



White-bellied Bustard (*Eupodotis senegalensis*)

Annex 1

Region 3: Western Africa

BUSTARD
Multi-species Action Plan

COUNTRY: Benin

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Savile’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	U: Trade (Live birds for captive breeding)	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Burkina Faso

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Arabian Bustard	None recorded out of 2,500 bird records in WABDaB (2022-2023)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Jun	Sahel Reserve	H: Poaching	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Denham’s Bustard	10 – 15 ind.	Declining	N/A	N/A	Protected	Breeding	May-Oct	Sahelian zone	L: Illegal trade (Live birds); Habitat loss (Unsustainable fire regimes); Lack of awareness U: Poaching; Agricultural intensification (Chemical application); Disturbance; Legal obstacles	Awareness and education; establish specific laws for bustards at national, regional, and global levels. Improve and strengthen anti-poaching efforts. Ban the use of harmful pesticides. Stop uncontrolled bushfires.
Nubian Bustard	<10 ind.	Declining	N/A	N/A	Protected	Breeding	Oct-Mar	C and Burkina Faso	L: Illegal Trade (Live birds); Unsustainable fire regimes; Lack of awareness U: Poaching; Agricultural intensification (Chemical application); Disturbance; Legal obstacles	Awareness and education; establish specific laws for bustards at national, regional, and global levels. Improve and strengthen anti-poaching efforts. Ban the use of harmful pesticides. Stop uncontrolled bushfires.
White-bellied Bustard	<10 ind.	Declining	N/A	N/A	Protected	Breeding	Mar-Jun	C and S Burkina Faso	L: Illegal trade (Live birds); Unsustainable fire regimes; Lack of awareness U: Poaching; Agricultural intensification (Chemical application); Disturbance; Legal obstacles	Awareness and education; establish specific laws for bustards at national, regional, and global levels. Improve and strengthen anti-poaching efforts. Ban the use of harmful pesticides. Stop uncontrolled bushfires.
Savile’s Bustard	<10 ind.	Declining	NT	N/A	Protected	Breeding	Jun, Sep-Dec	Extreme N, C and S Burkina Faso	H: Habitat loss (Conversion of tiger bush)	Awareness and education; establish specific laws for bustards at national, regional, and global levels. Improve and strengthen anti-poaching efforts. Ban the

									L: Illegal Trade (live birds); Unsustainable fire regimes; Lack of awareness U: Poaching; Agricultural intensification (Chemical application); Disturbance; Legal obstacles	use of harmful pesticides. Stop uncontrolled bushfires.
Black-bellied Bustard	15 – 20 ind.	Declining	N/A	N/A	Protected	Breeding	Jun-Sep	C and S Burkina Faso	L: Unsustainable fire regimes; Lack of awareness U: Poaching; Agricultural intensification (Chemical application); Anthropogenic disturbance; Legal obstacles	Awareness and education; establish specific laws for bustards at national, regional, and global levels. Improve and strengthen anti-poaching efforts. Ban the use of harmful pesticides. Stop uncontrolled bushfires.

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COUNTRY: Cameroon

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Arabian Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Breeding	Unknown	Waza NP; Kalamaloué NP; Logone Floodplain; Lake Maga	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Savile’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Waza NP; Logone Floodplain	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Central African Republic

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Arabian Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Chad

