An international collaboration was needed for the conservation of over 210 species of migratory waterbirds along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF), which spans across 22 countries. Thus, after being adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002 as a Type II initiative, the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) was officially launched on 6 November 2006, with the aim of protecting migratory waterbirds, their habitats, and the livelihoods of people who rely on them in the Flyway.

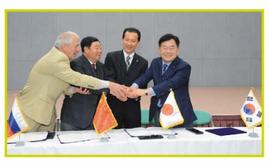
There are currently 39 Partners under the EAAFP including 18 countries, 6 intergovernmental agencies, 13 international non-governmental organizations, 1 international organization and 1 international private enterprise (as of January 2021). The Flyway Site Network (FSN), a key element of the EAAFP, refers to the Flyway Network Sites (FNS) of internationally important wetland sites that was established to ensure that wetlands within the EAAF are sustainably managed in collaboration with each other.

EAAFP FLYWAY SITE NETWORK NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Potential sites for the EAAFP Flyway Site Network are identified by reviewing available migratory waterbirds count data and determining which sites meet the EAAFP Flyway Site Network Criteria
2. The local government or management authority engages in local consultations on the site nomination with relevant stakeholders and prepares the Site Information Sheet (SIS) and boundary map of the site
3. Consultations on the site nomination take place at the state/national level with stakeholders and the SIS and boundary map are submitted to the EAAFP Secretariat with an official letter requesting the FSN designation by the Government Partner
4. The EAAFP Secretariat and Science Unit review the submitted SIS and refer the nomination to the EAAFP Technical sub-committee and Working Group Chairs. Any comments are referred back to the nominating Government Partner until all comments are resolved
5. With the endorsement from the Chair of the EAAFP Management Committee, the nomination is finalized
6. The Secretariat prepares the Certificate for the Government Partner and the new FNS is publicly announced to the Partners and on the EAAFP website

SISTER SITE AGREEMENT UNDER THE FLYWAY SITE NETWORK

The Flyway Site Network not only identifies and nominates sites of international importance for migratory waterbirds to promote improved protection and management, but also aims to link those sites through information sharing, collaborative research, and capacity building.



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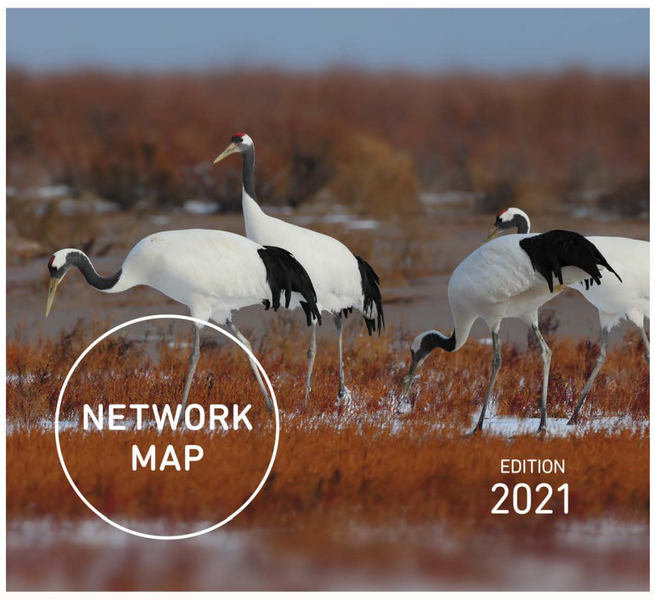
Under the FSN, the Sister Site Agreement brings together existing (or potential) FNS in different countries to promote awareness and encourage more comprehensive conservation of their shared migratory waterbirds. The collaborative activities of the Sister Site Agreement are designed to provide opportunities for FNS to engage with other sites to conduct collaborative research and monitoring of shared species. This exchange of information and experiences is critical for guiding site managers and other decision makers to implement conservation policies/activities at the site level. Capacity building is an important element of Sister Site relationships and exchange visits can assist site managers to utilize new and innovative approaches to different aspects of site management, from visitor center development to wetland management methods.

As of January 2021, there are 10 Sister Site Agreements from 19 sites across 6 countries. The present list may not include all the arrangements and diverse activities in place along the Flyway.

EAST ASIAN–AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY SITE NETWORK

Connecting people and migratory waterbirds



The EAAFP encourages cooperation and dialogue between existing or potential Flyway Network Sites. Only Government Partners are eligible to nominate Flyway Network Sites.

