

DD.12 EAAFP Youth Task Force Terms of Reference and Workplan (2025-2028)

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WEAVING CONNECTIONS:
Celebrating Migration, Traditional Knowledge,
and Innovation across our Flyway

12th Meeting of Partners of the
East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership



Proposal Background

- During MOP11, Youth Mainstreaming in the EAAFP was adopted to integrate youth participation and involvement
- The EAAFP Youth Task Force brings together young leaders across the flyway region, committed to take proactive measures in raising awareness and conserve migratory waterbirds and their habitats.
- The task force was gradually established with the guidance of the CEPA Working Group
- There are currently 27 Core Members across the flyway region coming from 14 countries

Proposal Background

- Young leaders are among the frontlines to environmental conservation and protection yet remain overlooked, underfunded, and unrecognized
- The Strategic Plan of EAAFP (2019-2028) did not mention “youth” and it is high time to prioritize in investing youth participation to ensure intergenerational equity and long-term sustainability
- Empowering the youth with recognition, resources, and spaces within the Partnership injects fresh perspectives and meaningful, inclusive collaboration

With this,

- The EAAFP Youth Task Force Core Heads convened in Incheon, Republic of Korea to draft the Workplan and Terms of Reference in July 2025 funded by the EAAFP SGF WG/TF Programme
- The Terms of Reference highlights the background, mission, vision, and management structure of the task force
- The Workplan presents the specific activities of the task force in line with its 3 main objectives:
 - Strengthening Flyway-wide Collaboration and Partnership with other Youth-led Initiatives
 - Fostering Youth Leadership and Strengthening Youth Capacity in Flyway Conservation
 - Strengthening youth-led CEPA by Cultivating Awareness and Promoting Participation in flyway-themed events

MOP12 Decision

- *Adopts* the Terms of Reference and Workplan (2025-2028) of the EAAFP Youth Task Force;
- *Requests* National Focal Points to appoint Youth Focal Point as Country Coordinators of the task force;
- *Encourages* EAAFP Non-Government Focal Points to recommend a youth representative of the task force;
- *Calls* for the support and hosting the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Youth Forum from Partners to gather Core Members of the Youth Task Force once every two years;

MOP12 Decision

- *Urges* funding and in-kind support from the Partners for the mobilization and operation of the Youth Task Force in line with its Workplan;
- *Requests* Partners to support participation of the Youth Task Force in MOPs and the EAAFP Governance Committees (e.g. observer status) to advance youth leadership and perspectives; and
- *Seeks* the Secretariat's ongoing support in implementing its Workplan, including coordination with Partners, Governance Committees, Working Groups, Task Forces, and other initiatives where youth participation may be required.

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