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Arabian Bustard	Unknown.	Unknown.	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Breeding (10 nests recorded (2016–2019), were all found Jul-Sep, with newly fledged young recorded on 5 occasions from Aug-Jan in RFOROA)	Year-round in C Chad; Ouadi Rimé-Ouadi Achim Faunal Reserve	Lake Chad; Ouadi Rimé - Ouadi Achim PA (RFOROA); Ennedi Natural and Cultural Reserve (RNCE)	M: Intentional and unintentional bushfires; increased pastoralism; habitat loss due to agriculture U: Unsustainable hunting; Poaching	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
	Observed at an average density of 0.25 birds/km² in large scale surveys conducted in a central 3,000 km² zone of the Ouadi Rime-Ouadi Achim Faunal Reserve (RFOROA) since 2011	Repeated surveys (2011–2024) in RFOROA indicated seasonal density fluctuations; No evidence of a long-term trend								
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown. Observed at densities ranging from 0.2 to 0.3 birds/km² from surveys in a central zone of RFOROA since 2011	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Wet season visitor in C Chad	Ouadi Rimé - Ouadi Achim PA (RFOROA)	M: Habitat degradation (Unsustainable fire regimes (Intentional and unintentional bushfires), Grazing); Habitat loss (Agriculture) U: Poaching	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Nubian Bustard	200 (dry season min.) – 2,000 ind. (wet season max.) Observed at an average density of 0.23 birds/km² from surveys in a central zone of RFOROA since 2011	Declining	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Year-round in C Chad	Chad Mission Quad 129, 166, 167; Mourdi Depression; W Ennedi; Ouadi Negoka; Ouadi Rimé - Ouadi Achim Faunal Reserve	M: Unsustainable fire regime (Intentional and non-intentional bushfires); Habitat degradation (Grazing); Habitat loss (Agriculture) U: Poaching	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Savile’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Republic of the Congo

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

COUNTRY: Côte d’Ivoire

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Reported around Dec-Jan in Comoé NP	N regions; Comoé NP	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Year-round	Yamoussoukro vicinity; Comoé NP	C: Lack of awareness H: Habitat loss (Conversion of grasslands, Unsustainable fire regimes); Agricultural intensification (Monocultures); Climate change; Legal obstacles L: Illegal trade (Dead birds)	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

COUNTRY: Gabon

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Gambia

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Savile’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

COUNTRY: Ghana

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Reported in Jan and Mar from Mole NP	Digya NP; Mole NP (Savannah Region)	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Resident	Unknown	Mole NP (Savannah Region)	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Jan (Reported from Mole NP)	Mole NP (Savannah Region)	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Guinea

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Guinea-Bissau

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Mali

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Arabian Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Falaise de Bandiagara; Reserve des Elephants	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Breeding	Jul-Oct	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Nubian Bustard	Possibly extinct	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Savile’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Mauritania

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Arabian Bustard	Unknown	Declining	Unknown	Unknown	Protected	Resident	Year-round	Diawling NP; Chott Boul; Aftout Es Sâheli; Adrar; Wad Initi	C: Poaching	Protect key breeding areas (leks); strengthen anti-poaching efforts through increased patrols, stricter law enforcement, and awareness campaigns. Safeguard and restore critical habitats by mapping, protecting, and rehabilitating breeding, feeding, and resting zones, and regulating harmful land use. Launch a national monitoring program with seasonal counts and GPS tracking.
African Houbara	Likely extinct	Likely extinct	Unknown	Unknown	Not protected	Breeding not confirmed	Unknown	Inchiri; Adrar; Tiris Zemmour	C: Unsustainable hunting	Undertake monitoring at sites previously marked as important to the species to determine current species status. Increase protection for birds released for the purpose of reintroduction of the species to the country. Ensure that any captive breeding is undertaken sustainably, with consideration of appropriate genetic lineages and adaptive management to improve survival and reproduction in the wild.
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Protect key breeding areas (leks); strengthen anti-poaching efforts through increased patrols, stricter law enforcement, and awareness campaigns. Safeguard and restore critical habitats by mapping, protecting, and rehabilitating breeding, feeding, and resting zones, and regulating harmful land use. Launch a national monitoring program with seasonal counts and GPS tracking.
Nubian Bustard	Possibly extinct	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Tamreikat; El Mréiti; El Ghallâouîya; Arâguîb el Jahfa; Kediet ej Jill; Banc d'Arguin NP; Ibi (Graret el Frass); Wagchogda; Tinigart; Wad Initi	Unknown	Undertake monitoring at sites previously marked as important to the species to determine current species status. Identify and address key knowledge gaps including threats.

