

Side Event Title: HPAI in the EAAF: Follow-ups of the International Avian Influenza Symposium, St. John's. 24-26 June 2025

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Time: 14:00 – 15:30

Background

Since 2021, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has become a serious threat to many wild bird populations, particularly to seabirds. In order to build a stronger network on preparation of HPAI to wild birds, the Avian Working Group participated in the symposium at St. John's, Canada in June 2025. A side-meeting was convened for discussion on HPAI to wild birds. This side-event is to report the side-meeting, and two other relevant meetings in 2025, and for discussion on how the EAAF countries can better prepare for HPAI.

Objectives

This side meeting provides an opportunity for HPAI and wild bird specialists from EAAF partners to exchange views. The aims were to:

- Network for global disease surveillance and response.
- Identify lessons learned and gaps from recent outbreaks.
- Explore whether a coordinated global strategy for wild birds is needed.

Expected Outcomes

Report on recommendations of actions to be taken at EAAF countries on the HPAI.

Tentative Programme

Time	Topic and Speaker	Notes
14:00-14:15	Reports of the 11 th International Avian Influenza Symposium and the side event on 26 June 2025. Simba Chan, Japan Bird Research Association/Wild Bird Society of Japan	
14:15-14:30	Report of the side-meeting of HPAI at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025. Spike Millington, International Crane Foundation.	
14:30-14:45	Report of the 73 rd International Conference of the Wildlife Disease Association. Diana Boon, International Crane Foundation	
14:45-15:30	Discussion on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network for global disease surveillance and response. • Identify lessons learned and gaps from recent outbreaks. • Explore whether a coordinated global strategy for wild birds is needed. 	