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EAAFP MOP12 Reporting Template for Working Groups, Task Forces, and the Technical Sub-committee

Dear Partners,

To report on the progress of the implementation of the <u>EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019-2028</u>, a Reporting T emplate was developed at the 10th Meeting of Partners (MOP10) in Hainan, China which was subseq uently used to gather progress from Partners for MOP11 held in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

The EAAFP Secretariat has amended the reporting template to account for the feedback gathered at MOP11 as well as the MOP11 decisions specifically Key Results Areas 1.2 and 1.6. To streamline the p rocess and reduce the length of the reporting document, three separate templates have been created: for (1) Government Partners, (2) Non-Government Partners, and (3) Working Groups, Task Forces, and the Technical Sub-committee.

The "Reporting Questions" are linked to Key Result Areas to enable an assessment of progress with the implementation of each element of the Strategic Plan. Indicators have been provided to facilitate reporting and assess our achievements.

As this Reporting Template was developed in alignment with the Strategic Plan, some questions may appear to overlap. However, completing them all will provide comparability with the previous <u>Partner Reports</u> submitted for MOP11.

While the total number of questions for Working Groups, Task Forces, and the Technical Sub-committ ee is 27, the number of questions for each Partner Group, and each mechanism of the Partnership, is shown below:

Government 50 Questions

Non-Government 43 Questions

Working Groups, Task Forces & T

echnical Sub-committee

27 Questions

This Reporting Template has been sent to the Focal Point of each Partner, the Chair and Vice-Chair of each Working Group and Task Force, and the Chair of the Technical Sub-committee.

Thank you,

Jennifer George

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The EAAFP Reporting Questions

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	□ Task Force	
	☐ Technical Sub-committee	
	☐ Other (please specify:)	
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Reporting on the implementation of the EAAFP Strategic Plan

Reporting Period: 2023 – 2025

Note: Questions specifically targeting Working Groups and Task Forces are highlighted. Question s without specifically mentioning Working Groups and Task Forces shall be answered by all Reporting Group members (WG/TF/TSc).

OBJECTIVE 1 Develop the Flyway Network of sites of international importance for the conservation of migratory waterbirds, building on the achievements of the Asia-Pacific Migratory Waterbird Conservation Strategy, with the ultimate goal of establishing a sufficient and efficient network of sites with sustainable management. (FSN page: https://www.eaaflyway.net/the-flyway/flyway-site-network/)

- Supplementary information: <u>EAA Flyway Network Sites Overview Report 2013</u>, <u>EAAFP Strategic Plan 20 19-2028</u>

KRA 1.1 A comprehensive and coherent Flyway Network of Sites is developed for migratory waterbirds, includin g sites that are not currently Protected Areas.

KRA 1.2 National and Site Partnerships have been developed to coordinate the implementation of the EAAFP at national and local levels.

KRA 1.3 Flyway Network Sites are valued by the community and sustainably managed.

KRA 1.4 Where appropriate, Flyway Network Sites are being sustainably used to support subsistence livelihood s of the local community.

KRA 1.5 Partners and local stakeholders are engaged in responding to activities which may threaten Flyway Net work Sites

KRA 1.6 The EAAFP Sister Site Programme has expanded.

OBJECTIVE 2 Enhance communication, education, participation and public awareness (CEPA) of the values of migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

KRA 2.1 The achievement of the elements in the EAAFP CEPA Strategy and Action Plan (2023-2028)

Indicator 2.1.1 The CEPA Action Plan has been monitored, reviewed and updated as necessary to inform the EA AFP.

1. Is your Working Group or Task Force aware of the <u>EAAFP CEPA Action Plan 2023-2028</u> ?	Yes □ No
Additional information:	
2.	
Has your Working Group or Task Force incorporated elements of the CEPA Action	⊠Yes
Plan in your work plan? (e.g. encourage academic institutions to conduct monitor	□No
ing activities at Flyway Network Sites, and identify and encourage experts to shar	

e their expertise in migratory waterbird conservation)

Additional information (examples of how the Action Plan was reflected, e.g. in Flyway Network Sites, targetin g the public, etc.):

3.

What kind of support would you like to receive from the CEPA Working Group to effectively implement the Ac tion Plan successfully in your **Working Group** or **Task Force** work plan and associated activities?

