

Capacity building and interactive knowledge transfer along the East Atlantic Flyway

Wadden Sea Day 2019
World Heritage
Interpretation

How to transfer
knowledge on the
Wadden Sea World
Heritage

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FLYWAY INITIATIVE




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Outline of 'presentation'

- The Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative & World Heritage
- WSFI Capacity-building along the East Atlantic Flyway
- 'The Migration Challenge'



The Wadden Sea: Site of Outstanding Universal Value

Inscription by UNESCO WHC in 2009, with request: ... *to strengthen cooperation in management and research activities with States Parties on the African Eurasian Flyways, which play a significant role in conserving migratory birds along these flyways.*

Consequences for Wadden Sea World Heritage:

- Worldwide recognition of importance of the Wadden Sea for migratory birds
- A responsibility to conserve migratory birds along the flyways
- International cooperation



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Enhanced responsibility for The Netherlands,
Germany and Denmark to strengthen
cooperation along the flyway →
Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative (WSFI)

WSFI Objective: Intensify cooperation to protect waterbirds along the African-Eurasian Flyway, with a special focus on capacity-building, improvement of area management and sustainable development.




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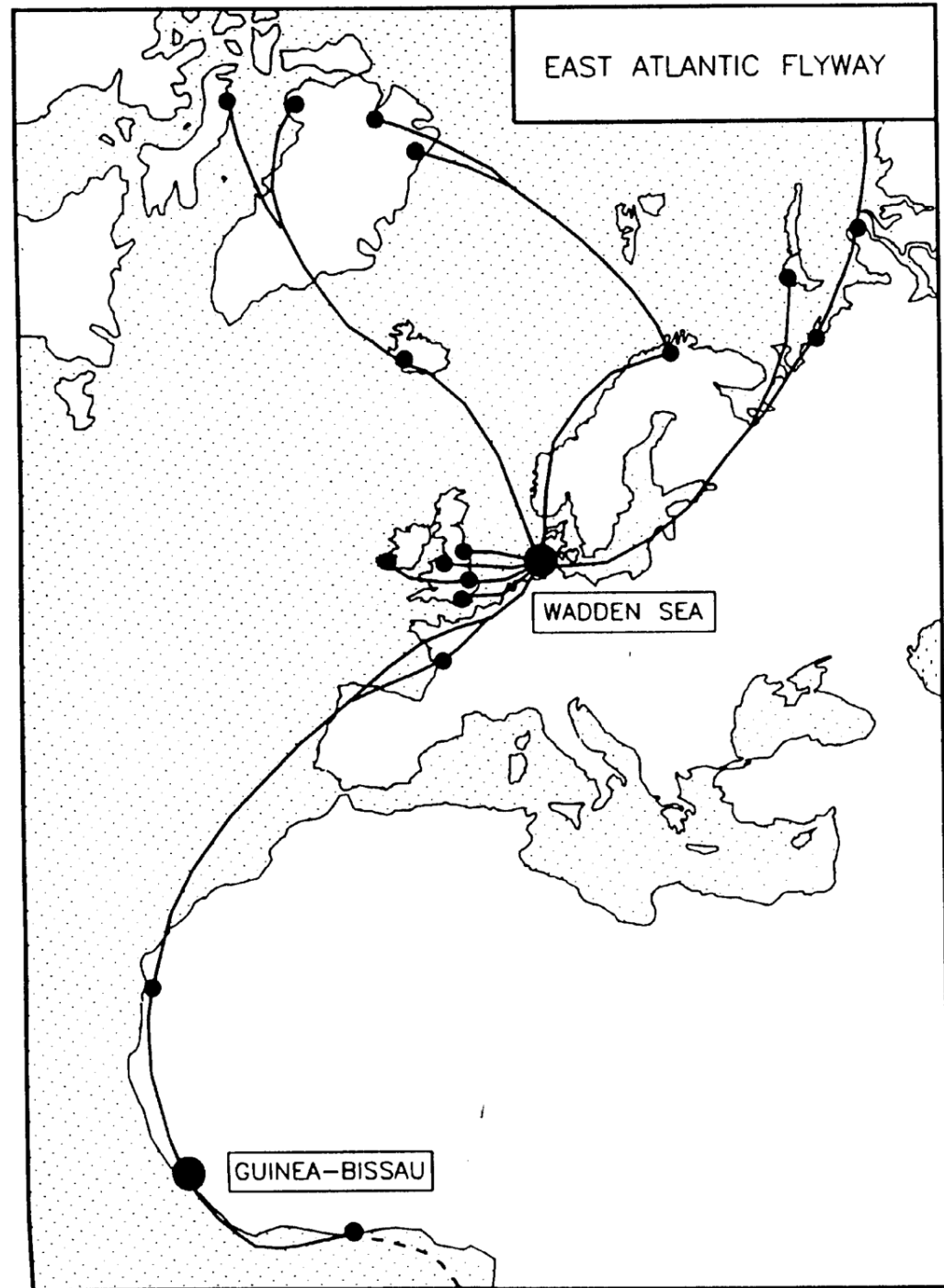

