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With reference to an organization known as 'BirdLife International', which of the following statements is/are correct?
1. It is a Global Partnership of Conservation Organizations. 2. The concept of 'biodiversity hotspots' originated from this organization. 3. It identifies the sites known/referred to as 'Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas'. Select the correct answer using the code given below (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Statement 1 is correct-BirdLife International is a global partnership of national conservation organisations-but statement 3 is also correct. '1 only' is incomplete. This option is not the key.

(b)

• **Statement 2 is false:** the biodiversity-hotspot concept was developed by Norman Myers (and later Conservation International), not by BirdLife. Statement 3 is true, but 2 and 3 together fail. This option is not the key.

(c) Official key

BirdLife is a global partnership (1) and it designates Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (3). Hotspots did not originate with BirdLife (2 false). Hence 1 and 3 only is the official key.

(d)

All three would require statement 2 to be true. It is not. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 3 only. BirdLife International is a partnership of conservation bodies and the authority behind IBAs (Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas). Biodiversity hotspots are a Myers/Conservation International idea. Statement 2 is the trap. Only 1 and 3 stand.

Related possible facts

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BirdLife

Cambridge-based global partnership; formerly ICBP

IBA

Important Bird and Biodiversity Area criteria and inventory

BNHS

Bombay Natural History Society is BirdLife's Indian partner

Hotspots

Norman Myers, 1988/1990; CI's 36-hotspot framework later

Endemic Bird Areas

Another BirdLife concept, distinct from hotspots

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