Additional information: Support and promote SWG activities and promotional materials (such as the development of the Nordmann's Greenshank Action Plan and conservation programme).

OBJECTIVE 3 Enhance flyway research and monitoring activities, build knowledge and promote exchange of information on waterbirds and their habitats.

KRA 3.1 National monitoring systems to assess the status of migratory waterbirds and their habitats are establi shed, maintained and further enhanced.

KRA 3.2 Conservation status reviews for waterbird populations are produced and updated to set and adapt prio rities for action.

Indicator 3.2.1 Data describing waterbird population estimates, trends and distributions are available to the Partnership.

4.

Please report briefly on data management of your **Working Group** or **Task Force** in relation to migratory water bird population estimates, trends and distributions.

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response: The SWG does not have a database on shorebird status, although individual members have contributed to the various monitoring programme themselves.

There is also a global summary provided by BirdLife International that has relevance and summaries of the E AAF:

BirdLife International (2024) *Press Release: New report reveals plummeting migratory shorebird populations globally* https://www.birdlife.org/news/2024/10/28/press-release-new-report-reveals-plummeting-migratory-shorebird-populations-globally/

Indicator 3.2.2 Two updates of waterbird population estimates have been produced and published.

5.

Please report on your planned contribution to the migratory waterbird Conservation Status Review II. Please see the <u>CSR I Report</u> for further reference.

Your Response: The SWG is providing ongoing input to the CSR review.

KRA 3.3 Updated list of sites of international importance for migratory waterbirds for conservation management and prioritisation.

KRA 3.4 A stronger understanding is developed on the anticipated impacts of climate change on waterbirds an d their habitats and this is informing planning and site management.

Indicator 3.4.1 Improved knowledge about threats, including climate change impacts, on waterbirds and their habitats is shared and appropriate action taken where possible.

6.

Please provide details on key research on climate change impacts on migratory waterbirds and wetlands in the EAAF relevant to your work in TSc, Working Group, or Task Force, published since MOP11 (March 2023). *Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response:

Davis, K.L., R.B. Lanctot, S.T. Saalfeld, and E.F. Zipkin. 2025. Evaluating environmental drivers and synchron y of Arctic shorebird demographic rates to inform conservation management. *Ecological Applications*. http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/eap.70049

English, W.B., B. Lagassé, S. Brown, M. Boldenow, J. Burger, B. Casler, A.D. Dey, S. Feigin, S. Freeman, H.R. Gates, K.E. Iaquinto, S. Koch, J.F. Lamarre, R.B. Lanctot, C. Latty, V. Loverti, L. McKinnon, D. Newstead, L. Ni les, E. Nol, D. Payer, R. Porter, J. Rausch, S.T. Saalfeld, F. Sanders, N.R. Senner, S. Schulte, K. Sowl, B. Winn, L. Wright, M.B. Wunder, and P.A. Smith. 2025. The influence of migration timing and local conditions on reproductive timing in Arctic-breeding birds. *Ecology and Evolution*. 15:e70610. https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.70610

Chagnon-Lafortune, A., É. Duchesne, P. Legagneux, L. McKinnon, J. Reneerkens, N. Casajus, K.F. Abraham, É. Bolduc, G.S. Brown, H.R. Gates, O. Gilg, M-A. Giroux, K. Gurney, E. Kwon, R.B. Lanctot, D.B. Lank, N. Lecomte, M. Leung, J.R. Liebezeit, R.I.G. Morrison, E. Nol, D.C. Payer, J. Rausch, D. Reid, D. Ruthrauff, S.T. Saalfeld, B.K. Sandercock, H. Schekkerman, P.A. Smith, N.M. Schmidt, I. Tulp, D.H. Ward, P.F. Woodard, T.T. Høye, D. Berteaux, and J. Bêty. 2024. Reduced risk of warming-induced trophic mismatch for breeding shorebirds? Positive, non-linear effect of temperature drives circumpolar arthropod availability. *Global Change Biology* DOI: 10.1111/gcb.17356.

