

Doc.15 Enhancing EAAFP's Strategic Engagement with Global Environment Facility (GEF)

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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



The Crisis: Rapid Population Decline

276 Populations Assessed
Conservation Status Review
(CSR1) 2022 evaluated

16% Threatened
Globally threatened species
requiring urgent conservation
action.

Urgent need: Additional and sustainable
conservation funding is critical.

12% Near Threatened
Additional populations at risk of future decline.

The limitations

GEF's Limited Reach

GEF does not directly fund Ramsar Convention or Convention on Migratory Species, limiting flyway-scale projects.

Institutional Disconnect

Lack of direct engagement in GEF project planning and alignment with EAAFP Strategic Plan.



Recent Progress: GEF-Projects in the EAA Flyway

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China Project

Strengthening Protected Area Network for Migratory Bird Conservation (UNDP)
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Philippines Project

Scaling-up Conservation and Sustainable Management of Priority Wetlands (ADB)

EAAFP providing in-kind contributions and collaboration.

CASE 3

Engaging Government, NGO, Community, and Enterprise into Wetland Conservation and Development in Chongming Dongtan National Nature Reserve

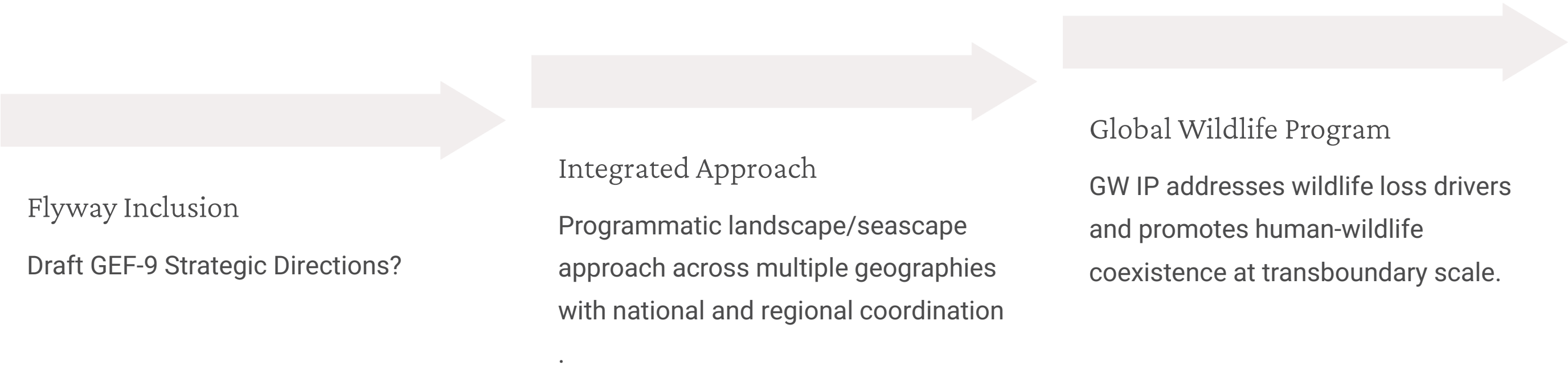
Approach	Habitat	Location	Sustainable Development Goals Involved
"Government-NGO-Community-Enterprise" Collaboration	Coastal Wetland	Chongming Dongtan, Shanghai	

Key Messages

- The "Government-NGO-Community-Enterprise" collaboration is an innovative pathway to achieve the "Win-Win" outcomes for ecological conservation and community development.
- Establishing an efficient marine waste management mechanism has significantly restored waterbird habitats and reduced ecological threats.
- Developing wetland education programs, workshops, and thematic exhibitions helps to strengthen community ecological identity and promote waste sorting and source reduction practices.

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General Project Information	
Project Title	
Scaling-up conservation and sustainable management of priority wetlands of the East-Asian Australasian Flyway in the Philippines (PHIL FLYWAY)	
Region	GEF Project ID
Philippines	11578
Country(ies)	Type of Project
Philippines	MSP
GEF Agency(ies)	GEF Agency ID
ADB	
Executing Partner	Executing Partner Type
Department of Environment and Natural Resources /Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB)	Government
GEF Focal Area (s)	Submission Date
Biodiversity	3/21/2024
Project Sector (CCM Only)	
Taxonomy	
Focal Areas, Chemicals and Waste, Sound Management of chemicals and waste, Disposal, Best Available Technology / Best Environmental Practices, Pesticides, Plastics, Land Degradation, Food Security, Land Degradation Neutrality, Carbon stocks above or below ground, Land Cover and Land cover change, Sustainable Land Management, Sustainable Livelihoods, Improved Soil and Water Management Techniques, Ecosystem Approach, Sustainable Agriculture, Restoration and Rehabilitation of Degraded Lands, Integrated and Cross-sectoral approach, Community-Based Natural Resource Management, Climate Change, Climate Change Adaptation, Ecosystem-based Adaptation, Mainstreaming adaptation, Community-based adaptation, Sea-level rise, Innovation, Disaster risk management, Complementarity, Private sector, Climate finance, Livelihoods, Climate Change Mitigation, Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use, Financing, Biodiversity, Financial and Accounting, Payment for Ecosystem Services, Natural Capital Assessment and Accounting, Protected Areas and Landscapes, Community Based Natural Resource Mngt, Productive Seascapes, Terrestrial Protected Areas, Coastal and Marine Protected Areas, Productive Landscapes, Species, Invasive Alien Species, Threatened Species, Wildlife for Sustainable Development, Biomes, Rivers, Tropical Rain Forests, Lakes, Mangroves, Coral Reefs, Sea Grasses, Wetlands, Tropical Dry Forests, Mainstreaming, Tourism, Agriculture and agrobiodiversity, Fisheries, Certification - National Standards, Certification - International Standards, Influencing models, Transform policy and regulatory environments, Deploy innovative financial instruments, Demonstrate innovative approach, Convene multi-stakeholder alliances, Strengthen institutional capacity and decision-making, Stakeholders, Type of Engagement, Consultation, Information Dissemination, Partnership, Participation, Beneficiaries, Communications, Public Campaigns, Education, Behavior change, Awareness Raising, Civil Society, Community based Organization, Non-Governmental Organization, Academia, Local Communities, Private Sector, SMEs, Financial Intermediaries and market facilitators, Individuals/Entrepreneurs, Indigenous Peoples, Gender Equality, Gender results areas, Participation and leadership, Capacity Development, Knowledge Generation and Exchange, Access and control over natural resources, Access to benefits and services, Gender Mainstreaming, Sex-disaggregated indicators, Gender-sensitive indicators, Women groups, Capacity, Knowledge and Research, Knowledge Exchange, Learning, Indicators to measure change, Theory of change, Adaptive management, Enabling Activities, Knowledge Generation	
7/3/2024	
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GEF-9 Opportunity: Flyway Programming



Strengthening Cooperation with Flyway-related Conventions

- **CMS COP14** and **Ramsar COP15** have both emphasized transboundary collaboration and national action plans for flyway conservation.
- EAAFP, as a multilateral partnership bridging governments and MEAs, is well-positioned as the regional coordination mechanism supporting GEF's biodiversity and climate goals.



Key Recommendations

- Support for Flyway Inclusion in GEF-9
- Strengthened Cooperation with the CBD, CMS, and Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
- Development of Flyway-Focused GEF Projects
- Alignment with the EAAFP Strategic Plan
- Recognition of the EAAFP as a Key Partner

