

Draft Decision 12 - Development of a Conservation Status Review of Migratory Waterbird Populations for the EAAFP

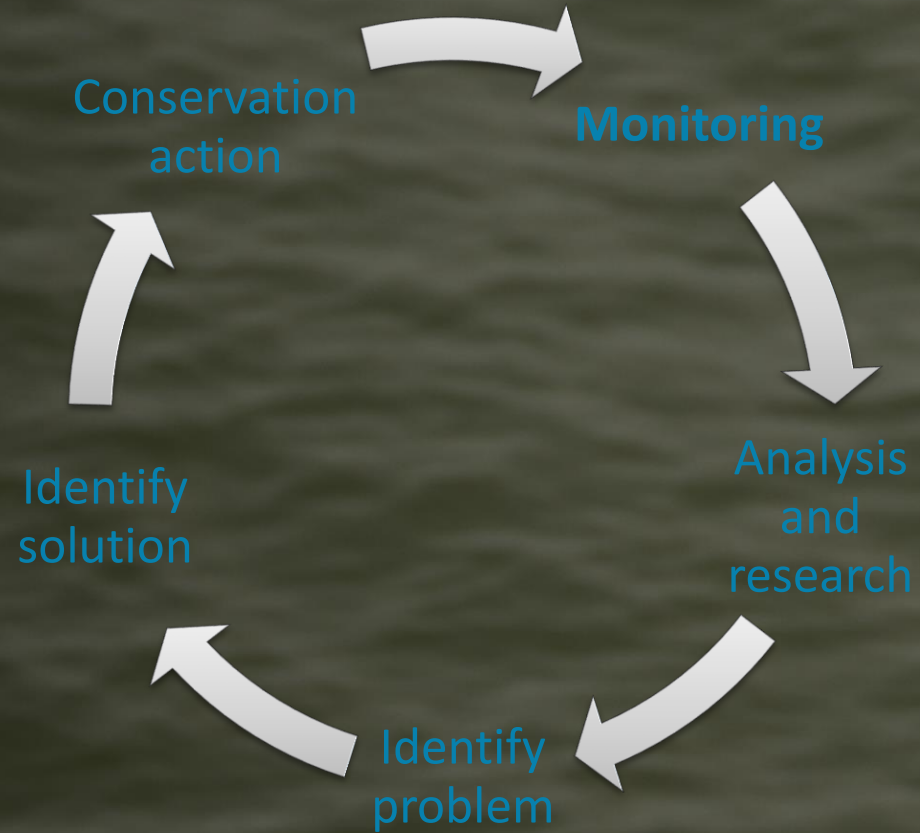
A. Background paper with draft decision

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- I - Overview of coverage of taxonomic groups of waterbirds included in the East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership (as per Appendix III of the Partnership Agreement) by Working Groups or Task Forces.
- II - An assessment of population and conservation status of migratory Anatidae populations in the East Asian – Australasian flyway
 - Appendix 1. Trend graphs for duck populations included in the analyses undertaken for this report
- III - A preliminary table of contents for a CSR report

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The conservation process



Background

1. The EAAFP requires up-to-date information on status of populations of migratory waterbirds for a range of prioritization and review purposes, including to:
 - (a) derive the EAAF Flyway Site Network thresholds (1%),
 - (b) provide an international context for prioritization and supporting the identification of changes in the status of populations, including threatened populations,
 - (c) provide a technically sound basis for cooperative actions to develop & implement conservation action plans for these populations, and
 - (d) assist in measuring the success of the Partnership in achieving its goal that “Migratory waterbirds and their habitats in the EAAF are recognised and conserved for the benefit of people and biodiversity”.

