

TENTH MEETING OF PARTNERS TO THE PARTNERSHIP FOR EAST ASIAN – AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY  
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## Document 10

### The Status and Management of Flyway Network Sites

*Submitted by the EAAFP Secretariat*

#### Summary

Partners at the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Partners are requested to:

- update their outdated and missing Site Information Sheets and maps. This is because the SIS and maps for 96 (70%) of Flyway Network Sites within the territory of 16 Partners were missing or out of date as of 10 September 2018;
- approve the updated process for reviewing the SIS and map for new Flyway Network Sites (Annex 3);
- approve the Secretariat, on a trial basis, to a) provide small funding at the time of designation of new FNS to prepare material to raise awareness of the Site and b) to work with interested Country Partners to allow the use of the EAAFP logo on goods and services provided by the local community at FNS where the results will benefit the community and the long-term conservation of the FNS.

#### 1. Background

Some 1060 important sites that have been identified as being internationally important for migratory waterbirds along the EAAF (Jaensch 2013), of which only about 137 (13%) have been designated as Flyway Network Sites (FNS) as of 10 September 2018.

At the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Partners (MoP9) to the EAAFP in January 2017, by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the guidelines (*MoP9/Doc.1.7.3*) were proposed on monitoring the status and management of FNS which included Country Partners updating the Site Information Sheet (SIS) every six year for their FNS's; the Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness Working Group (CEPA WG) to work with relevant Partners to conduct capacity building workshops for FNS managers and to collate and disseminate good practices for the management of these sites; and for Country Partners to report on the status of their FNS prior to each MoP using the proposed template. MoP9 further instructed the Secretariat to provide a paper on the status of FNS including an analysis of the information provided in the SIS, including threats (*MoP9/Agenda Item 4.3*)

The Secretariat circulated to Partners the template for the Report on Implementation which including the above guideline on 10 August 2018 (**Annex 1**). This paper contains an analysis of the information provided by Partners in their Report.

## 2. Status and Management of Flyway Network Site

### New Sites

As of 10 September 2018, 137 sites important for migratory waterbirds in the East Asian – Australasian Flyway have been listed as Flyway Network Sites (FNS), covering a total of 21,966,647.4 hectares. From 15 January 2017 and 10 September 2018, two new FNSs have been designated and two Sites from Myanmar are in the process of being reviewed by experts for designation.

Country	Site Name	Site Code	SIS and Map
New Zealand	Avon-Heathcote Estuary / Ihutai	EAAF 137	Submitted
New Zealand	Awarua Bay-New River Estuary	EAAF 138	Submitted
Myanmar	Nanthar Island and Mayyu Estuaries	(EAAF 139)	SIS being reviewed
Myanmar	Meinmahla Kyun Wildlife Sanctuary	(EAAF 140)	SIS being reviewed

### Regular updating of FNS information

As of 10 September 2018, the information for the existing FNS was out of date or missing for 96 FNS (70%) within the territory of 16 Partners (**Annex 2**). Since MoP9, the following SIS have been submitted.

Country	Site Name	Site Code	SIS and Map
Australia	Ord River Floodplain	EAAF 015	Submitted in 2017
Australia	Forrestdale and Thomsons Lake	EAAF 017	Submitted in 2017
RO Korea	Upo Wetland	EAAF 096	Submitted in 2018

After the departure of the Science Officer in June 2016, the review of SIS and map for new Flyway Network Site applications has been conducted by the Secretariat and three identified experts. It has been difficult to identify the appropriate expert to review these new SIS because in many cases, they themselves were involved in the drafting of the SIS.

As a result, the Secretariat would like to propose that in future, the review of the SIS and map for new Flyway Network Sites be done by the EAAFP Secretariat and the Science Unit. After review, the SIS and map are then referred to the Technical Sub-Committee and relevant Working Group Chairs (for 14 days) to seek comments on the provided justification of the criteria met and other scientific aspects of the nomination. **Annex 3** outlines this new process for SIS review.

### Threats

After the submission of the Reports on Implementation by 16 September 2018, the Secretariat will analyze the threats facing FNS and represent the result at MoP10.