White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Declining	N/A	N/A	Protected	Resident	Year-round	Lekser Senegal Delta; Diawling	U: Poaching	Protect key breeding areas (leks); strengthen anti-poaching efforts through increased patrols, stricter law enforcement, and awareness campaigns. Safeguard and restore critical habitats by mapping, protecting, and rehabilitating breeding, feeding, and resting zones, and regulating harmful land use. Launch a national monitoring program with seasonal counts and GPS tracking.
Savile’s Bustard	Unknown	Declining	N/A	N/A	Protected	Occasional breeder	Year-round	S of 18°N ; Rosso/Trazra; Afollé; Hodh El Gharbi; Hodh Chargui	U: Poaching	Protect key breeding areas (leks); strengthen anti-poaching efforts through increased patrols, stricter law enforcement, and awareness campaigns. Safeguard and restore critical habitats by mapping, protecting, and rehabilitating breeding, feeding, and resting zones, and regulating harmful land use. Launch a national monitoring program with seasonal counts and GPS tracking.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Non-breeding	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Niger

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Arabian Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Breeding, partial migrant (Seasonal intra-African movements); Resident in some areas	Year-round	Termit and Tin-Toumma NR (RNNTT): Termit Massif; Taguedoufat Area; Dilia Achetnamou Aïr; Ténéré NR (RNNAT): Aïr Mountains, W Wadis and W border of Reserve; Makalondi district; “W” NP; Dilia de Lagané; Diffa-Kinzindi; Gadabedji Faunal Reserve	U: Trade (International, Commercial); Habitat loss and degradation; Hunting	Halt international exports of this species particularly for commercial and personal purposes until its current status, population trend, and threats can be determined. Develop standard monitoring protocol. Protect key sites and restore habitats.
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	U: Habitat loss and degradation; Hunting	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Nubian Bustard	Unknown	Declining	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Breeding	Year-round	Gadafaoua; Taguedoufat; Aguéliough; Dilia Achetnamou; Dangoumi; Termit Mountains; Dilia de Lagané; NNR Aïr - Ténéré; Diffa-Kinzindi Grassland and Wetlands	U: Disturbance; Habitat loss and degradation; Hunting	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Resident	Year-round	NNR Aïr - Ténéré; Termit Mountains; Diffa-Kinzindi grassland and wetlands; Dilia de Lagané	U: Disturbance, Habitat loss and degradation, Hunting	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

Savile’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	“W” NP; Makalondi district; Dallol Boboye	U: Habitat loss and degradation; Hunting	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	U: Habitat loss and degradation (Clearing of suitable tiger bush habitat); Hunting	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Nigeria

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Arabian Bustard	Likely <100 ind. Likely rare in the country considering high monitoring effort. At least seven records via NiBAP (2015–2025), plus others outside, including Babban Gida (12.10.24)	Declining	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Jul-Nov	Nearly all recent reports from NE Nigeria. Gujba Forest Reserve; Yobe State; Chad Basin NP; Chingurmi - Duguma Sector; Sambisa GR (Borno State)	U: Habitat loss (Conversion of grasslands and scrublands); Habitat degradation (Overgrazing); Unsustainable hunting; Poaching; Climate change; Illegal trade; Agricultural intensification (Chemical application, Mechanization); Legal obstacles; Lack of awareness	Promote awareness of landbird conservation, ensure sustainable water use, prevent bush burning, secure conservation funding, and enforce anti-poaching and logging laws.
Denham’s Bustard	<200 ind. (~20 observations recorded through NiBAP (2015–2025) mostly from sites in NE Nigeria)	Declining	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Breeding, Non-breeding	Year-round	Yankari GR (Bauchi State)	C: Unsustainable hunting; Poaching; Habitat loss (Conversion of grasslands and shrublands, Overgrazing) U: Climate change; Illegal trade; Agricultural intensification (Chemical application, Mechanization); Legal obstacles (Missing or ineffective policies, laws and enforcement); Lack of awareness	Promote awareness of landbird conservation, ensure sustainable water use, prevent bush burning, secure conservation funding, and enforce anti-poaching and logging laws.
White-bellied Bustard	<1000 Ind. <50 records via NiBAP (2015–2025), mostly from NC to NE Nigeria	Declining	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Resident	Year-round	Gujba Forest Reserve; Yankari GR	C: Unsustainable hunting; Poaching; Habitat loss (Conversion of grasslands and scrublands); Lack of awareness; Legal obstacles H: Illegal trade (dead and live birds); Habitat degradation (Overgrazing); Agricultural intensification (Chemical	Promote awareness of landbird conservation, ensure sustainable water use, prevent bush burning, secure conservation funding, and enforce anti-poaching and logging laws.

