

Invitation to join the Seabird Working Group of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership

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Dear Partners,

Thank you for your support and valuable contribution to conservation of migratory birds by participating in the East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)! The EAAFP currently provides a platform to all partners to promote, facilitate and coordinate conservation activities for migratory waterbirds in the East Asia – Australasian region.

During the 5th Meeting of Partners held in Cambodia during 6-8 December 2010, Partners of the EAAFP were encouraged to support further development of the Seabird Working Group¹ as countries in this region have many seabird species and share the same populations. BirdLife International plays a leading role in global seabird conservation, particularly through its Global Seabird Programme; thus promoting seabird conservation in EAAF is an important part of BirdLife's work. BirdLife has agreed to act as an interim co-ordinator of the Seabird Working Group of EAAFP, with the immediate aim of facilitating the formation of this working group. We need participations from many partners and therefore we would like to invite partners to take part in the Seabird Working Group.

For the formation of the Seabird Working Group under the EAAFP, **we are going to convene a meeting on 19 March** during the EAAFP MOP6, held in Indonesia in the week of 19-23 March 2012.

If you think your country/organization is interested in active participation in the Seabird Working Group in the future, we encourage you to nominate a representative to the Seabird Working Group. However, if you have not yet decided to join the Seabird Working Group, we still hope you would attend the meeting and find out more about this Working Group.

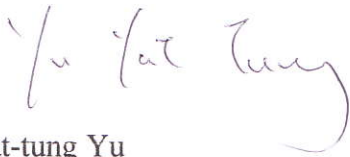
¹ Agenda Item 2.3.2 Seabird Working Group, Report (Minutes) of the Fifth Meeting of Partners (Draft, Version 5), East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership, Fifth Meeting of Partners, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 6-8 December 2010. Available from: <http://www.eaaflyway.net/documents/mop/mop5-report-draft.pdf>.

For a formal member to the Seabird Working Group, he/she should:

- have basic knowledge about seabirds; experience of seabird conservation and research would be much appreciated;
- have good communication skills and working English.
- cover his/her own travel expenses
- whenever possible, initiate new seabird conservation projects.

We look forward to your participation and a positive reply.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yat-tung Yu". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Yat-tung Yu

BirdLife International

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