



EAAFP Management Committee Meeting

**December 2021
(Revision 1.)**

Date: 17:00 – 19:00, 16 December, Thursday (KST), Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/136145181>

Participants

- **Committee Members:** Robb Kaler (Chair, USA), How Choon Beng, David Li on behalf of Shufen Yang (Vice-Chair, Singapore), Patama Domrongphol (Thailand), Martin Spray (FsC Chair), Nick Davidson (TsC Chair), Seulki Lee (the Republic of Korea, on behalf of Mr. Jang Sung Hyun), Tilman Schneider, Ivan Ramirez (CMS Secretariat)
- **Apologies:** Ward Hagemeyer (Wetland International)
- **EAAFP Secretariat:** Doug Watkins (CE), Yoon Lee (EM), Hyeseon Do (PO), Vivian Fu (CO), Sujung Joo (FO)

Agenda

1. Last Management Committee minutes (report on follow-up actions) (attachment 1 – [link](#))

- **Action 1.1/2** The TsC will share identified points to improve the SGF for WG/Tfs revision procedure for the Sec./Partners to review and further apply to the application form, the two approaches mentioned on a possible increase of funding to support the SGF facility needs to be further reviewed by the MC next year
- **Action 4.2** CE to present, at each MC meeting, a list of the key activities of the Sec. since the last MC meeting (see attachment on CE Performance Report)
- **Action 4.3** The TsC will follow up on potential approaches for the Partnership to "accessing the favorable management of FNS"
- **Action 5.3** Secretariat to create SharePoint to share the FsC and other related materials – completed [link](#)
- **Action 5.4** TsC to review and identify realistic deliverables by the SU based on the MOP timeline
- **Action 5.5** TsC guides applying the Ramsar Strategic Framework and waterbird criteria to Flyway Network Site nominations
- **Action 5.6** TsC to revisit the timeline for population size estimate updates and the roles of the TsC, Chairs and Coordinators of WG/TFs. TsC consider a poll to discuss more technical matters to improve the updating population size estimate mechanism regarding new information
- **Action 7.1** Secretariat to formulate a small working group reporting to the MC on the ADB Flyway Initiative
- **Action 7.2** Secretariat to discuss with Singapore and ACB the support mechanism for ASEAN Flyway Initiative Phase II
- **Action 8.1** Secretariat to seek viewpoint from the Government Partners regarding our position on a new guideline for Ramsar Regional Initiative
- **Action 9.1** TsC to consider how the Secretariat could address threats to FNS (Decision: MC members agreed that the Secretariat take a supportive approach to guide Partners and advise on the FNS development when potential threats occur)

2. Update on the activities of the EAAFP Secretariat (and the Foundation)

- New FNS: Japan Sarobetsu (EAAF151) ([article](#))

- Potential FNS: Thailand (Buriram Wetlands), China (Rongcheng coast), ROK (Gochang), DPRK (Rason Wetlands)
- Supporting the inscription process for Korean World Natural World Heritage site (Tidal flat) ([article](#)), Supporting the development of the management plan strategy for the inscribed sites and Phase II planning e.g. establishment of the official international advisory group for Korean World Heritage (WWT, Wetland International, Birdlife International, International Crane Foundation, IUCN, Wadden Sea Secretariat, EAAFP Secretariat, EAAFP TsC and etc)
- UNFCCC COP26 participation ([article](#))
- World Migratory Bird Day events and material provision, and Small Grant Fund ([Oct events - 5 new projects granted](#)), communication with CMS on WMBD
- Youth Think Tank Competition for EAA Flyway ([article](#))
- Supporting launch of AWSG “Coastal high tide shorebird habitat management guidelines” ([article](#))
- Resource page was launched ([CEPA Resources](#), [Training Resources](#), [Case Studies](#))
- New Publication ([link](#)): EAAFP key species factsheets, WMBD promotion video, Incheon-HK sister site video production, monthly eNewsletter
- ADB RFI launching
 - 1) EAAFP Webinar for RFI Government Focal Points on the ADB Regional Flyway Initiative on 6 October 2021 ([article](#))
 - 2) The RFI official launching at 15th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP15) in Kunming, People’s Republic of China on 14 October 2021 ([article](#))
 - 3) The second RFI launching at UNFCCC COP26 in Glasgow, UK on 2 November 2021 ([article](#))
 - 4) A presentation at a webinar “Discussing The East Asian – Australasian Flyway Initiative” with CEO of GEF, CEO of Birdlife International and ADB on 10 November 2021 ([article](#))
 - 5) RFI Technical Assistance Inception Workshop on 6-7 December 2021
- Foundation activities
 - 1) Small Grant programme (8 proposals in 2020. 10 proposals in 2021-2022 ([link](#)))
 - 2) Corporate champion in Ulsan ([link](#))
 - 3) Online Donation system improved ([webpage](#))

