

Minutes for the first meeting of the Nordmann's Greenshank Conservation Sub-Group (NGSG) of EAAFP Shorebird Working Group

GMT 11am-1pm, 11 October 2023

Agenda item 1: Welcome and background

- Mr. David Li, Chair of the EAAFP Shorebird Working Group made a welcome note to the participants. He shared the background of forming the NGSG with the decision of SWG meeting on 31 August 2023 in implementation the SWG Working Plan 2023-2025 item 2.2: "Focus on conservation of the Nordmann's Greenshank, with potential to develop a conservation plan, support monitoring of important sites, and investigate declines".

Agenda item 2: Introduction of participants

- A total of 20 people attend the meeting; all make a short introduction on their work related to Nordmann's Greenshank conservation.



*Participants did not appear in the pictures are Nick Davison, David Melville, Philip Round, Yifei Jia, Zhang Lin.

Agenda item 3: Endorse NGSG Terms of Reference:

- Nick Davidson (Chair of the EAAFP Technical Sub-Committee): Need a mandate to establish a sub-group. None exists in the EAAFP for WGs but there is a term stating identifying priority species for conservation. Overall, this group needs approval from partners at the next MOP. Temporarily call it informal Nordmann's Greenshank Conservation Sub-Group under the SWG. Have leads and co-leads not chairs until it officially becomes a group approved by the next MOP. He also suggested the conservation plans proposed to be called as Single Species Action Plan same as the terminology by EAAFP and CMS. SSAP are in the mandate so can be approved by the MOP.

- David responded to Nick's comments that the set up the internal NGSG is to implement the SWG Work Plan, the SWG will report the progress of the implementation of the Work Plan that include the set up of the NGSG to the MOP. Adding the word "informal" to the NGSG make the group less sound therefore may not be necessary. The meeting will consider the term lead or co-lead of the NGSG and the term of SSAP as proposed by the Technical Sub-Committee. During the discussion, Nick is okay with excluding "informal" from the name of the NGSG.
- Johnathan Slaght (Regional Director, Temperate Asia Program, Wildlife Conservation Society) suggests ok to use to lead and co-lead instead of chair and co-chair until there are any official decision from EAAFP on the sub-groups.
- Jon supports the proposal of changing "Conservation Plan" to Single Species Action Plan. David suggests keeping Conservation Plan for the laymen person, and have the SSAP in the bracket. Nick supported the proposal.
- Some details of the wording have been discussed. David proposed changes in the background of the TOR, adding Japan, N&S Korea in the migration path. Nial Moores (Director, Birds Korea): DPRK and ROK not "North" vs "South". He also proposed the exact text: "The species stages and stops over in the Yellow Sea, especially in..."
- Nick proposed to avoid politicizing the species' range so not include Taiwan but say "elsewhere", not DPRK or ROK but "Korean Peninsula." Everyone agreed.
- Everyone approved the revised TOR (**Annex 1**).

Agenda item 4: Endorse NGSG core team member

- David proposed the 7-funding member who involved in the planning of the NGSG to be the core team members. The name includes, Dr. Jia Yifei, Ms. Katherine Leung, Mr. David Li, Mr. Philipp Maleko, Dr. Jonathan Slaght, Mr. Yin Yuzhu, Ms. Chen Qing, Dr. Christoph Zockler.
- Nick thinks great idea to have a CORE team, but keep it inclusive not exclusive.
- Philipp suggested to add a SE Asian representative, Kimmim (BCST) backed this and promised to get back to the group about who can be that representative from Thailand. David agrees to have a SE Asian representative and he sought for input from other SE Asian participants. As there is no response received, it's agreed for the SE Asian country participants to follow up in writing to David and new lead for the nomination.
- The meeting endorsed the proposed 7 core team members and one additional SE Asian representative.

Agenda item 5: Electing lead and co-lead:

- David emphasized the importance to have a right lead for the group and he proposed to invited the members from the core team to be the lead and co-lead.
- Nick suggests good to have someone to volunteer instead of being nominated.
- Nial suggests providing an idea of expectations of the lead and volunteered to a co-lead.
- Philipp raises his hand to be a co-lead as well.
- Katherine Leung (Global Flyway Network) is okay with not being a co-lead, but Nial thinks that 3 co-leads would be great to distribute the leadership responsibilities equitably.

- David thinks three co-leads is too many and would take away from the CORE team responsibilities. He explained the purpose of forming a Core team is to encourage more people to work together. David also explained the core team approach has been very successful for the development and implementation of the SWG Work Plan. He suggests that only one lead to be elected to coordinate meetings and communication with core team and for the core team to make joint decisions to move forward together.
- David also proposed that in the absent of the lead, the lead may nominate one of the core team members to perform the role to continue the NGSG work.
- David proposed to include Nial to the core team list, which Nial agrees. There is no objection to the nomination for Nial to be the additional member of the core team of NGSG.
- David then proposed for Johnathan Slaght to lead the NGSG.
- Everyone endorsed Jon as the lead of NGSG.
- David then invited Jon to say a few words and to host the rest of the meeting.
- Jon expressed his interest in continue to support Nordmann's Greenshank conservation effort. He also thanked David for helping in set up the group and put everyone together.
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Agenda item 6: Update on NGSG webinars

- Katherine made short introduction to the SWG webinar on Nordmann's Greenshank Conservation Update at GMT 6-8am, 19 October 2023. She invited everyone to participate.

Agenda item 7: Next NGSG meeting

- Jon is ok for the next meeting to be held in around 6-month time or earlier if necessary. Everyone ok with the arrangement.

Agenda item 8: Any other matters

- Nil.

Agenda item 9: The meeting closed around GMT 1:30pm.

Annex:

- Annex 1: Endorsed NGSG TOR.
- Annex 2: Endorsed NGSG core team members.