Tavera, E.A., D.B. Lank, D.C. Douglas, B. Sandercock, R.B. Lanctot, N.M. Schmidt, J. Reneerkens, D.H. Ward, J. Bêty, E. Kwon, N. Lecomte, C. Gratto-Trevor, P.A. Smith, W.B. English, S.T. Saalfeld, S.C. Brown, H.R. Gate s, E. Nol, J.R. Liebezeit, R.L. McGuire, L. McKinnon, S. Kendall, M. Robards, M. Boldenow, D. Payer, J. Rausc h, M. Soloviev, D.V. Solovyeva, S. Zack, J. Stalwick, and K.E.B. Gurney. 2024. Why do avian responses to change in Arctic green-up vary? *Global Change Biology* 2024;30:e17335. DOI:10.1111/gcb.17335.

McQueen, A., Klaassen, M., Tattersall, G.J., Ryding, S., Victorian Wader Study Group, Australasian Wader Studies Group, Atkinson, R., Jessop, R., Hassell, C.J., Christie, M. and Fröhlich, A., 2024. Shorebirds Are Shrinking and Shape-Shifting: Declining Body Size and Lengthening Bills in the Past Half-Century. *Ecology Letters*, *2* 7(12), p.e14513. https://doi.org/10.1111/ele.14513

KRA 3.5 Collaborative research programmes are established to provide effective support for conservation and sustainable management efforts, particularly the sustainable use of resources for local livelihoods benefits.

Indicator 3.5.1 Research programmes on improving conservation and sustainable management outcomes have increased.

7.

Please provide brief information on areas of collaborative research programmes TSc or your Working Group or your Task Force has been involved in since MOP11 (March 2023) about the improvement of conservation a nd sustainable management outcomes at internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds. Please als o share any recent similar research programmes, both regionally and globally, that you are aware of. *Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response:

Updated the Shorebird Leg-flagging chart with suggestions from TSc.

Formed species-focused groups (e.g., Dunlin, Nordmann's Greenshank) to develop conservation plans and i nvestigations focused on movements and factors affecting these species so efforts can be directed towards right areas and issues to improve conservation of the species.

Indicator 3.5.2 Knowledge generated is being applied in at least 50% of internationally important sites for migra tory waterbirds.

8.

Please give examples of how knowledge generated through research programmes on the improvement of conservation and sustainable management outcomes is being applied at internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds.

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response:

The <u>Coastal high-tide shorebird habitat management guidelines</u> hosted on the EAAFP website were shared by a member of the SWG at the Shinan International Symposium on Migratory Birds (November, 2023), which was organised to seek solutions for better management and restoration of migratory waterbird habitats in the Shinan Tidal Flats.

The impact of mangrove planting on sensitive mudflat areas across the flyway has been highlighted in this paper: Choi, C-Y., Xiao, H., Jia, M., Jackson, M. V., Lai, Y-C., Murray, N., Gibson, L. and Fuller, R. A. (2022). An emerging coastal wetland management dilemma between mangrove expansion and shorebird conservation. *Conservation Biology*, 36, e13905. https://doi.org/10.1111/cobi.13905
There is also research published on the impact of razor clam farming on shorebirds:

Liang, D., Mu, T., Yang, Z., Giam, X., Wang, Y., Li, J., Cai, S., Zhang, X., Wang, Y., Liu, Y., & Wilcove, D. S. (2023). Assessing shorebird mortalities due to razor clam aquaculture at key migratory stopover sit es in southeastern China. *Conservation Biology*, 38, e14185. https://doi.org/10.1111/cobi.14185

Information learned during monitoring of the Arctic Coast of Alaska are informing oil and gas development pr

ocesses.

KRA 3.6 Best practice guidelines for waterbird and habitat conservation programmes, including the incorporati on of traditional knowledge, are developed and made available.

Indicator 3.6.1 Best practice guidelines are available on the EAAFP website.

9.

Please provide brief details on the development and application of national-level best practice guidelines for waterbird and habitat conservation, including the application of traditional knowledge, published/made ava ilable since MOP11 (March 2023).

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response:

A major document released in 2024 collates evidence-based guidance for site managers and decision maker s involved in salt marsh and tidal flat restoration with an ecological focus on shorebirds. Members of the SW G contributed to various sections. Reference and access:

Cutts V., Erftemeijer P.L.A., Gaffi L., Hagemeijer W., Smith R.K, Taylor N.G. & Sutherland W.J. (eds.) (2024) *Re storation, creation and management of salt marshes and tidal flats: A collation of evidence-based guidance.*Report of Conservation Evidence, Wetlands International and the World Coastal Forum. https://doi.org/10.5/2201/CGSCOL1/LCNC6109

10.