3. Updates from FsC and TsC (attachment 2. [FsC Minutes](#))

The last FsC meeting was held on 12 July 2021. The FsC decisions and progress are as follows:

- 1) Incorporate the comments from FsC on the LOI draft – *In progress*.
It was shared with FsC during the last FsC meeting in July. Few comments received. After the FsC, ADB sent the Secretariat with their own inputs in a new MOU template. Now the Secretariat would like to seek new inputs from FsC and MC with an aim to finalize it by early 2022 before the EAAFP Partners’ meeting in 2022.
- 2) 2-1) Send an invoice to AWSG for its annual voluntary contribution – *Done*.
2-2) CE will follow up with team leads in the Secretariat for developing a delivery plan in the rest of 2021 linking to Resourcing Plan – *In progress toward the 2022 work plan*.
- 3) Secretariat to develop a delivery plan linking to Resourcing Plan – *In progress toward the 2022 work plan*.
- 4) Yoon to share the due diligence report of the companies – *Done*.
- 5) Secretariat add a percentage figure of each item in the Financial Report of the Foundation and come back to the Finance-Sub Committee with a proposed administrative figure for endorsement. - *Done and can be reported back to FsC next meeting 2022*

4. Next Meeting of Partners

- MoP 11 Hosting offer by the Australian Government (April 2023)
- Online “meeting or workshop” of Partners in mid-2022? (abbreviated agenda)

5. New CEPA Working Group and Co-Vice Chairs

- Chair: Mr. Casey Burns (USA), Vice-Chairs: Ms. Tomoko Ichikawa (MOE Japan), Mr. Chris Rostron (WWT), as of July 2021 (<https://www.eaaflyway.net/cepa-working-group/>)
- WG meeting monthly (with support from Communication Team), aiding the development of CEPA reporting template supplementary, and restructuring the CEPA Action plan

6. Asian Development Bank Regional Flyway Initiative (attachment 3 – MOU draft with ADB)

The RFI is a long-term financing mechanism for the EAA Flyway with an aim to mobilize large-scale financing (~USD 3 Billion) and international support to protect the priority wetlands of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF) in the countries of East and Southeast Asia, while leveraging on their co-benefits for coastal communities. This program was initiated by Asian Development Bank partnering in 2020 with EAAFP Secretariat and BirdLife International. This initiative will contribute to achieving the objectives of the Partnerships’ Strategic Plan 2019-2028 and help mobilize large scale financing for conservation of Flyway sites but also the economic development of developing country Partners in SE Asia. Overall, the RFI aims to mobilize finance for \$3 billion in investments for wetland protection and sustainable management for the EAA Flyway for 30 years or more. In July 2021, ADB opened a call for tenders for Technical Assistance. BirdLife International was selected as a lead contractor for the TA project that starts in mid-2021 to finish by end of 2023.

The EAAFP Secretariat is expected to play a critical role in overseeing the Technical Assistance and also supporting coordination of country engagement. So far, the Secretariat has helped to bring stakeholders including SE Asian Country Partners, China, Conventions (CBD, Ramsar, UNFCCC) together to call for joint efforts to mobilize resources for conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in the EAA Flyway and this will continue for the successful implementation of the projects.

<EAAFP engagement in RFI>

The EAAFP Secretariat’s involvement are on TA development and the EAAFP Country engagement.

- 1) The RFI Technical Assistance (TA) 2021-2023; With the estimated to cost \$1,000,000, the TA will deliver three key outputs by the end of 2023 ([link](#)).
 - Output 1: Institutional capacity for understanding East Asian-Australasian Flyway wetland values enhanced regionally
 - Output 2: Regional Flyway Initiative investment framework for priority East Asian- Australasian Flyway sites prepared.
 - Output 3: Regional Flyway Initiative sustainable financing mechanism developed.
- 2) The linkage and contribution of RFI to EAAFP Strategic Plan: The RFI TA seeks to support and build on the objectives of the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019–2028 and scale up the implementation of the EAAFP Strategic Plan. Table 1 below is a TA results chain extracted from Appendix 1 of the TA report ‘DESIGN AND MONITORING FRAMEWORK’.