Development of management plan of FNS

The designation of FNS is the start of a long-term process for the sustainable management of the site for the conservation of migratory waterbirds and the benefit of the local community. As part of this process, it is important to develop a long-term effective and sustainable management plan for the FNS.

It is also valuable to brand the international importance of the FNS. As a result, it is proposed that the Secretariat provides small funding to the new FNS to prepare material (e.g. leaflets, posters and signboards) to raise public awareness of the Site as an FNS in the EAAF. This can be done on a trial basis from 2019 - 2020 and the results reported back by the Secretariat to MoP11.

Similarly, it is important that the designation of new FNS can provide benefits to the local community at the Site. It is therefore proposed that the EAAFP logo is allowed to be used on a trial basis from 2019 to 2020, to brand the products (e.g. rice, fish, tourists product) and services (e.g. home stay) provided by the local community. Such branding only indicates that the product or service is being provided by the local community members at an FNS, that the profits go back to the local community for their benefit and the benefit of the site. Such branding is not meant to be a certification system. The Secretariat will develop this scheme with interested Government Partners and will report on the result at MoP11.

Sister Site Programme

As of 10 September 2018, there are eight ongoing Sister Site arrangements and other collaborative activities involving FNS in the East Asian – Australasian Flyway. The importance of the development of Sister Site guidelines was internally discussed. In consultation with Partners and CEPA Working Group, the Secretariat will try to develop the guideline to encourage more cooperation between existing or potential network sites.

Country	Local government or management authority	Site name	Country	Local government or management authority	Site name
Republic of Korea	Seocheon County	Yubudo Tidal Flat [EAAF101]	Singapore	National Parks Board of Singapore	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve [EAAF073]
China	Dandong City	Yalujiang National Nature Reserve [EAAF043]	New Zealand	Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalist Trust	Firth of Thames [EAAF019]
Republic of Korea	Changwon City	Junam Reservoir [EAAF095]	Japan	Osaki City, Miyagi Prefecture	Kejo-numa [EAAF098]
China	Qiqihar City	Zhalong National Nature Reserve [EAAF070]	Republic of Korea	Goyang City	Janghang Wetland Protected area

Australia	Brisbane City	Moreton Bay, Boondall wetlands [EAAF013]	Japan	Narashino City Chiba prefecture	Yatsu-higata [EAAF095]
Australia	Newcastle City	Hunter River Estuary Wetlands [EAAF010]	Japan	Kushiro City, Hokkaido	Kushiro Wetland [EAAF032]
Republic of Korea	Suncheon City	Suncheon Bay [EAAF079]	Japan	Izumi City, Kagoshima Prefecture	Arasaki [EAAF030]
Japan	Nagoya City	Fujimae Tidal Flat [EAAF080]	Australia	Greater Geelong City	Swan Bay Tidal Flats

Source: <http://eaaflyway.net/about-us/the-flyway/flyway-site-network/sister-sites/>

### 3. Decisions

Partners at the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Partners to the EAAFP:

- *Approves* the adjustment of the New Review Process of New Flyway Network Sites as proposed in **Annex 3**;
- *Agrees* to formally update the outdated SIS prior to 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Partners (MoP11) by organizing at least one FNS site managers workshop or capacity building programme. The inter-Governmental Organizations and international NGOs will assist the technical and administrative advice;
- *Calls on* the proposed Science Unit with the assistance of the Secretariat and the Technical Sub-Committee, to provide updates on the status of FNS at future Meeting of Partners;
- *Agrees* on a trial basis, to provide small funding to new FNS to prepare material that will raise awareness of the Site after designation. The Secretariat will report to MoP11 on the result of the trial;
- *Agrees* on a trial basis, for the Secretariat to work with interested Partners to use the EAAFP logo on products and services provided by the local community at FNS's for branding purposes, where the profits go back to the local community for the benefit of the community and for the site. The Secretariat will report to MoP11 on the result of the trial.

## ANNEX 1

## D. Indicator questions on the status of Flyway Network Sites (FNS)

The voluntary Section D is to allow Country Partners to update the information on the status of their existing Flyway Sites. Please refer to the status of Flyway Network Sites on the following webpage (<https://eaaflyway.net/about-us/the-flyway/flyway-site-network/>) to fill in the questionnaires below. As discussed and agreed at MoP 9, we would like to highly encourage you to update and submit the outdated and missing SIS and maps, and we would be grateful if you can complete Section D before 16 September 2018. The Secretariat will facilitate an analysis provided in the SIS and present the result of the FNS status at MoP 10.