2. EAAFP Decision 7.4 calls for use of the “Waterbird Population Estimates” (WPE) process to:
 - (a) provide updated information on waterbird population sizes and trends, and
 - (b) provide the basis for deriving the EAAF Flyway Site Network thresholds (1%),



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Conservation framework

- AEWA
- CAF Action Plan
- EAAF Partnership
- EUBD
- WHSRN

Biogeographic / flyway region

- African-Eurasian
- East Atlantic Flyway
- Black Sea-Mediterranean Flyway
- West Asian-East African Flyway
- Western Palearctic
- Afrotropic
- Afrotropic - Western and Central
- Afrotropic - Eastern and Southern
- Afrotropic - Eastern
- Afrotropic - Sub-Saharan
- Afrotropic - Southern
- Western Palearctic - Atlantic

Red list categories

- Not evaluated
- Critically Endangered
- Data Deficient
- Endangered
- Extinct in the Wild
- Extinct
- Least Concern
- Not recognised
- Near Threatened
- Under Review
- Vulnerable

Ramsar region

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- North America
- Oceania

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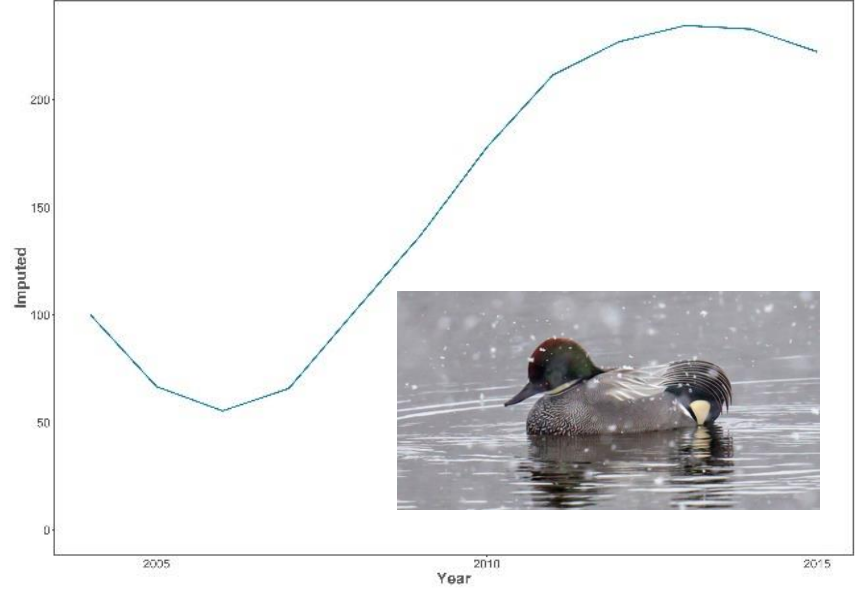
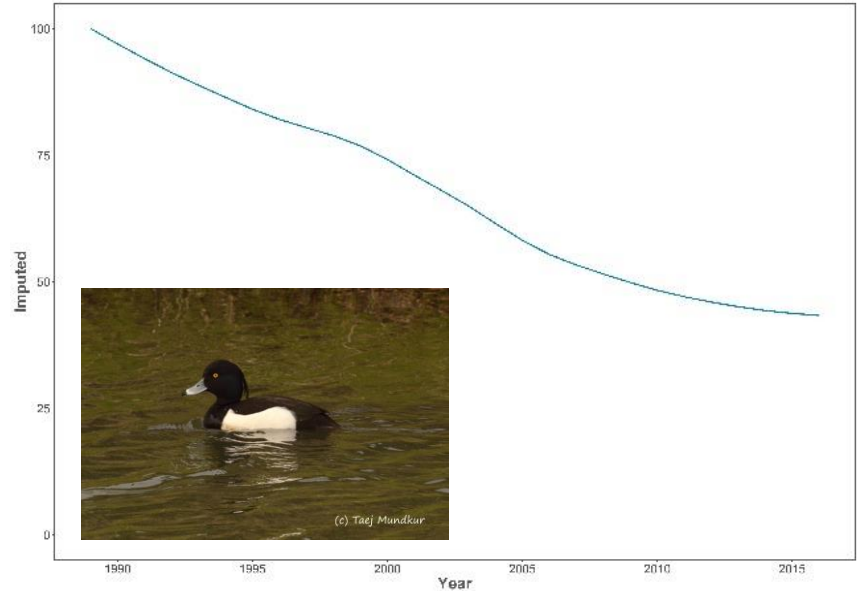
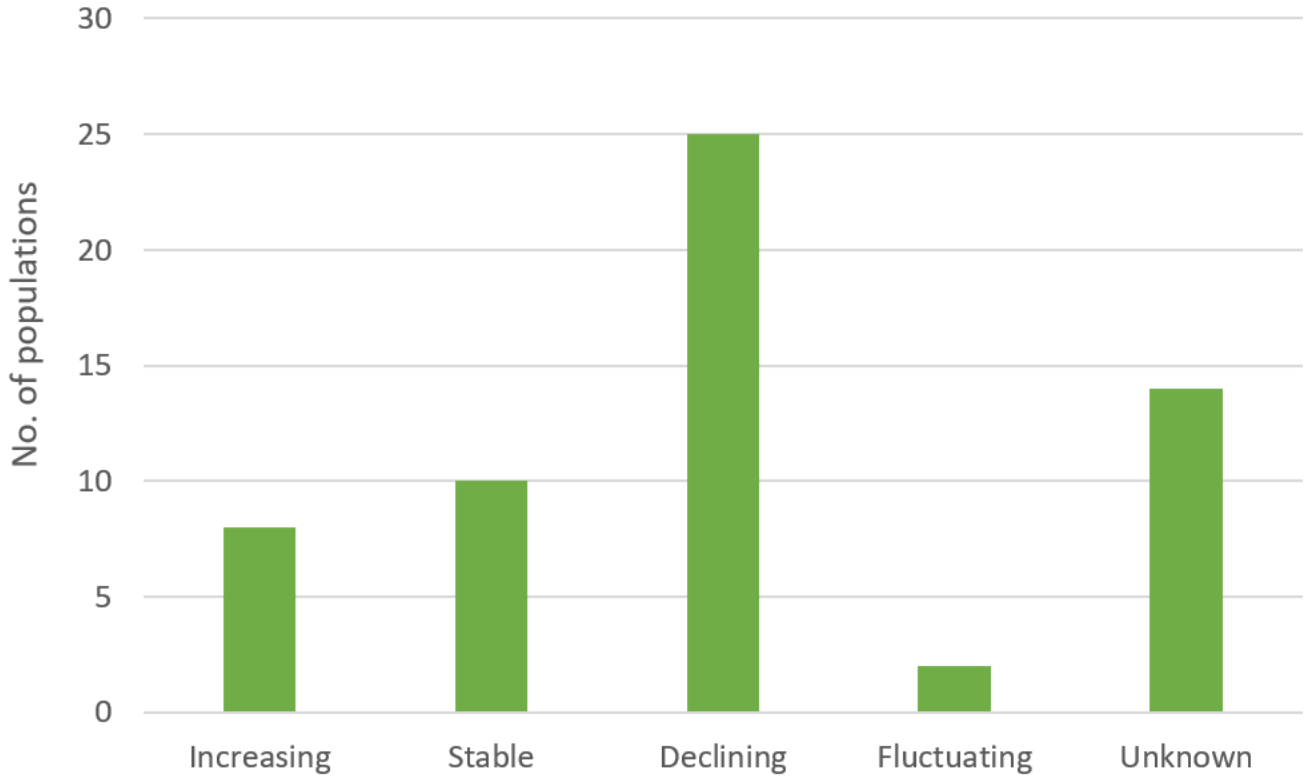
3. Since the last global update of the WPE was in 2012; recent literature proposes :
 - declines identified for several EAAF populations, including Anatid and shorebirds;
 - increases in few (e.g. Black-faced Spoonbill)
4. Urgent need to establish a process for the EAAFP to generate updated information on a regular basis
5. EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019-2028, Key Result Area 3.2 states:
 - “**Conservation status reviews** for waterbird populations are periodically produced to set and adapt priorities for action”.
 - Measured by actions to ensure that “Data describing waterbird population estimates, trends and distributions is maintained by the Partnership” and “Two updates have been produced and published” over the course of the ten year strategic plan period.
 - It identifies that this work be undertaken by Partners, Wetlands International, Technical Committee, relevant working groups and research institutions

