



**EAAFP Management Committee Meeting Agenda (Version2.)**  
**15:00hr – 16:00hr, 21 October 2020 (Korean Time)**

**Participants**

- **Committee Members:** Pete Probasco (Chair), Shufen Yang, David Li (Vice Chair), Martin Spray (FsC Chair), Nick Davidson (TsC Chair), Ward Hagemeyer (WI), Sukanya Wisan (Thailand), MOEK (Hyerin Yoon, Sulki Lee), Marco Barbieri (CMS)
- **EAAFP Secretariat:** Doug Watkins (CE), Hyeseon Do (PO)

**Agenda**

**1. Review of EAAFP MoP11 Meeting Date**

MoP11 is currently proposed for late March 2021 in Brisbane, Australia. With the global Covid-19 pandemic, the Australian Government agreed earlier in the year that the date would be re-assessed in October 2020.

Given the issues with the global pandemic, the lack of a vaccine and a declared public health emergency in Queensland until at least 31 December 2020 (which “*may be further extended*”), it would seem highly improbable that the EAAFP MoP in Brisbane can proceed in March 2021. Also, flights to Australia are presently limited and 14 days quarantine may be required on arrival.

As the EAAFP is an “informal” partnership, the physical engagement and discussion between Partners, Working Groups and Taskforces at MoP’s, is an essential element for reinforcing the commitment to the Partnership. An “on-line MoP” would not provide the level of recharge of enthusiasm and commitment as that provided by a physical MoP.

**Recommendation:** The Management Committee identifies a set of options concerning the timing of MoP11.

**Potential options:**

1. Proceed with an on-line MoP (Not Recommended).
2. Delay the MoP by 12 months, but have the Secretariat support series of on-line meetings of the EAAFP Taskforces and Working Groups (**Recommended**).
3. Set a provisional date in late 2021, but review six months out from that date (Fall Back Position if the Australian Government does not want to delay until March 2022).

**2. Report of the Finance Sub-Committee**

Approval was given for the redistribution of funds between Objectives to enable Wetlands

International to the contracted to prepare the Conservation Status Review (US100,000), and consultants to develop the Guidelines on Sister Sites, Site Partnerships and National Partnership Guidelines (US 20,000).

### **3. Update on the Asian Development Bank Webinar**

Five weeks ago, CE was approached by Alvin Lopes (ADB Country Manager, Cambodia) to provide input to ADB on a potential new biodiversity initiative by the Bank. This conversation evolved to include Duncan Lang (Senior Environment Specialist) and Mark Bezuijen (Principal Environment Specialist).

A migratory waterbird conservation concept had been pitched to ADB, early in the year by BirdLife International, and ADB was keen to engage with the EAAFP Secretariat to understand the context of what was happening in the broader Flyway.

Aware that Prof. Lei Guanchun had also been involved in discussions with the ADB Office in China and information was shared with him and the Science Unit.

CE met online with BirdLife Senior Adviser Gary Allport, to exchange ideas and better understand the positioning of BirdLife International. BirdLife organised an online meeting that involved the International Crane Foundation and the EAAFP Secretariat to enable BirdLife to share the background and some of their ideas.

Support was provided to ADB in getting Shufen to be a speaker, given her role in the ASEAN Flyway project.

At the request of ADB, the Focal Point in Myanmar was approached to speak in the Webinar, but he was not available. Dr Srey (Cambodia) was then contacted to be a speaker and he subsequently found a colleague to make the presentation from Cambodia.

EAAFP Focal Points were sent two emails with invitations to join the Webinar.

The Webinar was held on Friday evening (16<sup>th</sup>) and was very successful (program attached).

Mark Bezuijen (ADB) email today to say *“To all speakers, on behalf of the ADB team, a very heart-felt Thank You to all of you. We very much appreciate the time and effort that was taken to prepare and give the excellent presentations from you all, and for internal coordination and your support teams to bring it together. It was really a team effort from all”*.

### **4. Activities of the Secretariat since the last Management Committee Meeting (see Annex 1)**

### **5. AOB (Any Other Business)**