Country name: [ ]      Number of FNS: [ ]

Num	Name of FNS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4a	Q4b	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
1														
2														
3														
4														
Please add more rows if needed														

\*Please write down Yes (Y) or No (N) above table depending on the questions.

Q1. Does the site have a Site Information Sheet (SIS)?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

Q2. FNS should update their Site Information Sheets every six years. Does the Site have an update SIS?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

Q3. Does the Site have a site management committee that includes local community members and stakeholders?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

Q4a. Does the Site have a site management plan (Key Result Area 2.2)?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

Q4b. If the site has a management plan, what is the starting date of the present Plan (Key Result Area 2.2)?

[Date/Month/Year]

Q5. Does the Site have an active CEPA programme (Key Result Area 4.1)?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

Q6. Does Site staff have access to relevant capacity development and training programmes (Key Result Area 10.1)?

Yes  No

Q7. Does the Site have a regular monitoring programme to assess the status of the site and its migratory waterbirds (Key Result Area 6.3)?

Yes  No

Q8. Have the results of the monitoring on trends of the status of the site and its migratory waterbirds been shared with the EAAFP Secretariat and Partners (Key Result Area 7.3)?

Yes  No

Q9. Are there any possible, actual or future threats to the Site and its migratory waterbirds (Key Result Area 6.4)?

Yes  No

Q10. If so, have these threats been reported to the EAAFP Secretariat (Key Result Area 6.4)?

Yes  No

Q11. Have model projects been developed at the Site with the full involvement of related national and site partnerships, to address key threatening processes, social and economic needs. (Key Result Area 2.4)?

Yes  No

Q12. Has an assessment of the ecological, social and economic values of the Site been conducted (Outcome 3)?

Yes  No

Q13. Additional information

[optional text box]

## ANNEX 2

**List of the FNSs for which neither the SIS nor an adequate map have been submitted or an update provided to the Secretariat since designation (as of 5 September 2018)**

No.	Country	EAAF Site Code	Name of Site	SIS	Year SIS updated	Boundary Map
<b>Australia - Total FNS: 24 / SIS Not Submitted: 9 / SIS Outdated: 6</b>						
1	Australia	EAAF009	Corner Inlet	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
2	Australia	EAAF010	Hunter Estuary Ramsar Site	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
3	Australia	EAAF011	Kakadu National Park	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
4	Australia	EAAF012	Logan Lagoon	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
5	Australia	EAAF013	Moreton Bay	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
6	Australia	EAAF014	Orielton Lagoon	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
7	Australia	EAAF016	The Coorong, Lake Alexandrina & Lake Albert	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
8	Australia	EAAF065	Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
9	Australia	EAAF066	Western Port	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
10	Australia	EAAF089	Bowling Green Bay	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2006, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
11	Australia	EAAF090	Currawinya National Park	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2005, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
12	Australia	EAAF091	Discovery Bay Coastal Park	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2004, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
13	Australia	EAAF092	Great Sandy Strait	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2005, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
14	Australia	EAAF093	Shallow Inlet Marine and Coastal Park	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2004, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
15	Australia	EAAF094	Shoalwater Bay	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2005, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>Bangladesh - Total FNS: 5 / SIS Not Submitted: 0 / SIS Outdated: 5</b>						
16	Bangladesh	EAAF102	Nijhum Dweep National Park	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2011, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
17	Bangladesh	EAAF103	Sonadia	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2011, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
18	Bangladesh	EAAF104	Hakaluki Haor	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2011, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
19	Bangladesh	EAAF105	Tanguar Haor	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2011, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
20	Bangladesh	EAAF106	Hail Haor	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2011, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>China Total SIS: 19/ SIS Not Submitted: 10 / SIS Outdated: 9</b>						
21	China	EAAF002	Chongming Dongtan Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>

