

EAAFP Interim Task Force on Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds

Meeting held last night (13_12_2018 2030 – 2200)

54 participants signed the attendance list (19 Partners, including 9 Governments)

Current Members: Cambodia, Australia, Russia, CMS, CAFF, Wildlife Conservation Society

(Partners are encouraged to become members)

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Review of the Terms of Reference of the EAAFP Taskforce

Background Presentations

- Proposed Assessment of Hunting in South-east Asia – *funding secured* (Yong DingLi)
- Feedback on discussions at the AMBI meeting (5-8 Dec.) on the issue of “illegal hunting, taking and trade of migratory waterbirds of migratory birds”.
- Proposed CMS “Intergovernmental Task Force to address illegal hunting, taking and trade of migratory birds in the East Asian - Australasian Flyway” – common goals and collaboration options.

Operation of the Taskforce and its Work Program

The CMS Parties (Australia, New Zealand, Mongolia, Bangladesh {absent}) and CMS Secretariat meet at lunch time to discuss the potential role of the proposed “Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the East Asian - Australasian Flyway” (ITTEA) [CMS cop12_res.11.16(rev.cop12)]. The CMS Parties endorsed the EAAFP Task Force leading on the Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds. These Government Partners would fully engaged with the EAAFP Task Force.

Meeting: 2030 Lobby

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Second and final report back to MoP10

The Taskforce meet twice during MoP.

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1. Operation of the EAAFP and CMS Task Forces on Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds in the EAAF

- Parties to the CMS Convention in the EAAF, conducted a side meeting and reported back to the EAAFP Task Force. They requested the EAAFP Task Force to lead on this issue for migratory waterbirds.
- It is not proposed to activate the CMS Task Force at this time.

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2. Proposed Work Program

Initial work between MoP10 and MoP11 will be focused in South East Asia.

BirdLife Asia, in liaison with the National Governments of the region, will conduct an assessment of illegal hunting, taking and trade in South East Asia. This will include:

- an academic review of literature on illegal hunting in South East Asia,
- the national legal frameworks that regulate hunting of migratory waterbirds,
- assessment of illegal hunting issues.

The project is proposed to be conducted from April 2018 to March 2020.

Contact with National Government agencies will initially be via the EAAFP Contact Point.

3. Communication

The Taskforce will use electronic communication between MoPs.

The Secretariat will be provided with updates as the assessment progresses.