Background

Conservation Status Review (CSR)

1. A CSR would describe the latest estimates of population size and trend and provide the official resource document to all Partners as well as other stakeholders in the flyway and globally
2. Preparation of the CSR requires the following:
 - review of waterbird monitoring datasets (AWC and others), regional and species-specific monitoring data
 - collation of information
 - extensive consultation process with partners and experts - review and seek agreement on the latest estimates
 - preparation of latest estimates
3. The CSR would be made available on the WPE and EAAFP websites

Annex II: Population trends of migratory populations of Anatidae in the East Asian – Australasian flyway



21 populations are listed in category A

Fulvous Whistling-duck (A3c)	White-fronted Goose, China (A3c)
Mute Swan (A1c)	Lesser White-fronted Goose (A2)
Brent Goose, Japan and China (A2)	Long-tailed Duck (A1b)
Snow Goose (A1c)	Black Scoter (A4)
Emperor Goose (A4)	Scaly-sided Merganser (A1b)
Greylag Goose (A2)	Mandarin, China (A2)
Swan Goose (A3c)	Mandarin, Korea (A1c)
Bean Goose <i>serrirostris</i> , Kamchatka/Japan (A1c)	Common Pochard (A1b)
Bean Goose <i>middendorffi</i> , Kamchatka/Japan (A1c)	Baer's Pochard (A1b)
Bean Goose <i>middendorffi</i> , Yakutia/E Asia (A1c)	Ferruginous Duck (A4)
Bean Goose <i>middendorffi</i> , Sayan/E China (A1c)	

Overview of coverage of taxonomic groups of waterbirds included in the East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership (as per Appendix III of the Partnership Agreement) by Working Groups or Task Forces.

Taxonomic Group	English Name	EAAFP Working Groups or Task Forces listing populations of the group in their mandate
Gaviidae	Divers/Loons	1 of 2 species included in priority list of Seabird WG
Podicipedidae	Grebes	None
Phalacrocoracidae	Cormorants	Some species included in priority list of Seabird WG
Procellariidae	Shearwaters	Yes
Oceanitidae	Storm Petrels	Yes
Pelecanidae	Pelicans	Both species included in priority list of Seabird WG
Ardeidae	Herons, Egrets & Bitterns	None
Ciconiidae	Storks	Two species (Oriental Stork and Black Stork) covered by Crane WG; other storks not covered
Threskiornithidae	Ibises and Spoonbills	Black-faced Spoonbill WG for single species, other spoonbill and ibises not covered
Anatidae	Swans, Geese & Ducks	All covered by the Anatidae WG
Gruidae	Cranes	All covered by the Crane WG
Rallidae	Rails, Gallinules, Coots	None
Heliornithidae	Finfoots	None
Jacaniidae	Jacanas	None
Haematopodidae	Oystercatcher	All covered by the Shorebird WG
Recurvirostridae	Stilts and Avocet	All covered by the Shorebird WG
Glareolidae	Pratincoles	All covered by the Shorebird WG
Charadriidae	Plovers	All covered by the Shorebird WG
Scolopacidae	Sandpipers	All covered by the Shorebird WG
Laridae	Gulls, Terns & Skimmers	Some species included in priority list of Seabird WG
Stercorariidae	Skuas	All covered by the Seabird WG
Alcidae	Auks	All covered by the Seabird WG

Background

Conservation Status Review (CSR) and link to WPE

Ramsar Res VIII.38 desires "to promote the application of a single global source of information on [waterbird population] 1% thresholds"; and "REQUESTS Wetlands International to continue to bring an updated edition of Waterbird Population Estimates to each future COP, having first undertaken international scientific consultation on its contents, so that the population estimates and 1% thresholds it contains may be used as the basis for the application of Criterion 6 in the succeeding triennium".

Conservation initiative	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ramsar Convention		WPE5								WPE6				WPE7
AEWA Conservation Status Review	CSR5			CSR6			CSR7			CSR8			CSR9	
EU Birds Directive				BIE3										BIE4
EAAF Conservation Status Review									CSR1?			CSR2?		
Other Flyway Updates														

DD12 requests Partners to:

Adopts a systematic process to maintain up-to-date information on waterbird population estimates, trends and 1% thresholds through the preparation of a periodic EAAF Conservation Status Review;

Calls on the Partners and the Secretariat to secure necessary resources to support periodic production of the EAAF Conservation Status Review (at least every alternate MOP or not more than four yearly);

Mandates Wetlands International to coordinate preparation of the EAAF Conservation Status Review in consultation with Partners, Working Groups, Task Forces and other experts, with a target for a first edition to be produced by end 2019 (with a draft structure provided in Annex III);

Calls on Secretariat in liaison with Wetlands International to ensure that the EAAF Conservation Status Review updates feed into the global WPE updates.

Calls on Partners to develop standardised guidance required for development and implementation of comprehensive national waterbird monitoring programmes.