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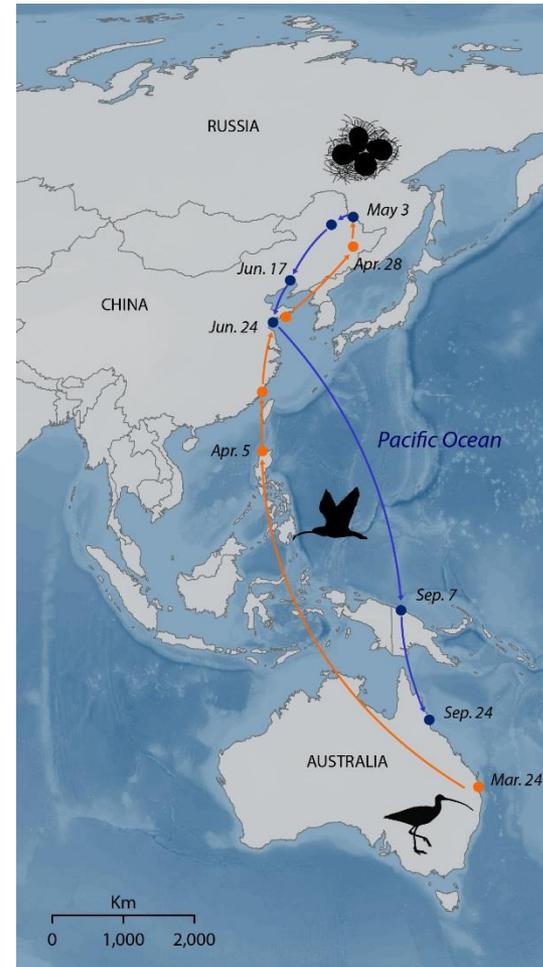
Developing an EAAFP Sister Site Program

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Introduction

- The Partnership encourages Partners to cooperate to build expertise across the Flyway Site Network
 - Sustainable development
 - Management techniques
 - Joint research plans
 - Monitoring of migratory waterbirds
 - CEPA
- Sister Site Program brings together site managers to share knowledge and build capacity
- Currently, eight EAAFP Sister Sites recognised
- This draft decision seeks to encourage further Sister Site development in the EAAF
 - [EAAF131] Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary seeks an opportunity to engage with other EAAF sites



Draft Decision

The 10th Meeting of the Partners of the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership:

- *Acknowledges* existing Sister Site arrangements and other collaborative activities involving Flyway Site Network sites in the East Asian – Australasian Flyway at **Annex 2**;
 - *Encourages* Partners to consider establishing new Sister Site arrangements when there are shared species, habitats, management or educational situations and to provide resources for their ongoing operation;
 - *Further encourages* working groups, task forces, and the Technical Committee to facilitate relationships between sites;
 - *Further encourages* Partners and site managers with existing Sister Site arrangements to promote their work and report on outcomes at subsequent Meeting of the Partners, the EAAFP newsletter, the EAAFP website and social media platforms;
 - *Invites* Partners to nominate suitable sites that wish to join the EAAFP Sister Site Program;
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Draft Decision

The 10th Meeting of the Partners of the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership:

- *Notes* the consultant's report at **Annex 3** and *invites* the Secretariat, the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary [EAAF131] management authority and interested Partners to progress an EAAFP Sister Site arrangement during the intersessional period;
 - *Instructs* the Secretariat to review the existing EAAFP Sister Site Program in consultation with Partners and site managers, and report on outcomes of the review at the 11th Meeting of the Partners;
 - *Further instructs* the Secretariat to develop guidelines, in consultation with Partners and site managers, on the EAAFP Sister Site Program and seek their adoption at the 11th Meeting of the Partners;
 - *Further instructs* the Secretariat to provide additional information on the EAAFP Sister Site Program to Partners including, but not limited to: case studies of existing arrangements, benefits and expectations of entering into a Sister Site arrangement, and draft proforma Sister Site Memorandum of Understanding including clauses;
 - *Further instructs* the Secretariat, subject to available resources, to support the establishment and operation of EAAFP Sister Site arrangements by providing CEPA materials, hosting workshops and capacity building training sessions; and
 - *Requests* Partners and the Secretariat report on their progress to establish and maintain Sister Site arrangements and other collaborative activities through their regular reports.
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