

Draft Decision 9

Monitoring and Reducing Impact of HPAI and other avian diseases along the East Asian Australasian Flyway

Crane Working Group

- Since late 2021 several devastating HPAI (highly pathogenic avian influenza) outbreaks occurred in western Eurasia, including a serious case at Hula Valley, Israel where 8,000 Eurasian Crane died.
- And since November 2022, more than one thousand wintering cranes (mostly *Grus monacha* but also *Grus vipio*) were found dead in Japan (and a lower number found in Republic of Korea).



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- The Crane Working Group held an emergency meeting on 12 December 2022 with recommendations for immediate actions to be taken and proposed a list of long-term actions to confront not only HPAI but also other potentially devastating avian diseases in EAAF countries. The proposal has been circulated to other EAAFP species/species-group Working Groups and Task Forces for further input.
- The Crane WG has also drafted a news release with simple guidelines for site managers on HPAI precautions.



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Establishes an Avian Disease Working Group to replace the Avian Influenza Working Group to develop and disseminate relevant guidance on avian influenza and other avian diseases to Partners and Flyway Network Sites and support a long-term strategy to address the impacts of HPAI and other avian diseases on migratory waterbirds in the EAAF.

Instructs the Avian Disease Working Group to seek a membership with a wide range of relevant expertise, develop Terms of Reference and a work plan, and report on activities at MOP 12.

Please join the side-event at 12:30-14-00.17 March (Dehavilland Room)

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