Table 1. DESIGN AND MONITORING FRAMEWORK in concern of EAAFP

RFI TA Results Chain	Key Performance Indicators in direct concern of EAAFP
Outcome By 2023 Wetland management in the EAAF improved	By 2023, Updated EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019–2028 incorporating TA outputs endorsed by participating DMCs
Outputs 1. Institutional capacity for understanding EAAF wetland values enhanced regionally	By 2023, 1a. At least 200 participants (at least 30% of them women) from governments and regional stakeholders confirm improved understanding of EAAF wetlands and the vision set out in EAAFP Strategic Plan (2020 baseline: 0) (OP 2.3; OP 7.3.4)

	1b. Needs assessments of at least 5 DMCs completed with recommendations, and an action plan prepared to address implementation capacity gaps in participating governments and regional organizations supporting the EAAF, including gender analysis to identify key operational and practical entry points for gender mainstreaming (2020 baseline: 0)
<u>Outputs</u> 2. RFI investment framework for priority EAAF sites prepared	2a. List of EAAF priority sites of maximum impact identified and endorsed by EAAFP partner governments (2020 baseline: NA) (OP 3.3.3)
<u>Outputs</u> 3. RFI financing mechanism developed	3a. A financing framework and mechanism published, detailing the conservation and/or social development activities at regional and local levels to be supported, and the modalities for long-term RFI

3) The role of the EAAFP Secretariat

1. TA Development (technical): The Secretariat is invited join the TA technical team to provide inputs on site selection framework and needs assessment. >> Doug, Yoon and a junior researcher (to be hired) funded by a TA budget allocation from BirdLife International.
2. TA Development (non-technical): provide inputs on co-benefits, investment framework, and sustainable financing mechanism and all other TA outputs that are linked to the implementation of EAAFP's Strategic Plan including consultation with other EAAFP Partners and supports in developing technical assistance activities. >> FsC provide advice
3. The Country Engagement: Organize an annual EAAFP country workshop in cooperation with ADB and BLI, possibly via CBD, CMS, Ramsar COP and EAAFP MOP. >> ADB is expecting to cooperate with the Secretariat for country engagement. Liaison with ACB and Ramsar Secretariat would be important. (Seeking MC's advice).
4. EAAFP Strategic Plan: Coordinate with EAAFP SP Task Force to update the Strategic Plan by 2023 according to the TA outputs and conduct an evaluation of the Strategic Plan in 2028.

<Establishment of EAAFP Advisory Group>

Per the recommendation of the EAAFP Management Committee held on 1 April 2021, Secretariat is working to formalize a small advisory group reporting to the MC on the ADB Flyway Initiative (Action 7.1). The advisory group will provide strategic direction to the Secretariat and report to MC via the Secretariat.

- Chair of the EAAFP Technical Sub-Committee recommends that TsC members provide inputs on the site selection.
- The Chair of Finance sub-committee recommends that (TBC with Martin tomorrow 15th)

7. Extra Consultancy Projects coordinated with the Secretariat

- EAAFP Migratory Waterbird Conservation Status Review (WI) (MOP10. DD12, budget from Secretariat)

Wetland International has completed the update of the population estimates for the EAAF and the polygons of the distribution of these populations. While the SU and the Secretariat circulated the draft estimates and distribution polygons to Working Groups, Task Forces and other experts, WI reports that feedback has been limited – disappointing outcome.

- Guidelines for National Partnership, Site Partnership and Sister Site Program (MOP10. DD08/09, budget from Secretariat)

At EAAFP MOP10, Partners adopted decisions that instructed EAAFP Secretariat to develop guidance material on National and Site Partnership and Sister Site Program in consultation with Partners. The Secretariat signed a consultant contract with Ms. Jennifer George based in New Zealand. The [webinar](#) and respective interviews with government partners and relevant stakeholders were organized till November 2021 and currently, the draft for the three guidelines is ready and under review by reviewers including some Partners and the CEPA Working Group. The Secretariat is pleased with the four documents (Site Partnerships, National Partnerships, and the Sister Site Program) prepared by Jennifer. The CEPA Working Group has provided some input on the drafts. The final

documents from the consultant are expected to be with the Secretariat in a few weeks. The Secretariat recommends circulating the documents to Partners well in advance of MoP11. If there is to be an online “workshop” in mid-2022 with Partners that it would be a valuable opportunity to discuss these guidelines.