To learn more about the nomination process, visit www.eaaflyway.net/become-a-site

Any inquiries about joining the Flyway Site Network, please contact the Programme Officer of the EAAFP Secretariat programme@eaaflyway.net

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1 Memorandum of Understanding signed: 2004

43 Yalujiang National Nature Reserve
19 Firth of Thames

Management Bodies
- Dandong City (People's Republic of China)
- Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalists Trust (New Zealand)

Major Focus
Sharing knowledge and expertise on wetland habitat conservation and management and raising awareness about the shared species

Focus Group
Shorebirds

Great Knot
Photo: Khaleb Yordan
Endangered

2 Memorandum of Understanding signed: 2009

95 Junam Reservoir
98 Kejo-numa

Management Bodies
- Changwon City (Republic of Korea)
- Osaki City (Japan)

Major Focus
Sharing knowledge and expertise on wetland habitat conservation and management

Focus Group
Anatidae (Greater White-fronted Goose, Thick-billed Bean Goose, Baikal Teal)

Greater White-fronted Goose
Photo: Eugene Cheah

3 Memorandum of Understanding signed: 2009

70 Zhalong National Nature Reserve
143 Janghang Wetland Protected Area

Management Bodies
- Qiqihar City (People's Republic of China)
- Goyang City (Republic of Korea)

Major Focus
Promoting international cooperation to share knowledge and expertise on wetland habitat conservation and management and public awareness

Focus Group
Cranes (White-naped Crane)

White-naped Crane
Photo: Mike Endres
Endangered

4 Memorandum of Understanding signed: 1998 (MOU extended in 2004)

13 Moreton Bay
59 Yatsu-higata

Management Bodies
- Brisbane City (Australia)
- Narashino City (Japan)

Major Focus
Exchanging information and conducting training on conservation and management and running education programmes to raise public awareness

Focus Group
Shorebirds

Photo: Dean Ingwersen
Endangered

5 Memorandum of Understanding signed: 1994 (MOU extended in 2004)

32 Kushiro Area
10 Hunter River Estuary Wetlands

Management Bodies
- Kushiro City Hokkaido City (Japan)
- Newcastle City (Australia)

Major Focus
Promoting conservation and wise use of wetlands and exchanging techniques and knowledge of wetland conservation

Focus Group
Shorebirds (Latham's Snipe)

Latham's Snipe
Photo: John Hutchison

6 Memorandum of Understanding signed: 2009

79 Suncheon Bay
10 Izumi Crane Migration Grounds (Arasaki)

Management Bodies
- Suncheon City (Republic of Korea)
- Izumi City (Japan)

Major Focus
Exchanging information, promoting activities through international networks, developing eco-tourism and international events and improving environmental policies

Focus Group
Cranes (Hooded Crane)

Hooded Crane
Photo: Jeollanam-do Suncheon city
Vulnerable

7 Memorandum of Understanding signed: 2007

80 Fujimae Tidal Flat
65 Swan Bay Tidal Flats

Management Bodies
- Nagoya City (Japan)
- Greater Geelong City (Australia)

Major Focus
Promoting joint activities and sharing knowledge and expertise on wetland habitat conservation and management

Focus Group
Shorebirds

Black-tailed Godwit
Photo: Jan Van Klinge
Near Threatened

8 Memorandum of Understanding signed: 2012

101 Yubudo Tidal Flat
73 Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

Management Bodies
- Seocheon County (Republic of Korea)
- National Parks Board of Singapore (Singapore)

Major Focus
Sharing knowledge and expertise on wetland habitat conservation and management

Focus Group
Shorebirds

Red Knot
Photo: Wicha Norungsri
Near Threatened

9 Memorandum of Understanding signed: 2017

2 Chongming Dongtan Nature Reserve
73 Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

Management Bodies
- Shanghai City (People's Republic of China)
- The National Parks Board of Singapore (Singapore)

Major Focus
Strengthening research and management for capacity building between sites