22	China	EAAF003	Mai Po – Inner Deep Bay	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
23	China	EAAF004	Shuangtai Hekou National Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
24	China	EAAF005	Yancheng National Nature Reserve	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2007, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
25	China	EAAF006	Yellow River Delta National Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
26	China	EAAF025	Poyang Hu Nature Reserve	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2006, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
27	China	EAAF026	Xingkai Hu Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
28	China	EAAF042	Sanjiang National Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
29	China	EAAF043	Yalujiang National Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
30	China	EAAF064	Dalai Hu National Nature Reserve	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2000, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
31	China	EAAF067	Cao Hai National Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
32	China	EAAF068	Shengjin Hu National Nature Reserve	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2005, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
33	China	EAAF069	Xiang Hai National Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
34	China	EAAF070	Zhalong National Nature Reserve	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2005, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
35	China	EAAF082	Anqing Yangtze Riverine Wetland Nature Reserve	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2004, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
36	China	EAAF083	Dashanbao Black-necked Crane National Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
37	China	EAAF085	Hengshui Lake National Nature Reserve	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2006, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
38	China	EAAF086	Nandagang Wetland Nature Reserve	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2006, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
39	China	EAAF087	Nanjishan Wetland Nature Reserve	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2006, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>DPR Korea – Total FNS:2 / SIS Not Submitted: 2 / SIS Outdated: 0</b>						
40	DPR Korea	EAAF044	Kumya Wetland Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
41	DPR Korea	EAAF045	Mundok Wetland	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>Indonesia – Total FNS: 2 / SIS Not Submitted: 0 / SIS Outdated: 1</b>						
42	Indonesia	EAAF108	Sembilang National Park	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2011, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>Japan – Total FNS: 33/ SIS Not Submitted: 7 / SIS Outdated: 22</b>						
43	Japan	EAAF029	Akkeshi-ko & Bekambeushi-shitsugen	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
44	Japan	EAAF030	Arasaki	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
45	Japan	EAAF031	Kiritappu Marsh	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
46	Japan	EAAF032	Kushiro-shitsugen	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
47	Japan	EAAF033	Yashiro	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
48	Japan	EAAF047	Biwa-ko	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
49	Japan	EAAF048	Biwase-wan	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>

50	Japan	EAAF049	Fukushimagata	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
51	Japan	EAAF050	Hyouko-suikin-koen	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
52	Japan	EAAF051	Kabukuri-numa	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
53	Japan	EAAF052	Katano Kamoike	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
54	Japan	EAAF053	Kutcharo-ko	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
55	Japan	EAAF054	Manko Tidal Flats	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
56	Japan	EAAF055	Miyajima-numa	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
57	Japan	EAAF056	Otomo-numa	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
58	Japan	EAAF057	Sakata	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
59	Japan	EAAF058	Shiroishi-gawa	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
60	Japan	EAAF059	Yatsu Tidal Flats	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
61	Japan	EAAF060	Yonago-Mizudori-koen	<a href="#">SIS</a>	1999, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
62	Japan	EAAF061	Yoshino Estuary	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
63	Japan	EAAF063	Tokyo Port Wild Bird Park	n/a	Submitted in local language	<a href="#">View</a>
64	Japan	EAAF071	Kashima Shingomori	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2001, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
65	Japan	EAAF072	Utonai-ko	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
66	Japan	EAAF076	Osaka Nankou Bird Sanctuary	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2003, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
67	Japan	EAAF080	Fujimae-Higata	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2004, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
68	Japan	EAAF081	Kumagawa Estuary	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2004, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
69	Japan	EAAF088	Hachirogata-Kantakuchi	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2006, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
70	Japan	EAAF098	Kejo-numa	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2009, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
71	Japan	EAAF099	Furen-ko and Shunkuni-tai	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2010, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>Mongolia – Total FNS: 11 / SIS Not Submitted: 1 / SIS Outdated: 0</b>						
72	Mongolia	EAAF075	Ugtam Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>Papua New Guinea – Total FNS: 1 / SIS Not Submitted: 1 / Outdated: 0</b>						
73	Papua New Guinea	EAAF034	Tonda Wildlife Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>Philippines – Total FNS: 4 / SIS Not Submitted: 2 / SIS Outdated: 0</b>						
74	Philippines	EAAF007	Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>

