/AM	LCom	Sch.IV	-		
295	(1716)	White-capped Redstart	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i> (Vigors, 1831)	R/A/M/W/M	Com	Sch.IV	-		
296	(1679)	Plumbeous Redstart	<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i> (Vigors, 1831)	R/AM	LCom	Sch.IV	-		
297	(1684)	Little Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i> Vigors, 1832	R/AM	LCom	Sch.IV	-		
298	(1684)	Black-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus immaculatus</i> (Hodgson, 1836)	R	LCom	Sch.IV	-		
299	(1686)	Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i> (Hodgson, 1836)	BRS(08)	R/AM	LCom			
300	(1687)	Leschenault's Forktail	<i>Enicurus leschenaultii</i> (Vieillot, 1818)	R/LM	UnCom	Sch.IV	-		
301	(1688-89)	Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i> Vigors, 1831	R/AM	LCom	Sch.IV	-		
302	(1699)	White-tailed Stonechat	<i>Saxicola leucura</i> (Blyth, 1847)	R/LM	LCom	Sch.IV	-		
Babblers									
303	(1160)	Marsh Babbler	<i>Pellorneum palustre</i> Gould, 1872	GT/Vu RRS(6)	R	Ra	Sch.IV	-	
304	(1233-34)	Jerdon's Babbler	<i>Chrysomma altirostre</i> Jerdon, 1862	GT/Vu	R	Ra	Sch.IV	-	
Parrotbills									
305	(1251)	Black-breasted Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis flavirostris</i> Gould, 1836	GT/Vu RRS(6)	R	VRa	Sch.IV	-	
306	(1531-1532)	Prinias, Warblers	<i>Prinia burnesii</i> (Blyth, 1844)	R	LCom	Sch.IV	-		

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S.No.	HBI No.	Wetland Dependent Birds	Species	Conservation Status	Residential Status	Abundance Status	CITES (2002)	WL(P)A (1972)	SAPE (2002) (1%)
307	(1534)	Rufous-rumped Grass-Warbler	<i>Graminicola bengalensis</i> Jerdon, 1863	R	LCom	-	Sch.IV	-	
308	(1546)	Broad-tailed Grass-Warbler	<i>Schoenicola platyura</i> (Jerdon, 1844)	GT/VuE	R	Ra	Sch.IV	-	
		Whistlers	Pachycephalinae						
309	(1470)	Mangrove Whistler	<i>Pachycephala grisola</i> (Blyth, 1843)	R	UnCom	-			

Note:

There are some waders such as Eurasian Thick-knee, Courser etc that are not included in the above list as they are essentially the birds of arid habitats.

Symbols **Description**

HBI(225-256)

Numbers within brackets after the common names are the numbers given to species in Ripley's (1982) Synopsis, which was also followed in Ali & Ripley's Handbook.

(N)

New: Indicates that the species is a recent record for the Indian region, and thus, will not have a Synopsis No.

An asterisk preceding the common name indicates cases of 'splits' or 'lumps', after recent taxonomic changes

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Globally Threatened

Critical

Endangered

Vulnerable

Conservation Dependent

Near Threatened

Data Deficient

Endemic

Restricted-Range Species

Andaman

Assam Plains

Biome-Restricted Species

Eurasian High Montane (Alpine and Tibetan)