Focus Group
Shorebirds

Bar-tailed Godwit
Photo: Dave Bakewell
Near Threatened

10 Memorandum of Understanding signed: 2019

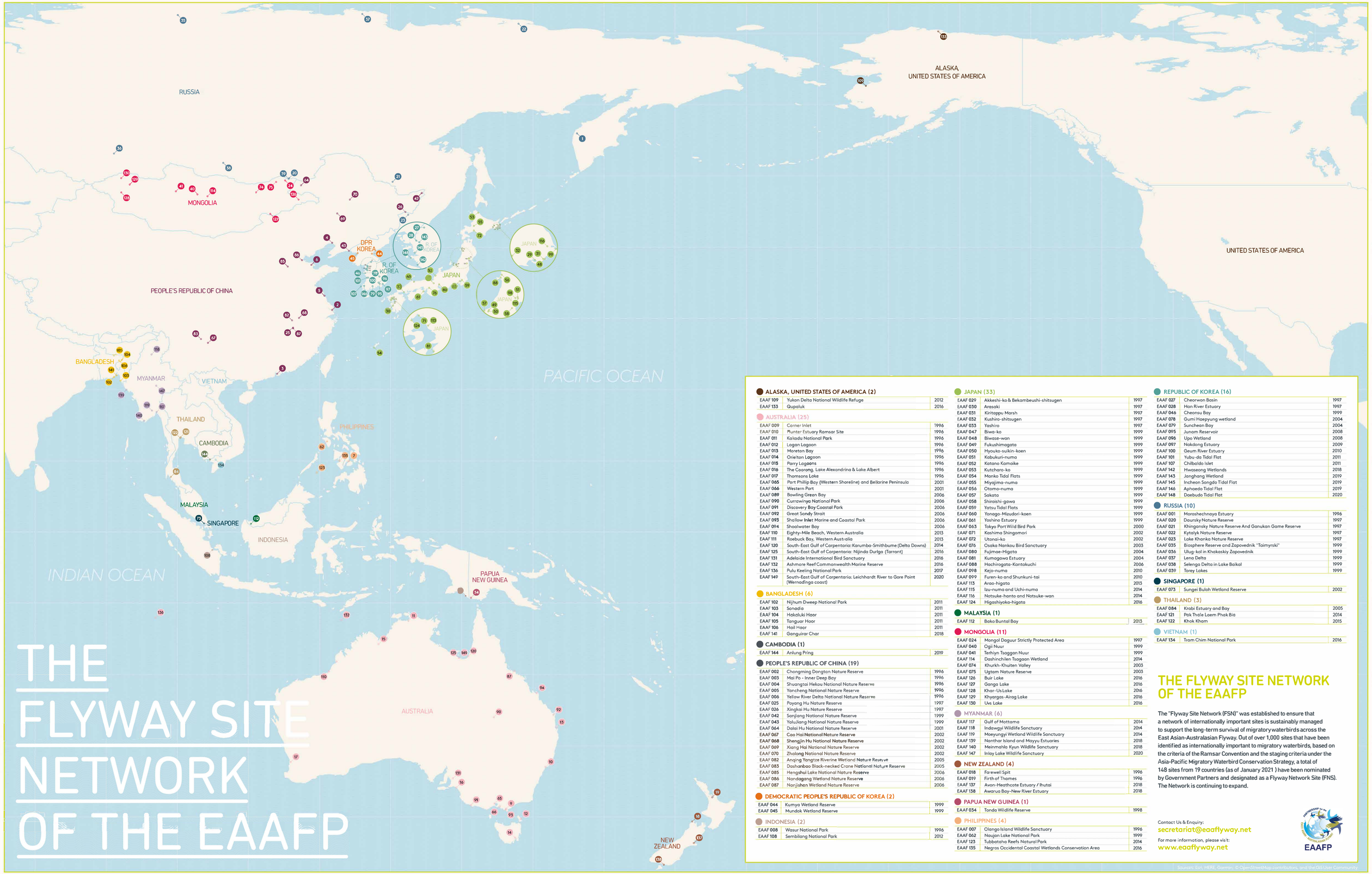
145 Incheon Songdo Tidal Flat
3 Mai Po Inner Deep Bay

Management Bodies
- Incheon Metropolitan City (Republic of Korea)
- Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (People's Republic of China)

Major Focus
Enhancing/sharing knowledge on habitat management and shared migratory species and collaborating through youth environmental education programmes such as the youth forum for the Black-faced Spoonbill

Focus Group
Black-faced Spoonbill, Shorebirds

Black-faced Spoonbill
Photo: Kenneth Lam
Endangered



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ALASKA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (2)

EAAF 109	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	2012
EAAF 133	Gupaluk	2016

AUSTRALIA (25)

