

# Doc.11 EAAFP Proposed Budget 2026 - 2027

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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



# Strategic Priorities and Budget Principles 2026–2027

## Principles:

- Deliver a balanced budget.
- Understand that the currency of the Secretariat is the Korean Won, and exchange rates influence the conversion to US Dollar.
- Maintain a contingency of 100,000 USD in a separate account, plus accrued interest.
- Identify tagged project funds and donations

*Building from 2025 into a stronger, more connected Partnership*

# Our Foundation



## Three Pillars of the Partnership

1. Building and promoting the Flyway Site Network
2. Strengthening local capacity
3. Advancing Flyway-wide approaches

*These remain the backbone of our collective work for migratory waterbirds, habitats, and people.*

# Purpose and Progress



**Purpose:** Provide a Flyway-wide framework for collaboration and collective action.

**Goal:** Ensure that migratory waterbirds and their habitats are recognised and conserved for the benefit of biodiversity and people.

*Our Strategic Plan (2019–2028) guides this - through dialogue, cooperation, and collaboration.*

# Strong Foundations Going Forward



## What's Working Well

- Staff morale and delivery at MOP12 — strong and positive
- Coordinators for Programme, Communications, and Finance/Admin – real impact
- Science Unit at Beijing Forestry University: Science Strategy, Symposium, Flyway University Alliance
- Expanding Partner engagement and regional collaboration

*The Partnership is ready to deepen its role — connecting governments, sites, and communities.*

# Gratitude and Reciprocity



## Our Financial Backbone

- **Incheon Metropolitan City** – our steadfast host and main financial contributor, including staff and paid interns
- **Republic of Korea** – annual contribution under the MOU
- **China** – funding national work (e.g. Science Symposium, Science Unit and seeking support for paid interns
- **Japan & USA** – annual contributors

*(Cambodia & the Paulson Institute – new supporters in 2025)*



**This generosity sustains the Secretariat...**

**Yet**, our core operational funding has not kept pace with inflation or increased workload.

**Partnership is shared responsibility.**

***To maintain this quality of work, all Partners are invited to  
share the load.***

# Strategic Priorities 2026–2027



## Four Key Areas

- Governance and Strategic Direction
- Institutional Strengthening and Outreach
- Operational Improvements (website, branding, prospectus)
- Expanding the Flyway Community, Science, and Innovation

*With a balanced budget and targeted fundraising, these will drive results for both biodiversity and people.*



# Looking Ahead



## Our Next Steps

- Approve the Secretariat's Workplan and Budget 2026–2027
- Renew voluntary and in-kind commitments
- Support new funding mechanisms
- Continue building a connected, resilient Flyway family

*In 2026, we celebrate 20 years of EAAFP — let's do so as a Partnership that invests in each other.*

# Call for your pledge: Call for reciprocity

The Secretariat team has given their heart and soul to this Partnership — and delivered MOP12 to a standard we can all be proud of.

But partnership, at its core, is about sharing the load.

*If we wish to continue receiving the same commitment and care from the Secretariat, we must each consider what we can give in return — in the same spirit of reciprocity that has carried us this far.*