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Central position of the Wadden Sea on the East Atlantic Flyway

The Wadden Sea links sites in Africa with Europe and the Arctic



WSFI Capacity Building 2018 & 2019

- Enhancing Sustainable Management
- Strengthening World Heritage
- Improving management of tidal flats
- National & regional training workshops
- Participatory awareness
- Strengthening wetland centres
- Community-based site activities

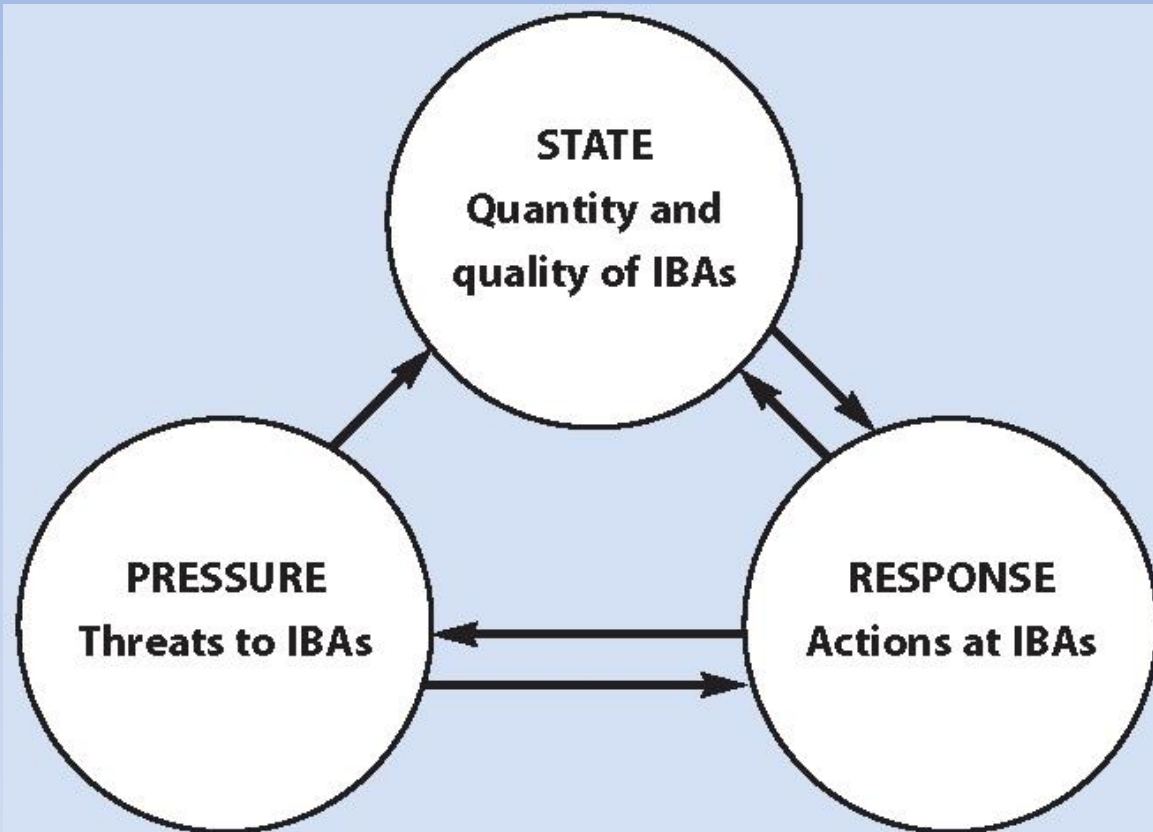


Project focal sites to date

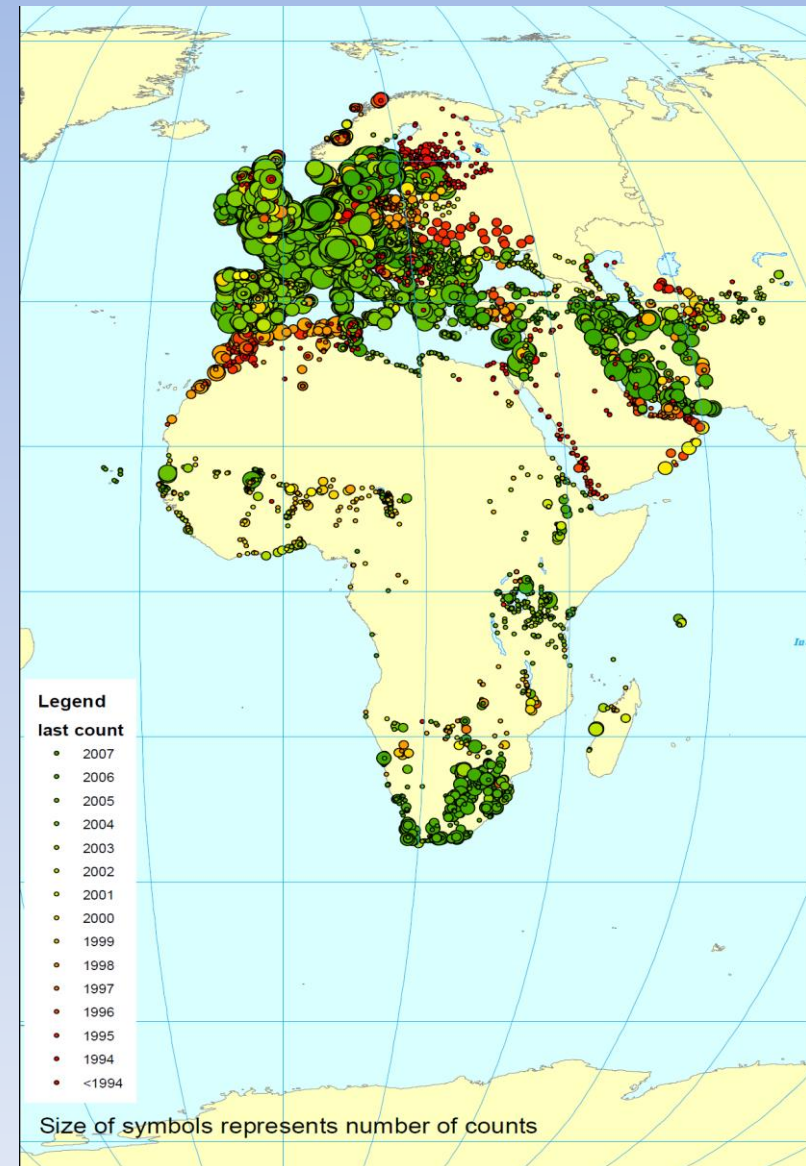
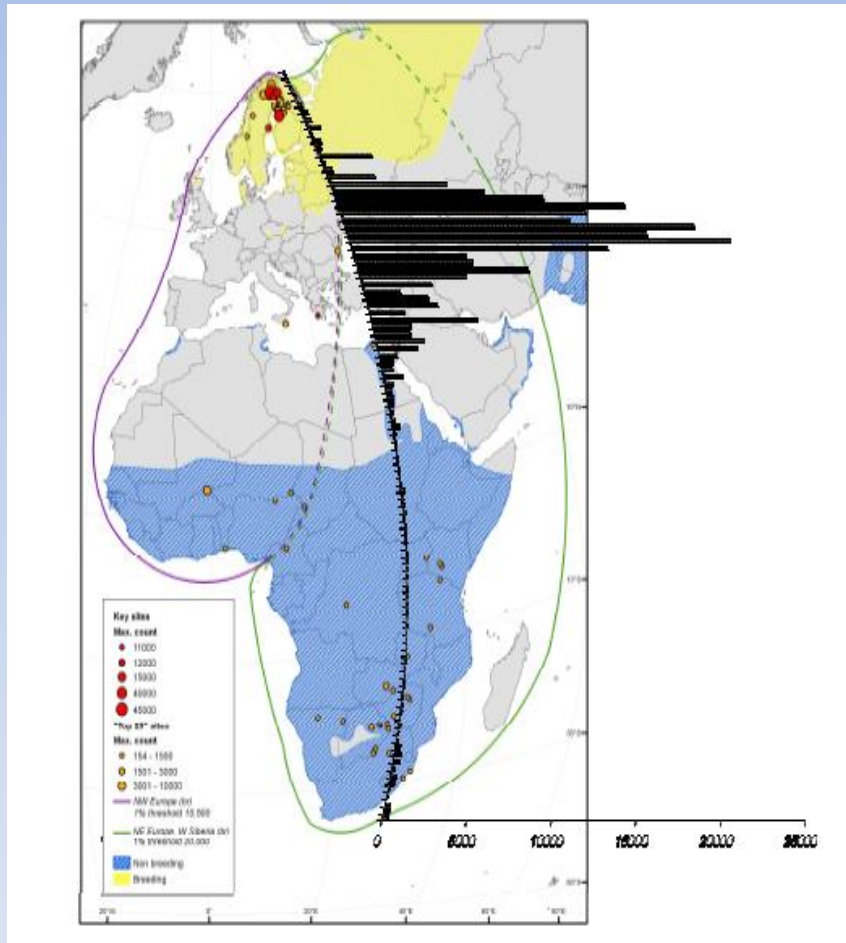
Flyway Focus