In what ways have you considered, or already included traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs), or citizen science in your work?

Additional information: The SWG supported a proposal for local community from Indonesia to visit Malaysia to meet the local community to exchange knowledge and to set up a Community Engagement sub-group un der the shorebird working group to promote local community effort in conservation. However, this proposal was not supported.

Future conservation plans and field efforts are conducted through a collaborative and informative process in Alaska.

OBJECTIVE 4 Build the habitat and waterbird management capacity of natural resource managers, decision makers and local stakeholders.

KRA 4.1 EAAFP promotes the use of the range of available training tools and provides assistance to address ch allenges at Flyway Network Sites.

Indicator 4.1.1 All Partners and Secretariat have mechanisms for capacity building in place to facilitate the sha ring of knowledge, tools and experience.

Have you been involved in identifying/developing capacity building activities and	□No	
materials about migratory waterbird and habitat management?	□ Planned	
If yes, please provide some details.		
Additional information: Regional and national capacity building workshop held under the ASEAN Flyway Net		
work programme in 2024. Training slides and materials have been developed on wetland management, wate		
rbird monitoring for the site managers.		
The 2nd and 3rd Migratory Bird Festival in Utqiagvik, Alaska was held in June of 2024 and June of 2025 to cele		
brate how breeding birds in this northern most city of Alaska connect us to the rest of the world. A key speak		
er at the 3rd meeting was Mr. Jun Hosoya from Japan who spoke about the connections between two flyway		
network sites located near Saga City, Japan and Qupaluk, Alaska.		

12.	⊠ Yes
Have you <u>implemented</u> capacity building activities and materials for migratory w	
aterbirds and the management of their habitats?	□No
If yes, please provide feedback on their values.	□ Planned

Additional information:

Besides supporting the AFN capacity building programme, the SWG has delivered a series of 'working webin ars' that are helping to build capacity in the EAAF to conserve shorebirds and their habitats. Webinars deliver ed since MOP 11 include:

December, 2023. Supporting Far Eastern Curlew Recovery Efforts. Expert speakers - Mark Carey, Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water; Batrisyia Teepol, Malaysia n Nature Society Kuching Branch; Alexander Matsyna; Linda Wong, China Biodiversity Conservation and Gre en Development Foundation.

April, 2024. Dunlin conservation. Expert contributors -

Alaska - Rick Lanctot, Emily Weiser, Lindsay Hermanns, Stephen Brown, Shiloh Schulte, Sarah Saalfeld, Ben Lagasse

Russia - Yuri Gerasimov, Alexands Matsyna, Ivan Tiunov

Japan - Takehiko Shimizu, Jun Hosoya

Republic of Korea - Kim Hwajungk

China - Hongyan (Nicky) Yang, Lei Lv, Chia Hsiang Lin, Chi Yeung Choi

June, 2024. Shorebird monitoring. Expert speakers - Richard Fuller, University of Queensland; Taej Mundkur, Wetlands International associate expert; Takehiko Shimizu, Hokkaido University; Chris Hassell and Katherin e Leung, Global Flyway Network.

September, 2024. Asian Dowitcher Conservation. Expert speakers - Eugene Shemyakin, Russian Academy of Sciences; Gankhuyag Huyagaa Purev-Ochir, Mongolian Bird Conservation Center; Batmunkh Davaasuren, Wildlife Science and Conservation Center of Mongolia; Ziyou Yang, Spoon-billed Sandpiper in China; Enkhge gee Altangerel and Chi-Yeung Jimmy Choi, Duke Kunshan University; Chairunas Adha Putra, Medan State University.