Sino-Himalayan Subtropical Forest

Indo-Chinese Tropical Moist Forest

Indo-Malayan Tropical Dry Zone

Resident

Symbols	Description
R/LM	Resident with local movements
R/LM/SM	Resident with local as well as summer movements
R/AM	Resident with altitudinal movements
R/AM/WM	Resident with altitudinal movements as well as with winter influx
R/SM	Resident with summer influx
R/SM/WM	Resident with summer and winter movements
R/WM	Resident with winter influx
R/WM/AM	Resident with winter influx as well as altitudinal movements
R/WM/SM	Resident with winter influx as well as summer movements
R/WM/LM	Resident with winter influx as well as local movements
R/WM/PM	Resident with winter influx as well as passage movements
R/AM/WM/PM	Resident with altitudinal, winter and passage movements
WM	Winter Migrant
WM/R	Largely winter migrant and partly resident
WM/PM	Winter migrant as well as passage migrant
PM	Passage migrant
VCom	Very common
Com	Common
LCom	Locally common
UnCom	Uncommon
Ra	Rare
VRa	Very rare
Va	Vagrant
?	Status not known
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (List as per 2002)
WL(P)A 1972	Wildlife (Protection) Act (as amended up to 1997)
SAPE	South Asia Population Estimates (as in Waterbird Population Estimates 3 rd edition, Wetland International 2002)
1%	1% of a Biogeographic Population of a congregatory waterbird species
-	Not set (1% of the Biogeographic Population)]
=	Threshold number after Buceros, 6(2) (2001)
**	Nomenclature adopted after Manakadan & Pittie (2001)

Table-2. Conservation Status of Indian Waterbirds and wetland dependant birds

(A) GT Species
(A i) Waterbirds

Common name	Species	BirdLife International (2001)	CITES (2002)	WL(P)A (1972)
Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	GT/CD	Appendix I	Sch. IV
Christmas Island Frigatebird	<i>Fregata andrewsi</i>	GT/Cr	Appendix I	Not included
White-bellied Heron	<i>Ardea insignis</i>	GT/En	-	Sch. IV
Lesser Adjutant-Stork	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
Greater Adjutant-Stork	<i>Leptoptilos dubius</i>	GT/En	-	Sch. IV
Oriental White Stork	<i>Ciconia boyciana</i>	GT/En	Appendix I	Sch. I
White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	GT/En	Appendix II	Sch. IV
Lesser White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser erythropus</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	GT/Vu	Appendix II	Sch. IV
White-winged Duck	<i>Cairina scutulata</i>	GT/En	Appendix I	Sch. I
Baikal Teal	<i>Anas formosa</i>	GT/Vu	Appendix II	Sch. IV
Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
Pink-headed Duck	<i>Rhodonessa caryophyllacea</i>	GT/Cr	Appendix I	Sch. I
Baer's Pochard	<i>Aythya baeri</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
Siberian Crane	<i>Grus leucogeranus</i>	GT/Cr	Appendix I	Sch. I
Sarus Crane	<i>Grus antigone</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
Hooded Crane	<i>Grus monacha</i>	GT/Vu	Appendix I	Sch. I
Black-necked Crane	<i>Grus nigricollis</i>	GT/Vu	Appendix I	Sch. I
Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
Masked Finch	<i>Heliopais personata</i>	GT/Vu	-	Not included
Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
Wood Snipe	<i>Gallinago nemoricola</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
Spotted Greenshank	<i>Tringa guttifer</i>	GT/En	-	Sch. IV
Spoonbill Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pygmaea</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
Indian Skimmer	<i>Rynchops albicollis</i>	GT/Vu	-	Not included
(A II) WETLAND DEPENDENT BIRDS				
Pallas's Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. I
Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. I
Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	GT/Vu	Appendix I	Sch. I

Table-2. Conservation Status of Indian Waterbirds and wetland dependant birds (contd.)

Common name	Species	BirdLife International (2001)	CITES (2002)	WL(P)A (1972)
Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch.IV
Marsh Babbler	<i>Pellorneum palustre</i>	GT/Vu RRS (6)	-	Sch.IV
Jerdon's Babbler	<i>Chrysomma altirostre</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch.IV
Black-breasted Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis flavirostris</i>	GT/Vu RRS (6)	-	Sch.IV
Broad-tailed Grass-Warbler	<i>Schoenicola platyura</i> (Jerdon, 1844)	GT/Vu E	-	Sch.IV
(B) Near Threatened Species (as per Collar, et al. (1994, 2001))				
(B i) Waterbirds				
Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	-	-	Sch.IV
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	+	+	Sch.IV
Asian Openbill-Stork	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	+	-	Sch.IV
Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	-	+	Sch.IV
Oriental White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	+	+	Sch.IV
Black Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	+	-	Sch.IV
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	+	+	Sch.IV
Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	-	+	Sch.IV
Mandarin Duck	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	+	-	Sch.IV
Long-billed Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius placidus</i>	+	-	Sch.IV
Asian Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus semipalmatus</i>	+	+	Sch.IV
Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>	+	-	Sch.IV
Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>	GT	+	Sch.IV
(B ii) Wetland Dependent Birds				
White-tailed Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	+	+	Sch.I
Lesser Grey-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Icthyophaga humilis</i>	+	+	Sch.I
Greater Grey-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Icthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>	+	+	Sch.I
Blyth's Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo hercules</i>	GT	+	Sch.IV
Brown-winged Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon amauropoetra</i>	+	-	Sch.IV
(C) SPECIES MARGINAL TO THE REGION				
Christmas Island Frigatebird	<i>Fregata andrewsi</i>	GT/Cr	Appendix I	Not included
Hooded Crane	<i>Grus monacha</i>	GT/Vu	Appendix I	Sch. I

