MBP capacity building 2024 – 2030

Building capacity of our members is core to MBP. As a network of wetland visitor centres and educators, the capacity built should facilitate those activities.

Meetings

Traditionally MBP has held an in-person Annual Meeting which combined operational functions with experience exchanges in a host wetland visitor centre, in Europe. In 2022 we finally combined this meeting with capacity building workshops in Saloum, Senegal, requiring support of multiple local partners.

We will reduce the number of in-person meetings, to every second year. Our focus will be on creating capacity-building meetings in Atlantic Africa with funded participation, and smaller-scale themed meetings in Europe. We expect to hold the African events on either side of an external meeting such as the Pan-African Ornithological Congress, and the European events with digital interaction by video etc.

Training of Trainers

The network has access to trainers in West Africa. We will fundraise to support these trainers to develop and deliver training locally, and to fund participation. Approaches include examining the Erasmus+ centres of vocational excellence programme.

Online training

The network has capacity for diverse online training. The WWT Wetland Learning Hub provides pre-recorded lectures on a broad range of wetland topics, including but also going beyond the remit of MBP, and will have a regional version together with PRCM. We will consider using the platform for an MBP-specific course.

The East Atlantic Flyway Youth Forum is an annual, two-half-day training provision for people aged 18 to 35 in the flyway, and will continue.

MBP will continue to support online activities for school children to connect with peers in other parts of the flyway for World Migratory Bird Day.

Timeline

Activity ▼ Year ►	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Online capacity building	Europe hosted event		Africa hosted event		Europe hosted event		Africa hosted event
Wetland Learning Hub (WLH)	WLH global *introduction to wetlands* course	WLH global *introduction to wetlands* course	WLH global *introduction to wetlands* course	WLH global *introduction to wetlands* course	WLH global *introduction to wetlands* course	WLH global *introduction to wetlands* course	WLH global *introduction to wetlands* course
		WLH West Africa course	WLH West Africa course	WLH West Africa course	WLH West Africa course	WLH West Africa course	WLH West Africa course
			MBP-tailored WLH course	MBP-tailored WLH course	MBP-tailored WLH course	MBP-tailored WLH course	MBP-tailored WLH course
World Migratory Bird Day	WMBD video conferences	WMBD video conferences	WMBD video conferences	WMBD video conferences	WMBD video conferences	WMBD video conferences	WMBD video conferences
East Atlantic Flyway Youth Forum	EAFYF	EAFYF	EAFYF	EAFYF	EAFYF	EAFYF	EAFYF
In-person capacity building		Europe hosted, specific & small-scale		In Africa, around PAOC in Morocco		Europe hosted, specific & small-scale	
		One week of WLH West Africa	One week of WLH West Africa	One week of WLH West Africa	One week of WLH West Africa	One week of WLH West Africa	One week of WLH West Africa
Core capacity							
Training of Trainers	Developing funding for local ToT	Funding Atlantic Africa local ToT	Funding Atlantic Africa local ToT	Funding Atlantic Africa local ToT	Funding Atlantic Africa local ToT	Funding Atlantic Africa local ToT	Funding Atlantic Africa local ToT
	Erasmus+ development	Erasmus+ development					
	Developing local project small grant	Developing local project small grant	Local small grant project	Local small grant project	Local small grant project	Local small grant project	Local small grant project
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030

Needs

Our workshop in May 2024 identified needs within MBP. We can use this list to identify training locations and personnel within the network.

- Sustainable livelihood opportunities and sustainable natural resource management
- Media engagement
- Presentation skills in person and online
- Staff loyalty
- Organisational capacity
- Best practice at community level
- Systematised wildlife monitoring
- Ability to analyse data