EAAF 009	Corner Inlet	1996
EAAF 010	Munter Estuary Ramsar Site	1996
EAAF 011	Kakadu National Park	1996
EAAF 012	Logan Lagoon	1996
EAAF 013	Moreton Bay	1996
EAAF 014	Orwelton Lagoon	1996
EAAF 015	Parry Lagoons	1996
EAAF 016	The Coorong, Lake Alexandrina & Lake Albert	1996
EAAF 017	Thomsons Lake	1996
EAAF 065	Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula	2001
EAAF 066	Western Port	2001
EAAF 089	Bowling Green Bay	2006
EAAF 090	Currawinya National Park	2006
EAAF 091	Discovery Bay Coastal Park	2006
EAAF 092	Great Sandy Strait	2006
EAAF 093	Shallow Inlet Marine and Coastal Park	2006
EAAF 094	Shoalwater Bay	2006
EAAF 110	Eighty-Mile Beach, Western Australia	2013
EAAF 111	Roebuck Bay, Western Australia	2013
EAAF 120	South-East Gulf of Carpentaria: Karumba-Smithburne (Delta Downs)	2014
EAAF 125	South-East Gulf of Carpentaria: Nijinda Durlga (Tarrant)	2016
EAAF 131	Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary	2016
EAAF 132	Ashmore Reef Commonwealth Marine Reserve	2016
EAAF 136	Pulu Keeling National Park	2017
EAAF 149	South-East Gulf of Carpentaria: Leichhardt River to Gore Point (Wernadlnga coast)	2020

BANGLADESH (6)

EAAF 102	Nijhum Dweep National Park	2011
EAAF 103	Sonadia	2011
EAAF 104	Hakaluki Haor	2011
EAAF 105	Tanguar Haor	2011
EAAF 106	Hail Haor	2011
EAAF 141	Ganguirar Char	2018

CAMBODIA (1)

EAAF 144	Anlung Pring	2019

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (19)

EAAF 002	Changming Dongtan Nature Reserve	1996
EAAF 003	Mai Po - Inner Deep Bay	1996
EAAF 004	Shuangtai Hekou National Nature Reserve	1996
EAAF 005	Yancheng National Nature Reserve	1996
EAAF 006	Yellow River Delta National Nature Reserve	1996
EAAF 025	Poyang Hu Nature Reserve	1997
EAAF 026	Xingkai Hu Nature Reserve	1997
EAAF 042	Sanjiang National Nature Reserve	1999
EAAF 043	YaluJiang National Nature Reserve	1999
EAAF 064	Dalai Hu National Nature Reserve	2001
EAAF 067	Cao Hai National Nature Reserve	2002
EAAF 068	Shengjin Hu National Nature Reserve	2002
EAAF 069	Xiang Hai National Nature Reserve	2002
EAAF 070	Zhalong National Nature Reserve	2002
EAAF 082	Anqing Yangtze Riverine Wetland Nature Reserve	2005
EAAF 083	Dashanbao Black-necked Crane National Nature Reserve	2005
EAAF 085	Hengshui Lake National Nature Reserve	2006
EAAF 086	Nandagang Wetland Nature Reserve	2006
EAAF 087	Nanjishan Wetland Nature Reserve	2006

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (2)

EAAF 044	Kumya Wetland Reserve	1999
EAAF 045	Mundok Wetland Reserve	1999

INDONESIA (2)

EAAF 008	Wasur National Park	1996
EAAF 108	Sembilang National Park	2012

JAPAN (33)

EAAF 029	Akkeshi-ko & Bekambeushi-shitsugen	1997
EAAF 030	Arasaki	1997
EAAF 031	Kiritappu Marsh	1997
EAAF 032	Kushiro-shitsugen	1997
EAAF 033	Yashiro	1997
EAAF 047	Biwa-ko	1999
EAAF 048	Biwase-wan	1999
EAAF 049	Fukushimagata	1999
EAAF 050	Hyouko-suikin-koen	1999
EAAF 051	Kabukuri-numa	1999
EAAF 052	Katano Kamaike	1999
EAAF 053	Kutcharo-ko	1999
EAAF 054	Manko Tidal Flats	1999
EAAF 055	Miyajima-numa	1999
EAAF 056	Otomo-numa	1999
EAAF 057	Sakata	1999
EAAF 058	Shiroishi-gawa	1999
EAAF 059	Yatsu Tidal Flats	1999
EAAF 060	Yonago-Mizudori-koen	1999
EAAF 061	Yoshine Estuary	1999
EAAF 063	Tokyo Port Wild Bird Park	2000
EAAF 071	Kashima Shingomori	2002
EAAF 072	Utonai-ko	2002
EAAF 076	Osaka Nankou Bird Sanctuary	2003
EAAF 080	Fujimae-Higata	2004
EAAF 081	Kumagawa Estuary	2004
EAAF 088	Hachirogata-Kantakuchi	2006
EAAF 098	Kejo-numa	2010
EAAF 099	Furen-ko and Shunkuni-tai	2010
EAAF 113	Arao-higata	2013
EAAF 115	Izu-numa and Uchi-numa	2014
EAAF 116	Notsuke-hanto and Natsuke-wan	2014
EAAF 124	Higashiyoka-higata	2016