March, 2025. Shorebird feeding ecology. Expert speakers - Theunis Piersma, Bird E ological Change and NIOZ Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research; Rick Landervice; Hebo Peng, Guangdong University of Technology, China; Yang Hongyan, Belarice Teo, Nanyang Technological University and National Parks Board.	ctot, US Fish and Wildlife S	
Upcoming webinar are being planned to share capacity building programme and o ay.	pportunities along the flyw	
Indicator 4.1.2 Partners and the Secretariat include capacity building assessment	in project proposals.	
Have you included a training needs assessment or survey in projects you have d eveloped, funded, and/or implemented since MOP11 (March 2023)? If yes, please provide some additional information.	✓ Yes☐ No☐ Not applicable☐ Planned	
Additional information: There is assessment done and information kept at ASEAN can be required.	Centre for Biodiversity that	
Indicator 4.1.3 The EAAFP online technical training manual for Flyway Site manage by at least 50% of Flyway Site Managers.	ement is supported and used	
14. Have you used the <u>EAAFP online technical training materials</u> for Flyway Site man agement? Please provide some additional information on the usefulness of mat erials.	✓ Yes☐ No☐ Planned	
Additional information: the information has been used for the AFN training programme.		
KRA 4.2 Capacity of Partner Focal Points and site managers to pursue the EAAFP of Indicator 4.2.2 At least one meeting of Partner Focal Points, including site managers	•	
Have you been able to participate in any meetings of EAAFP Partner Focal Point s? (e.g. Science Symposium, ASEAN Flyway Network workshops, CMS COP, et c.) If yes, have any new collaborations with other EAAFP Partners been developed fr om the meeting/s? Please provide details.		
Additional information: We actively participated in many flyway meetings. We jointly organised the first Shor ebird Conservation Forum in Beijing in Oct 2024 with Yancheng Nature Reserve, Beijing Forestry University a nd MCF.		

KRA 4.3 Corporates with operations impacting on migratory waterbirds are engaged in delivering better outcom es for the conservation of waterbirds and their habitats.

Indicator 4.3.1 An increased number of internationally important sites and programmes, in which Corporates a re contributing to positive outcomes for migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

16.

Please provide details you, as **Working Group** or **Task Force**, have on corporate engagement at internationall y important sites and in programmes to develop positive outcomes for migratory waterbirds and their habitat s.

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response: We work closely with Flyway network sites in ASEAN through AFN projects and sites in China through visits and project opportunities.

We anticipate closer connections with oil and gas companies as they consider developing areas in the Teshe kpuk Lake Special Area in northern Alaska where the Qupaluk FNS is located.

OBJECTIVE 5 Develop, especially for priority species and habitats, flyway wide approaches to enhance the con servation status of migratory waterbirds.

KRA 5.1 Partners are actively collaborating to develop approaches to conserve migratory waterbirds and their h abitats in the EAAF across national boundaries.

Indicator 5.1.1 At least 50% of Partners are collaborating across national boundaries initiatives for the conserv ation of migratory waterbirds, particularly for threatened migratory waterbirds.

17.

Please provide brief details the transboundary involvement of your **Working Group** or **Task Force** in internatio nal collaborative initiatives for threatened migratory waterbirds (e.g. North-East Asian Subregional Program me for Environmental Cooperation, ASEAN Flyway Network, Arctic Migratory Birds Initiative, bilateral agreem ents, Sister Sites etc.).

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response:

We work closely with Flyway network sites in ASEAN through AFN projects.

Members of the Shorebird Core Team are involved in the Arctic Migratory Birds Initiative and participate in bil ateral meetings (e.g., US - Japan meeting).

There is also active engagement between FNS in Saga City, Japan and at Qupaluk, Alaska. Additional engage ment was held between the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge FNS and sites located in New Zealand to c elebrate and conserve the Bar-tailed Godwit.

18.

What does your **Working Group** or **Task Force** consider to be the key innovative and/or improved approaches to the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats since MOP11 (March 2023)?

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response:

In general, it seems species-focused groups are the most effective for promoting conservation. Since March 2023, we set up a sub-group on Nordmann's Greenshank conservation and are currently working on the SSA P.

We also have a team leading on the update the EAAF Shorebird Color flagging chart. This is to be uploaded to the EAAFP website.

KRA 5.2 Threatened migratory waterbirds are protected from threats and populations are stable or increasing.

Indicator 5.2.1 The Partnership, with leadership from IUCN, BirdLife International & Wetlands International, is u pdating and maintaining a list of threatened migratory waterbird populations and encouraging Government Par tners to protect these threatened populations under national legislation.

19.

Please provide information on the development of a list of threatened migratory waterbird populations in the EAAF in which your **Working Group** or **Task Force** has been involved in.

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response:

Our working group has contributed information to the IUCN listing for all shorebird species. This list include s a ranking of the threatened status of each species.

Specifically, we are focused on contributing data to the Spoon-billed Sandpiper task force, the Nordmann's Greenshank conservation planning, and Dunlin non-breeding studies.