- RO Korea Hwaseong Flyway Network Site Project (USD 92,000 annual from Hwaseong Gov’t)

After the designation on Hwaseong FNS (listing in potential WH sites – Phase II) in late 2018, with the special request by the local government to raise awareness and make an efficient management plan, the Secretariat hired a local project coordinator to work in the Programme Team to implement the various projects with government authorities, experts and local NGOs. In 2020 – 2021, we helped to raise the overall profile of the Hwaseong Wetlands by improving the monitoring data set through the survey and [warden training](#), cooperation with international communities and public citizens and organizing the Hwaseong symposiums. Through [the production of the guideline for the management of Hwaseong Wetlands](#) in early 2021, the part of the Hwaseong Wetlands FNS was designated as a **national wetland protected area**, it’s being considered for Ramsar nomination. In addition, the remaining part of the area has been requested to be nationally protected. Also, in order to support the CMS Far Eastern Curlew Action Plan, the Secretariat supported Hwaseong City to establish a Far Eastern Curlew Network in the Korean Peninsula among Hwaseong, Incheon Yeosu, Seochon Local Governments. These areas have the key habitats and recently [the first national-scale census](#) on FEC in ROK was completed. In addition, the Secretariat continued to support the long-term monitoring for FEC together with Local NGOs and Local Communities at Important Sites in Sumatra, Indonesia. In 2022, the budget is approved, the main activities are planned in a collaboration with Partners as follows

- 1) Sister Site twinning
- 2) Supporting to get an international consultation (e.g. WWT, WWF) on a site plan around/of Hwaseong Wetlands
- 3) Local activities for the conservation of Hwaseong Wetlands

- Incheon – Hong Kong Sister Site program implementation (USD 42,000 annual from Incheon Gov’t)

After Incheon – HK twinning the sister site program, the Secretariat supported Incheon City to implement some relevant projects until the stabilization of the communications and activities among countries. We focused on assisting in the improvement of BFS monitoring data analysis through the national BFS census, establishing a [national Black-faced Spoonbill Network](#) (which was established now) and a strong international BFS Network. Several CEPA materials are planning to develop e.g., Video, BFS game. [The annual BFS forum](#) will be organized. In 2022, the budget is approved, depending on the situation of COVID-19, the Secretariat will try to enhance the exchange program for school students and government officials, and continue to support the survey for national BFS census and CEPA activities

8. Proposed Secretariat 2022 Workplan and Budget

This has yet to be completed by the Secretariat. The planning template has been updated to link directly to the Strategic Plan including Administration, HR and procurement

9. Chief Executive Performance Review: see attachment.

10. AOB

- CMS Secretariat: Progress for establishing the Task Force on Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the EAAF (ITTEA)
- 2022 WMBD theme is Light Pollution
- Discussion on EAAFP as WMBD official partner

Meetings and Events convened by the EAAFP Secretariat since the last Management Committee Meeting (2021_04)

Date	Event/Meeting 2021	Strategic Plan (KRA)
2021 04 01	Mooseal Recording	2.1
2021 04 08	CSR webinar	3.2
2021 04 19	Yudo FNS survey - Hanns Seidel	3.1
2021 04 21	Problem-Solving Workshop - Hanns Seidel	2.1, 5.1
2021 04 23	Incheon Crane Policy Forum	5.1
2021 04 25	EAAF & YSFAC Songdo	2.1, Resourcing
2021 04 29	Hanns Seidel-Ramsar Regional Centre East Asia-UNESCAP meeting	2.1
2021 05 08	Loach Releasing Event	2.1
2021 05 08	World Migratory Bird Day	2.1
2021 05 11	UNDP GEF Flyway Inception	1,1, 2.1, 4.1
2021 05 13	Ulsan FNS Ceremony	1,1, 2.1
2021 05 13-14	Dalmatian Pelican Task Force meeting	5.1,5.1,5.3
2021 05 20-21	Mokpo WWD-WMBD	2.1
2021 05 21 PI	Launching "Saving a Flyway" video	2.1
2021 05 25	Upo Wetlands International Symposium	
2021 05 27	Yellow Sea Birds webinar	2.1, 4.2
2021 05 27	2020 Small Grant Reporting Workshop	Resourcing
2021 05 28	Lecture at Shinhyeon Girl School	2.1
2021 06	Asian Wetland Symposium	2.1
2021 06 17-18	CBD-Financial Sector and Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework	Resourcing
2021 06 28	Goyang City Forum	2.1
2021 06 29	Ulsan Corporates meeting	Resourcing
2021 06 29	WI Webinar - Launch of Waterbird Populations Portal	3.2
2021 07 02	Briefing on guideline development (SS, NP, SP)	1.2, 1.6
2021 07 05	RRC-EA Asian Wetlands Symposium (on-line)	1.2
2021 07 15	NEAMPAN Workshop NESCAP	1.2, 5.3, 5.6
2021 07 17	World Heritage	5.6
2021 07-17	44th WH Committee meeting	5.6
2021 08 04	Radio	2.1
2021 08 04	WLI-Asia Networking meeting	2.1
2021 08 05	Inspection to improve an island's ecological function in Sanbakbeul, Upo (RoK)	4.1
2021 08 25-28	National Geographic Explorer Centre launching	2.1
2021 08 30	Korean Broadcasting	2.1
2021 08 31	Suncheon WH webinar	2.1
2021 08	WLI-Asia Conference	2.1
2021 09	IUCN World Congress	5.1,5.3
2021 09	NIBR visit	5.1
2021 09 02	CHA Inter-Korean Cultural Natural Heritage Policy Forum	5.1
2021 09 07	Yellow Sea -Transboundary Gov.	5.1
2021 09 08	Flyway Bottleneck Yellow Sea Project Steering Group Meeting	5.1