75	Philippines	EAAF062	Naujan Lake National Park	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>RO Korea – Total FNS: 11 / SIS Not Submitted: 3 / SIS Outdated: 5</b>						
76	RO Korea	EAAF027	Cheorwon Basin	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
77	RO Korea	EAAF028	Han River Estuary	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
78	RO Korea	EAAF078	Gumi Haepyung wetland	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
79	RO Korea	EAAF095	Junam Reservoir	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2008, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
80	RO Korea	EAAF097	Nakdong Estuary	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2008, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
81	RO Korea	EAAF100	Geum River Estuary	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2010, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
82	RO Korea	EAAF101	Yubu-do Tidal Flat	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2011, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
83	RO Korea	EAAF107	Chilbaldo Islet	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2010, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>Russia – Total FNS: 10/ SIS Not Submitted: 9 / SIS Outdated: 0</b>						
84	Russia	EAAF020	Daurisky Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
85	Russia	EAAF021	Khingansky Nature Reserve and Ganukan Game Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
86	Russia	EAAF022	Kytalyk Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
87	Russia	EAAF023	Lake Khanka Nature Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
88	Russia	EAAF035	Biosphere Reserve and Zapovednik “Taimyrski”	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
89	Russia	EAAF036	Ulug-kol in Khakaskiy Zapovednik	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
90	Russia	EAAF037	Lena Delta	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
91	Russia	EAAF038	Selenga Delta in Lake Baikal	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
92	Russia	EAAF039	Torey Lakes	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>Singapore – Total FNS: 1/ Not Submitted: 1/ Outdated: 0</b>						
94	Singapore	EAAF073	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	n/a	Not submitted	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>Thailand – Total FNS: 3/ SIS Not Submitted: 0 / SIS Outdated: 1</b>						
95	Thailand	EAAF084	Krabi Estuary and Bay	<a href="#">SIS</a>	2005, Outdated	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>Vietnam – Total FNS: 1 / SIS Not Submitted: 1 / SIS Outdated: 0</b>						
96	Vietnam	EAAF134	Tram Chim National Park	n/a	Submitted in local language	<a href="#">View</a>

## ANNEX 3

### DEVELOPING A NEW REVIEW PROCESS OF NEW FLYWAY NETWORK SITES

- 1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT/MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, NGO, NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTNER, GOVERNMENTAL PARTNER**
  - Identification of potential sites for the Network, by reviewing available data, field surveys and determining which sites meet the Criteria
- 2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT/MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**
  - Local consultations on-site nomination with stakeholders including community members, site managers, management authorities, and relevant organizations
- 3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT/MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, NGO, NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTNER, GOVERNMENTAL PARTNER**
  - For the selected site, preparation of a Site Information Sheet (SIS) including a boundary map
- 4. GOVERNMENT PARTNER**
  - Consultation on-site nomination at the state/national scale with stakeholders including scholars and relevant authorities
  - Finalizing the SIS and boundary map for the site nomination
  - Submission of SIS and map to the EAAFP Secretariat with a letter requesting that the site be included in the Network
- 5. EAAFP SECRETARIAT**
  - EAAFP Secretariat and the Science Unit reviews the SIS and map, then refers the nomination to the Technical Sub-Committee and relevant Working Group chairs (for 14 days) to seek comments on the provided justification of the criteria met and other scientific aspects of the nomination
  - Any comments on the SIS or map are referred back to the nominating Government Partners who revises the SIS and/or map as appropriate. This review process continues until all the comments are resolved
- 6. EAAFP CHAIR**
  - The Secretariat advises the Chair of the Management Committee on the nomination, showing the results of the review process, and requests the Chair to endorse the nomination by writing formally to the nominating Partner and notifying them about the official inclusion of the site in the Network
- 7. GOVERNMENT PARTNER & LOCAL GOVERNMENT/MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, EAAFP Secretariat**
  - Secretariat prepares the Certificate of Participation and delivers the required number of copies to the Government Partner for distribution
  - The Secretariat and the Government Partner agree on a date when the new FNS is announced publicly and the finalized SIS and boundary map are posted on the EAAFP Website
  - The nominating Government Partner and relevant stakeholders organize an event at the Site to celebrate the designation of the new FNS
  - Notification to all Partners about the inclusion of the site in the Network