

EAAFP Shorebird Working Group

Work Plan 2026-2030

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Work Plan	Priority and role of SWG
1. Support monitoring of migratory shorebirds.	
1.1. Provide technical advice and support to industry, government, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to conduct shorebird monitoring throughout the EAAF, particularly in developing countries where large areas of potential shorebird habitats are not currently surveyed regularly (e.g., some southeast Asian countries).	High. Work together and support the EAAFP Monitoring and species Task Force, e.g. SBS and FEC.
2. Support conservation of shorebird species and their habitat.	
2.1 Ensure synergy in delivery of shared objectives of existing EAAFP task forces (e.g. Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Far Eastern Curlew, Yellow Sea Task Force, Waterbird Monitoring Task Force), including using the tidal Flat Initiative to deliver on relevant shared objectives, for example through participation in each other's meetings, sharing of reports and logistics and other coordinated, cooperative concerted action.	High. Supporting other task forces.
2.2. Focus on conservation of the Nordmann's Greenshank, by working with the Nordmann's Greenshank Conservation Sub-group and other organisations/agencies to develop a Single Species Action Plan, support monitoring and management of important sites, and investigate declines.	High. Leading role.
2.3 Focus on conservation of Dunlin, with research and monitoring efforts directed toward understanding declines.	Low. Leading role.
2.4 Contribute to the EAAFP Conservation Status Review (CSR) updates through supporting Wetlands International in undertaking a review of all shorebird size and trend estimates, by proposing priority populations with new information on population changes to include in CSR2 review and taking a coordinating role when potential changes to the IUCN Red List may occur to reflect new globally threatened and near threatened shorebirds in the EAAF, especially when new evidence emerges on shorebird population trends (e.g. Little Curlew, Curlew Sandpiper, Nordmann's Greenshank, Asian Dowitcher, Dunlin, Grey Plover, etc.).	High. Leading role.
2.5. Engage with efforts of the Illegal Hunting, Taking, and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds Task Force.	High, supporting role to CMS and EAAFP illegal hunting task force
2.6. Develop a flyway shorebird conservation strategy / plan that would emphasize important issues and needs throughout the EAAF.	Low. Leading role.

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3. Support Capacity building and promote science for shorebird conservation and management	
3.1. Identify opportunities to support training workshops and develop training materials to enhance efforts to monitor, band, track, and manage shorebirds and their habitats in the EAAF.	Low. Supporting role.
3.2 Broaden the experience of shorebird biologists throughout the flyway (e.g., NW Australia Shorebird expedition, Russian and Alaska breeding study sites, ASEAN Flyway Network Project) by having people participate in field studies in different parts of the flyway.	Medium. Supporting role.
3.3 Coordinate and promote collaborative migration ecology studies and tests on the effectiveness of conservation interventions for shorebirds along EAAF.	Low.
3.4 Organise shorebird conservation forum and science meeting to promote science and best conservation and management practices	High. Leading role.
3.5 Continue to maintain the shorebird colour flagging/marketing inventory of the EAAF and provide support on communication between banders and observers.	High. Leading role.
4. Enhance communication relating to shorebird conservation	
4.1. Continue to organise regular SWG meetings and conservation focused webinars to promote collaboration, partnering and priority setting of shorebird conservation activities.	Medium. Leading role.
4.2 Engage shorebird experts and interested parties throughout the EAAF via regular communication (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, newsletter, e-mail/listserv). Facebook Group: East Asian-Australasian Flyway Shorebird Conservation Network	High. Leading role.
4.3 Provide regular news item to EAAFP Secretariat and regional newsletters.	High. Leading role.
4.4 Produce new CEPA materials for shorebirds, particularly on new relevant issues and in languages currently not available.	Low. coordinate with CEPA working group and EAAFP. SWG to lead in initiating and producing promotional material about the SWG and its activities.
4.5. Encourage members to participate in shorebird events (e.g., World Shorebird Day and Migratory Bird Day).	Low. Supporting role to EAAFP secretariat.