

TWELFTH MEETING OF PARTNERS OF THE EAST ASIAN – AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY PARTNERSHIP  
Cebu, Philippines, 8-14 November 2025



## Decision 19

### **Establishing an ad hoc committee to review conservation issues of migratory land birds and their habitats in East Asia and Australasia and options for addressing them**

*Submitted by Wild Bird Society of Japan*

*Recognizing* the universal serious decline of land birds, and the absence of a regional network to cover conservation issues in East Asia and Australasia;

*Also recognizing* that countries in East Asia and Australasia are seeking a good platform on conservation of declining migratory land bird species such as Yellow-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza aureola*), Brown Shrike (*Lanius cristatus*), and the White-throated Needletail (*Hirundapus caudacutus*);

*Further recognizing* international cooperative projects have been initiated since the launch of the East Asia Land Bird Monitoring Scheme in Jeju, Korea (March 2015) and discussion on the CMS Single Species Action Plan for the Yellow-breasted Bunting in Guangzhou, China (November 2016), and that these have generated high regional interest and support at the Asian Ornithological Conferences (November 2021 and Beijing November 2024); and

*Noting* the importance of a framework for research and conservation of migratory land birds and their habitats in East Asia and Australasia which will enhance regional cooperation;

#### *The 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Partners of the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership*

1. *Agrees* to establish an ad hoc committee to review conservation issues of migratory land birds and their habitats in East Asia and Australasia and options for addressing them;
2. *Invites* interested Partners and experts to nominate a member to participate in the ad hoc committee; and
3. Requests the ad hoc committee to report results and recommendations at MOP 13.