

**Side Event Title:** Discussion on the system of migratory land bird conservation in the East Asian Australasian Flyway

**Lead Organiser:** Wild Bird Society of Japan

**Co-organiser:** Hong Kong Bird Watching Society

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**Time:** 17:00-18:30

## Background

Conservation of migratory land birds has long been neglected in Asia but recent studies showed many species of migratory land birds are declining at alarming rates (such as the Yellow-breasted Bunting). A monitoring scheme of land birds has been established in North East Asian countries (Russia, China, RO Korea and Japan) since 2015 and there is a need to extend the cooperation to wintering countries in the EAAF. After discussion with partners in the EAAF, the Wild Bird Society of Japan submitted a decision paper on establishing an ad hoc committee to discuss the inclusion of land birds to the scope of the EAAFP for the decision in MOP 13. This site-event is for improving understanding on issues related to land birds amongst partners of the EAAFP.

## Objectives

The purpose of this meeting is to reach a consensus among countries along the EAAF on the process of developing a platform on conservation and monitoring of migratory land birds along the EAAF.

**Expected Outcomes** The output will be a report on recommendations of an ad hoc committee on land bird monitoring and conservation in EAAF countries.

### Tentative Programme

Time	Topic and Speaker	Notes
17:00-17:10	Status of establishing a land bird conservation network in the EAAF. Mr. Simba Chan, Wild Bird Society of Japan	
17:10 -17:20	Land bird monitoring in the RO Korea. Dr. Hwajung Kim, National Institute of Biological Resources, Republic of Korea	
17:20-17:30	Land bird research and conservation in Japan. Kohei Sakai, Ministry of the Environment, Japan	
17:30-17:40	African-Eurasian Migratory Landbird Action Plan, and its relevance to the conservation of land birds in the EAAF countries. Ivan Ramirez, Avian Unit, CMS	
17:40-17:50	Monitoring wintering populations of the Critically Endangered Yellow-breasted Bunting, Yat-tung Yu, Hong Kong Bird Watching Society.	
17:50-18:30	Discussion on how to strengthen the regional framework on conservation of migratory land birds in the East Asian Australasian Flyway, and formation of an ad hoc group under the EAAFP for discussion of this issue at MOP 13.	