

# Doc.9 EAAFP Secretariat Report for the 12th Meeting of Partners (2023 – 2025)

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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



# Secretariat - strategic, operational, and financial

Strong momentum in Secretariat operations and in support of Partnership strategic plan activities:

- Operational modernisation and new culture
- Partner engagement
- Science-policy alignment
- Governance performance
- Corporate engagement

# Staff capacity and funding diversification

## Staff

- Chief Executive (New Zealand)
- Deputy Chief Executive (Republic of Korea)
- Communications Officer (Republic of Korea)
- Communications Coordinator (Philippines)
- Foundation Officer (Republic of Korea)
- Programme Officer (Philippines)
- Programme Coordinator (Germany)
- Finance coordinator (Republic of Korea)

Incheon City provides:

- 2 staff members (annual rotation)

Note: Japan has funded 1 staff member on annual basis.

## Interns

Incheon City

- Paid interns 2023 – 2025 for 3 months twice per year

Beijing Forestry University/Science Unit

- 2 paid interns in 2024 and 2025 for 6 months

K-Eco

- 2 paid interns in 2024 and 2025 for 6 months

## SCIENCE UNIT

- Based at Beijing Forestry University

# Objective 1: Develop Flyway Network Sites (FNS)

- Seven (7) new Flyway Network Sites
- Three (3) new Partners
- Four (4) potential government Partners present at this MOP12
- Site Information Sheet redeveloped
- Small Grant Fund process redeveloped
- Active Sister Site exchanges – Alaska & Japan, Incheon & Hong Kong
- Re-signing of Sister Site Partnership between 2 sites New Zealand and China

## Objective 2: CEPA



- Website
- New Communications team
- World Migratory Bird Day & grants
- Ambassadors' events
- CMS COP, Ramsar COP Partner networking dinners
- Youth Task Force established

# Objective 3:

## Flyway research and monitoring, build knowledge and promote exchange

- Working Group and Task Force review
- EAAFP Science Symposium 2024
  - Indigenous people
  - Species networks
  - Shorebird Working Group
  - Science and research presentations
- Flyway University Alliance launched 2024
- EAAFP Small Grant Fund rounds completed

# Objective 4:

## Capacity building of natural resource manager, decision makers and local stakeholders

- Workshop and training – Wetland Link International, RRC-EA, IBBRI, AFN, RFI
- Partners delivering capacity building across the Flyway
- Study tours facilitated and organised for Partners
- National Focal Point manual still to be developed
- MOP12 preparations

# Objective 5:

## Flyway wide approaches to enhance the conservation status of migratory waterbirds

- Yellow/West Sea regional cooperation, WHS cooperation, World Coastal Forum
- ASEAN Flyway Network – Phase II and Phase III
- Regional Flyway Initiative
- NEASPEC
- Species Network development
- Convention on Migratory Species – joint task forces, SSAP





## Some examples

### OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Flyway Site Network
- ▶ CEPA
- ▶ Research, building knowledge, information exchange
- ▶ Capacity building
- ▶ Flyway-wide approaches

## Sister Sites

- ▶ Incheon – Hong Kong
- ▶ Mai Po Inner Deep Bay
- ▶ Pukorokoro – Yalu Jiang
- ▶ Qualpuk – Japan

Species networks



## International

- ▶ CMS COP, Ramsar COP, IUCN Congress
- EAAFP Partners Networking Dinners

Our Oceans Conference

RFI Side event at the CBD COP16



## Regional

- ▶ ASEAN Flyway Network meetings

Regional Flyway Initiative Training Series

NEASPEC workshops, Yellow/West Sea workshops



## New

- ▶ RRC-EA Eco-Foundation Global ICLEI CBC

7 new FNS

- Myanmar
- Thailand
- Republic of Korea
- Philippines



## CEPA

- ▶ Ambassadors for WMBD Receptions
- ▶ World Migratory Bird Day & World Wetland Day

International Birdwatching Festivals



## Capacity

▶ Wetland Link International (WLI) Asia-Oceania

Regional networks e.g. IBRI

NGO Partners delivering capacity training – RRC-EA, WWT, Birdlife, WI, others



## Flyway wide approaches

▶ 12th Meeting of Partners

World Coastal Forum

Study visits facilitated to NZ and Australia



## Habitat Management

▶ ROK Coastal Habitat Restoration Training Course

▶ ASEAN Regional Training on Wetland Management and Waterfowl Monitoring



## Research & Knowledge

- ▶ FNS Designation of Yeoncheon Imjin River (EAAF156)

- ▶ International Symposium of World Natural Heritage

- ▶ 1st EAAFP Science Symposium
- ▶ 1st EAAF Shorebird Conservation Forum
- ▶ Bar-tailed Godwit Collaboration Network meeting
- ▶ Technical Sub-committee meeting
- ▶ Joint TSc and Working Groups and Task Forces meeting

- ▶ Launch of the Flyway University Alliance



## Finance

- ▶ Regional Flyway Initiative
- ▶ Corporate Champion Programme and Sponsors

Small Grant Funds