20.	
Has your Working Group or Task Force been involved in taking actions to reduce	⊠Yes
threats to migratory waterbirds?	□No
If yes, please provide some examples of measures taken (e.g. addressing negati	□ Planned
ve impacts of renewable energy, habitat restoration, etc.)	

Additional information: SWG members have helped to assess the impact of hunting, bycatch and green ener gy (Solar panel and wind farm) on migratory waterbirds. A three year assessment of the hunting impact in the Russian Far East has been published:

Matsyna, A. I., Gerasimov, Y., Klokov, K. B., Matsyna, E. L., Pronkevich, V. V., Sasin, A. A., Syroechkovs kiy, E. E., & Zöckler, C. (2023a). Assessment of hunting pressure on the Spoon-billed Sandpiper and oth er shorebirds in the Russian Far East (2019-2022). *Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force News Bulletin*, N o. 29, November 2023. https://eaaflyway.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SBS-Newsletter-No-29-Nov-2023-Web-1.pdf

Indicator 5.2.2 Single Species Action Plans are developed and implemented for threatened migratory waterbird species in the EAAF.

21.

Please outline the contribution your **Working Group or Task Force** has made to the development and implem entation of Threatened Species Action Plans since MOP11 (March 2023) (e.g. Far Eastern Curlew, Masked Fi nfoot, Black-faced Spoonbill, Spoon-billed Sandpiper).

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response: We are working on the development of the Nordmann's Greenshank SSAP. Members of SW G also are involved in other Threatened Species Action for Far Eastern Curlew, Masked Finfoot, Black-faced Spoonbill, and Spoon-billed Sandpiper.

Indicator 5.2.3 Populations of threatened migratory waterbirds are either stable or increasing.

22. Has your Working Group or Task Force been involved in any programme(s) to ass ess changes in the status of populations of threatened waterbirds? If yes, please provide details. Additional information: We do not have a specific programme focused on assessing the status of population s of threatened waterbirds. However many members are involved in efforts to conduct surveys for shorebird s throughout the EAAF so as to identify species in trouble, and monitoring needs have been indicated in the S SAP for the Nordmann's Greenshank.

KRA 5.3 Regional Action Plans are developed and implemented for priority geographic regions of the EAAF.

Indicator 5.3.1 Development and implementation of Regional Action Plans for geographical regions with comm on critical threats in the EAAF.

23.

What has been your **Working Group's** or **Task Force's** involvement in the development and implementation of Regional Action Plans (e.g. ASEAN Flyway Network, Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative, Arctic Migratory Birds Initiative, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme)?

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response:

The Chair of the SWG is the technical lead to the development and implementation of the ASEAN Flyway Net work. Members of the SWG core team were instrumental in the initial development and subsequent updates to the Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative and the development of the Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative.

KRA 5.4 Measures to reduce and, as far as possible eliminate, illegal hunting, take and trade of migratory water birds are developed and implemented.

Indicator 5.4.1 All Government Partners have mechanisms in place to reduce and, as far as possible, eliminate, illegal hunting, take and trade of migratory waterbirds.

24.

What work has your **Working Group** or **Task Force** done to reduce and, as far as possible, eliminate illegal hu nting, taking and trade of migratory waterbirds?

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response:

Members from a variety of countries are supporting efforts to identify the extent of illegal hunting and the taking and trade of migratory waterbirds; and in some cases are actively working to reduce illegal hunting, taking and trade of migratory waterbirds in their own capacity.

KRA 5.5 The conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats is mainstreamed into national legislation a nd/or policy instruments including adaptation to the impacts of climate changes.

KRA 5.6 The conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats is integrated into relevant multilateral and bilateral agreements and other regional mechanisms.

Indicator 5.6.1 Relevant environmental agreements recognise the EAAFP as an effective regional framework to conserve migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

25.

Please provide any suggestions your **Working Group** or **Task Force** has on strengthening existing multilateral regional and bilateral agreements, and other regional mechanisms to deliver better outcomes for migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.

Your Response:

Strengthening the EAAFP Working groups and regional program like the ASEAN Flyway Network would help to achieve better outcomes for migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

Encouraging governments to retain leadership people for >3 years would also help strengthen relations as it t akes time to forge trust and work on projects.

Others

26.

Please provide any feedback you have on this Partner Reporting Template.

Your Response: Nil.

27.

Please add any additional information you would like to share with us.

Your Response: Nil.