

Guidance or tools needed to ensure consistency - summary

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General points

- Web-based Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and hotline consultation available
- Start with pilot species as soon as possible (what problems are encountered in different cases?)
- Build in a control phase (e.g. comparisons between countries), not too late (!) to flag up issues in trends, population sizes and data quality

Guidance on technical issues

- Provide more detailed technical statistical guidance and information
- **Examples, examples, examples** (differing in data availability) to further explain things further
- Explain best practice in this way – and what is acceptable
- Specify what exactly is possible in reporting on breeding birds (also unpaired? foraging?)
- Provide guidance on how to combine various data sources for population estimates and trend analyses through time?

Guidance on strategic issues

- How to cope with controversies between various organizations that deliver data? Objective rules for conflict resolution
- When and how to use expert knowledge, or should you say no data more often? “Better to say something than nothing!”
- Require more guidance on data quality assessments & dimensions of data quality (representation, bias, precision, just unbelievable!)
- Address the various issues related to data quality (decision tree?) in order to harmonize between countries, but also between wider reporting obligations