

Side Event Title: Progress on Addressing the Illegal Take of Migratory Birds (ITB) in the Asia Pacific

Lead Organiser/s: CMS Secretariat

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Time: 17:00 – 18:30

Background

The CMS Asia Pacific Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force (ITTEA) and the EAAFP Task Force on Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds will provide an update on recent progress and introduce new projects from implementing partners that will contribute to the establishment of baselines of priority species by addressing monitoring data gaps in Southeast Asia. The event will present the draft scoreboard and provide an opportunity for input from attendees to hone its utility as an effective tool for governments to provide an objective, fact-based, national self-assessment of the status of ITB at the national level. A moderated discussion will be held to ensure the scoreboard elements reflect realistic objectives and scenarios that are faced by governments and stakeholders.

Objectives

In alignment with the EAAFP's Strategic Plan (2019–2028) and the MOP12 themes, this event will address Objective 2 (Enhance communication, education, participation, and awareness (CEPA) of the values of migratory waterbirds and their habitats) and Objective 3 (Enhance flyway research and monitoring activities, build knowledge and promote exchange of information on waterbirds and their habitats) of the EAAFP Strategic Plan. The information shared from new research and monitoring of waterbirds in insular Southeast Asia will contribute to the development of baseline assessments (Key Result Area 3.2.1). A moderated discussion for input on the national scoreboard will also contribute to the standardization of monitoring methodology (KRA 3.1.1). Successful strategies for stakeholder engagement will be discussed to raise public awareness and provide

Expected Outcomes

The participants of the side event will gain an understanding of the status of populations of priority species and the degree of threat from illegal take in insular Southeast Asia. Participants will also have a better understanding of the scoreboard and how to use it as a tool for national assessment, thus increasing their likelihood for using it in the future. Significant developments and progress under CMS regarding ITB on a global scale and preparations for CMS COP15 will also be shared with participants

Tentative Programme

Time	Topic and Speaker	Notes
17:00 – 17:10	1. Welcoming Remarks and Introduction Remarks by Dr. Susan Tsang, ITTEA Coordinator (CMS Secretariat) and Dr. Mark Carey, Vice Chair (EAAFP Task Force on Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds)	
17:10 – 17:25	2. Updates from Members and Observers The floor is open to participants to provide updates on activities that they have conducted pertaining to ITB since the last MOP.	
17:25 – 17:30	3. Draft Decisions and Resolutions for CMS COP15 Presentation by Dr. Ivan Ramirez, Head of Avian Team (CMS Secretariat)	
17:30 – 17:30	4. Activities for the ITTEA 4.1. Continuing partnership with Malaysian Nature Society Kuching Branch (MNSKB) for monitoring Far Eastern Curlew and other shorebirds in Sarawak, Borneo Presentation by Ms. Rose Au Nyat Jun (MNSKB) and Ms. Olivia Wilibrode (MNSKB)	
17:35 – 17:40	4.2. New partnerships with Wild Heritage of Sumatra Foundation and Burung Laut Indonesia Presentations by Mr. Chairunas Adha Putra (WHIS Foundation) and Ms. Francisca Noni (Burung Laut Indonesia)	
17:40 – 17:47	4.3. Assessing the use and impact of nets and wild bird populations in Asia Presentation by Dr. Ding Li Yong (BirdLife International) and Ms. Rongrong Angkaew (King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand)	
17:47 – 18:05	4.4. Discussion of future activities of the ITTEA Moderated by Dr. Susan Tsang, ITTEA Coordinator a) New priorities and actions identified by Task Force b) Public awareness needs c) Other suggestions from participants	
18:05 – 18:20	5. Scoreboard Assessment Tool	

	Presentation by Dr. Ding Li Yong, Discussion moderated by Dr. Susan Tsang a) Overview of purpose of scoreboard b) Presentation and moderated discussion of draft scoreboard	
18:20 – 18:25	6. Any Other Business	
18:25 – 18:30	7. Closure of Meeting	