2021 09 13	NZ Embassy – evening reception for Migratory Waterbird Conservation	2.1
2021 09 15	Seocheon Centre Renewal WS	1.3, 1.5
2021 09 17	Coastal-High-tide Roost Guide Webinar	4.2,5.3
2021 09 18-19	East Atlantic Flyway Youth Forum	2.1
2021 09 21	Gensan World Migratory Bird Day	2.1
2021 09 23	CEPA WG meeting	2.1
2021 09 24	ASEAN Marine PA	3.5,4.2,5.1
2021 09 29	ADB-EAAFP Regional Flyway Initiative	Resourcing,1.1,1.4,1.5,2.1,3.1,3.3,4.3,5.1,5.3,5.5
2021 09 29	Northern Forum – presentation on EAAFP	1.1
2021 10	Bird Meets Arts – Music’	2.1
2021 10	CBD Yunnan CoP15	
2021 10 06	ADB RFI - EAAFP Government meeting (Launch RFI)	Resourcing,1.1,1.4,1.5,2.1,3.1,3.3,4.3,5.1,5.3,5.5
2021 10 6-7	Central Asian Flyway - Range Meeting	5.1
2021 10 07	Inter-Korean Cultural Natural Heritage Policy Forum	5.1
2021 10 07	Leg-flag challenge	3.5
2021 10 07	S-N Korea Culture Natural Heritage	5.1
2021 10 07-09	WMBD webinars	2.1
2021 10 08	Global Coastal Forum - Shaping discussion	5.1
2021 10 08	WMBD Ibaraki Academy	2.1
2021 10 11-14	INTECOL	1.1
2021 10 13-15	PHL Seabird Forum & Action Planning Workshop	5.1, 5.3
2021 10 14	CBD Eco civil & Mainstreaming Biodiversity	5.1
2021 10 15	Dalmatian Pelican (Mongolian Conservation Centre)	5.2
2021 10 15	Yellow Sea Peace Forum	3.5
2021 10 18	Ministry Ocean & Fisheries - Getbol WH Planning Meeting	3.3, 3.6, 1.2
2021 10 20	Global Coastal Forum (development)	5.1, 5.6, 4.2, 3.6, 2.1
2021 10 20	Water Science Policy, Monash Uni	
2021 10 21	Lao Government Partner	
2021 10 23	KBS (Namdong Res.) – Media interview	
2021 10 25	NPO Fair	
2021 10 27	Asian Flyway Collaborative for Waterbirds	
2021 11 20-21_	Spoon-billed Sandpiper Alliance meeting	
2021 11 22	ADB Regional Flyway Initiative Stakeholder	Resourcing,1.1,1.4,1.5,2.1,3.1,3.3,4.3,5.1,5.3,5.5
2021 11	UNFCCC (promotion of ADB RFI)	Resourcing,1.1,1.4,1.5,2.1,3.1,3.3,4.3,5.1,5.3,5.5
2021 12 06	ADB Regional Flyway Initiative Inception Workshop	Resourcing,1.1,1.4,1.5,2.1,3.1,3.3,4.3,5.1,5.3,5.5