Waterbird counts and site monitoring



Unequal capacity for monitoring



Principal WSFI Activities:

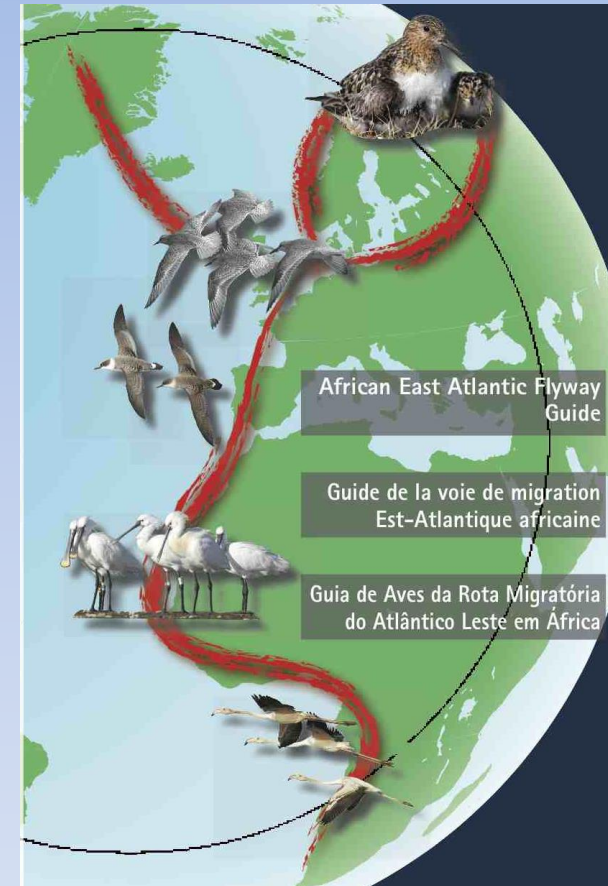
1. Develop framework of cooperation

- WSFI vision
- Strengthen WSFI network along flyway
- Partnership approach



2. Capacity-building materials e.g. African East Atlantic Flyway Guide

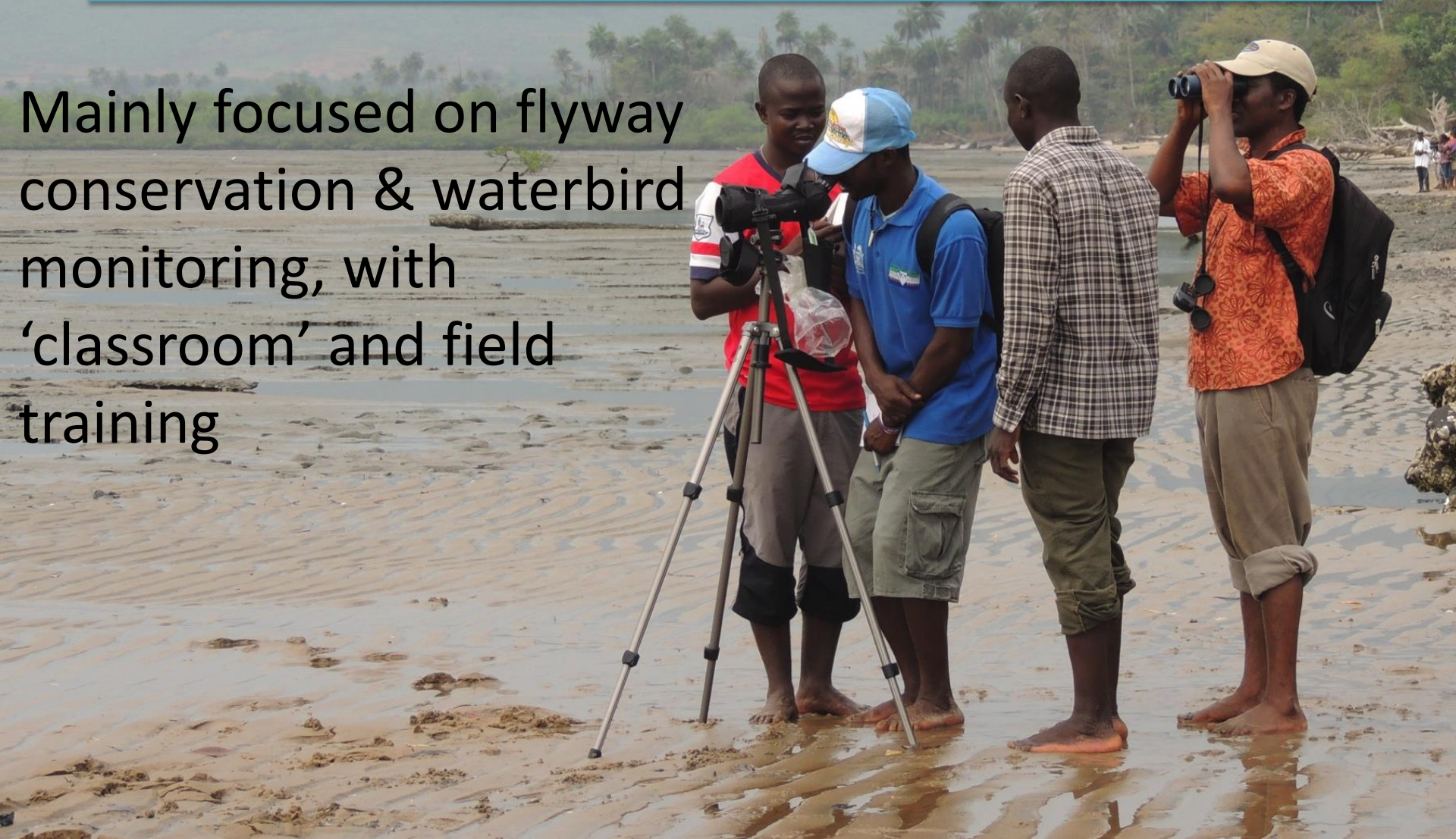
- Free photographic Africa field guide
- Focus on waterbirds
- Highlights migration & flyways
- Support to monitoring objectives
- Covers Morocco to South Africa
- Trilingual; image-rich
- Flyway maps



3. Implement capacity-building

a. National courses: e.g. Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, Morocco, Equatorial Guinea

Mainly focused on flyway conservation & waterbird monitoring, with 'classroom' and field training



b. Regional courses: Mauritania, Senegal, Angola



c. Awareness: community activities & exchange



WMBD (World Migratory Bird Day)
Awareness-raising in Ghana

Exchange Angola-Namibia



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4. Management & ecotourism:

- local projects in Guinea-Bissau, Togo, Cameroon, Angola and wetland centres (Senegal, Nigeria)



The importance of interactive knowledge transfer

Flyway Training Kit

- Draw a Flyway
- Migration Challenge
- Role plays
- ... and more



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