Table-2. Conservation Status of Indian Waterbirds and wetland dependant birds (contd.)

Common name	Species	BirdLife International (2001)	CITES (2002)	WL(P)A (1972)
Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	NT	-	Sch. IV
Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	GT/Vu	Appendix II	Sch. IV
Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i>	GT/Vu	-	Sch. IV
(D) Data Deficient Species				
Andaman Crake	<i>Rallina cinnamomea</i>	(E) (DD) (RRS)	-	Sch. IV
(E) Endemic Species				
Andaman Teal	<i>Anas gibberifrons</i>	Andaman Islands	-	Sch. I
Andaman crake (DD)	<i>Megapodius nicobaricus</i>	Andaman Islands	-	-
Broad-tailed Grass-Warbler	<i>Schoenicola platyura</i>	Western Ghats (Kerala)	-	Sch. IV
(F) RESTRICTED-RANGE SPECIES				
Andaman crake (E) (DD)	<i>Megapodius nicobaricus</i>	Andaman Islands		
Marsh Babbler	<i>Pellorneum palustre</i>	Assam Plains		
Black-breasted Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis flavirostris</i>	Assam Plains		
(G) Biome-Restricted Species				
<i>(Biomes are classified as by BirdLife International)</i>				
(G i) Biome 05: Eurasian High Montane (Alpine and Tibetan)				
Black-necked Crane	<i>Grus nigricollis</i>	(GT/Vu)	Appendix I	Sch.I
Solitary Snipe	<i>Gallinago solitaria</i>			Sch. IV
Wood Snipe	<i>Gallinago nemoricola</i>			Sch. IV
Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>			Sch. IV
Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>			Sch. IV
(G ii) Biome 08: Sino-Himalayan Subtropical Forest				
Elwes's Crake	<i>Porzana bicolor</i>			Sch. IV
Blyth's Kingfisher (NT)	<i>Alcedo Hercules</i>			Sch. IV
Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>			Sch. IV

Table-2. Conservation Status of Indian Waterbirds and wetland dependant birds (*contd.*)

Common name	Species	BirdLife International (2001) (GTRVu)	CITES (2002)	WL(PA) (1972)
(G iii) Biome 09: Indo-Chinese Tropical Moist Forests				
Masked Finfoot	<i>Helopais personata</i>	-		
(G iv) Biome 11: Indo-Malayan Tropical Dry Zone				
Black Ibis (NT)	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	Sch. IV		
Yellow-wattled Lapwing (E)	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	Sch. IV		
(H) Species under Appendices I & II of CITES				
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Appendix I		
Christmas Island Frigatebird	<i>Frigata andrewsi</i>	Appendix I		
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Appendix II		
Oriental White Stork	<i>Ciconia boyciana</i>	Appendix I		
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Appendix II		
White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	Appendix II		
Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	Appendix II		
White-winged Duck	<i>Cairina scutulata</i>	Appendix I		
Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	Appendix I		
Baikal Teal	<i>Anas Formosa</i>	Appendix II		
Pink-headed Duck	<i>Rhodonessa caryophyllacea</i>	Appendix I		
Siberian Crane	<i>Grus leucogeranus</i>	Appendix I		
Hooded Crane	<i>Grus monacha</i>	Appendix I		
Black-necked Crane	<i>Grus nigricollis</i>	Appendix I		
Spotted Greenshank	<i>Tringa guttifer</i>	Appendix I		
Pallas's Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>	Appendix I		
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