MALAYSIA (1)

EAAF 112	Bako Buntal Bay	2013

MONGOLIA (11)

EAAF 024	Mongol Daguur Strictly Protected Area	1997
EAAF 040	Ogii Nuur	1999
EAAF 041	Terhiyn Tsaggan Nuur	1999
EAAF 114	Dashinchilen Tsagaan Wetland	2014
EAAF 074	Khurkh-Khuiten Valley	2003
EAAF 075	Ugtam Nature Reserve	2003
EAAF 126	Buir Lake	2016
EAAF 127	Ganga Lake	2016
EAAF 128	Khar-Us Lake	2016
EAAF 129	Khyargas-Airag Lake	2016
EAAF 130	Uvs Lake	2016

MYANMAR (6)

EAAF 117	Gulf of Mottama	2014
EAAF 118	Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary	2014
EAAF 119	Moeyungyi Wetland Wildlife Sanctuary	2014
EAAF 139	Nanthar Island and Mayyu Estuaries	2018
EAAF 140	Meinmahla Kyun Wildlife Sanctuary	2018
EAAF 147	Inlay Lake Wildlife Sanctuary	2020

NEW ZEALAND (4)

EAAF 018	Farewell Spit	1996
EAAF 019	Firth of Thames	1996
EAAF 137	Avon-Heathcote Estuary / Ihutai	2018
EAAF 138	Awarua Bay-New River Estuary	2018

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (1)

EAAF 034	Tonda Wildlife Reserve	1998

PHILIPPINES (4)

EAAF 007	Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary	1996
EAAF 062	Naujan Lake National Park	1999
EAAF 123	Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park	2014
EAAF 135	Negros Occidental Coastal Wetlands Conservation Area	2016

REPUBLIC OF KOREA (16)

EAAF 027	Cheorwon Basin	1997
EAAF 028	Han River Estuary	1997
EAAF 046	Cheonsu Bay	1999
EAAF 078	Gumi Haepyung wetland	2004
EAAF 079	Sunchean Bay	2004
EAAF 095	Junam Reservoir	2008
EAAF 096	Upo Wetland	2008
EAAF 097	Nakdong Estuary	2009
EAAF 100	Geum River Estuary	2010
EAAF 101	Yubu-do Tidal Flat	2011
EAAF 107	Chilbaldo Islet	2011
EAAF 142	Hwaseong Wetlands	2018
EAAF 143	Janghang Wetland	2019
EAAF 145	Incheon Songdo Tidal Flat	2019
EAAF 146	Aphaedo Tidal Flat	2019
EAAF 148	Daebudo Tidal Flat	2020

RUSSIA (10)

EAAF 001	Morashechnaya Estuary	1996
EAAF 020	Daursky Nature Reserve	1997
EAAF 021	Khingansky Nature Reserve And Ganukan Game Reserve	1997
EAAF 022	Kytalyk Nature Reserve	1997
EAAF 023	Lake Khanka Nature Reserve	1997
EAAF 035	Biosphere Reserve and Zapovednik "Taimyrski"	1999
EAAF 036	Ulug-kol in Khakaskiy Zapovednik	1999
EAAF 037	Lena Delta	1999
EAAF 038	Selenga Delta in Lake Baikal	1999
EAAF 039	Torey Lakes	1999

SINGAPORE (1)

EAAF 073	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	2002

THAILAND (3)

EAAF 084	Krabi Estuary and Bay	2005
EAAF 121	Pak Thale Laem Phak Bia	2014
EAAF 122	Khok Kham	2015

VIETNAM (1)

EAAF 134	Tram Chim National Park	2016

THE FLYWAY SITE NETWORK OF THE EAAFP

The "Flyway Site Network (FSN)" was established to ensure that a network of internationally important sites is sustainably managed to support the long-term survival of migratory waterbirds across the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. Out of over 1,000 sites that have been identified as internationally important to migratory waterbirds, based on the criteria of the Ramsar Convention and the staging criteria under the Asia-Pacific Migratory Waterbird Conservation Strategy, a total of 148 sites from 19 countries (as of January 2021) have been nominated by Government Partners and designated as a Flyway Network Site (FNS). The Network is continuing to expand.

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