									application, Mechanization); Climate change	
									M: Unsustainable fire regimes; Agricultural intensification (Irrigation)	
									L: Anthropogenic disturbance	
									Loc: Collision (Overhead cabling, Traffic); Habitat loss and fragmentation (Conversion of cereal steppes, Transportation networks); Agricultural intensification (Monocultures); Predation (Other)	
Savile’s Bustard	>200 ind. 60+ records via NiBAP, mostly from NE Nigeria; 200+ at YGR in 2008–2010 (Da’an 2010)	Declining, though population at YGR reportedly increasing	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Non-breeding	Apr-Sep, Nov-Dec, but likely year-round in YGR	Hadejia-Nguru Wetlands; Sambisa GR; Chad Basin NP; Chingurmi - Duguma Sector; Ngelzarma Forest Reserve; Fune Local Government Area; Yobe State; Yankari GR (YGR)	C: Habitat loss (Conversion of grasslands); Lack of awareness; Legal obstacles H: Poaching; Illegal trade (live birds) in NE Nigeria; Habitat degradation (Overgrazing); Agricultural intensification (Chemical application, Mechanization); Climate change M: Habitat loss (Conversion of shrublands); Agricultural intensification (Irrigation) L: Collision (Overhead cabling); Unsustainable fire regimes, Agricultural intensification (Monocultures); Anthropogenic Disturbance Loc: Collision (Traffic); Habitat loss and fragmentation (Conversion of cereal steppes, Transportation networks); Predation (Other)	Promote awareness of landbird conservation, ensure sustainable water use, prevent bush burning, secure conservation funding, and enforce anti-poaching and logging laws.

Black-bellied Bustard	>200 ind. 80+ observations reported in the NiBAP database between 2015–2025	Declining	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Resident	Year-round	Yankari GR; Bauchi State; N Nigeria; recorded from several sites including PAs north of 7°N	C: Unsustainable hunting; Poaching; Habitat loss (Conversion of grasslands and scrublands); Lack of awareness; Legal obstacles H: Illegal trade (Live and dead birds); Habitat loss (Overgrazing); Agricultural intensification (Chemical application, Mechanization), Climate change M: Habitat loss (Unsustainable fire regimes); Agricultural intensification (Irrigation) L: Habitat loss (Conversion of cereal steppes); Anthropogenic disturbance Loc: Collision (Overhead cabling, Automobiles, Trains); Habitat loss and fragmentation (Transportation networks); Agricultural intensification (Monocultures); Predation	Promote awareness of landbird conservation, ensure sustainable water use, prevent bush burning, secure conservation funding, and enforce anti-poaching and logging laws.
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COUNTRY: Senegal

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Arabian Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Recent observations at Djoudj NP & Reserve Animaliere d'Amboura (3 ind.); No other records (probably no observers in good habitats)	Unknown	Ntiagar to Richard-Toll; Ferlo North; Ferlo South; Djoudj NP; Reserve Animaliere d'Amboura	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Savile’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Ferlo North; Ferlo South; River Sénégal (Ntiagar to Richard-Toll)	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

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COUNTRY: Sierra Leone

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.

COUNTRY: Togo

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Denham’s Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
White-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.
Black-bellied Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Unknown	Likely resident	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Identify and address key knowledge gaps.