

DD.18 Science Strategy for the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership

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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



Background

- At **1st EAAFP Science Symposium**, held on 18–19 October 2024 in Beijing, China, participants came together to discuss developing a Roadmap for the EAAFP Science Strategy.



Background

- ***Recognition reached:*** a well-defined and coordinated Science Strategy is essential to help ensure that conservation actions are grounded in robust scientific evidence, address critical knowledge gaps, and foster collaboration.
- In line with the **Partnership Document** and the **EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019–2028**, Secretariat proposed the Partners to support the proposal for development of EAAFP Science Strategy for the East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP Science Strategy) to serve as a unifying framework for advancing science-based conservation and policy across the flyway.
- Such a Science Strategy could be developed over the next two years in extensive consultation with Partners, the Technical Sub Committee, Working Groups and Task Forces and experts.

MOP12 Decision

- supports the **development** of an EAAFP Science Strategy;
- Requests the **Secretariat** to prioritise development of an EAAFP Science Strategy in consultation with Partners, the Technical Sub Committee, Working Groups, Task Forces and experts, including through organisation of a consultation meeting at a proposed Science Symposium in 2026;
- Further Request the Secretariat to submit an EAAFP Science Strategy for consideration at **MOP13**.

Information Paper- Framework for Development of Science Strategy

PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK:

1. Flyway-scale Monitoring and Assessment
2. Species and Habitat Research
3. Emerging Threats and Drivers of Change
4. Conservation Effectiveness and Policy Support
5. Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building

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GOVERNANCE & DELIVERY :

1. Coordination and operation/implementation

The strategy is led by MOP, supported by the EAAFP Technical Sub-committee, and operated / implemented by the Secretariat through its Science Unit. Engagement of Partners, Working Groups and Task Forces, particularly species and thematic groups.

2. Partner Roles

- Governments: Provide national data and facilitate site-level actions.
- Academia: Lead research, monitoring, and scientific networking.
- NGOs and relevant stakeholders: Provide support and participate in research, monitoring, networking and capacity building.
- International Organizations: Align with global science agendas.

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FUNDING & RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

- Leverage contributions from Partners, donors, university and institutes, and corporate champions.
- Seek co-financing with multilateral instruments
- Build science–business linkages.

Thank you!