ELEVENTH MEETING OF PARTNERS OF THE EAST ASIAN – AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY PARTNERSHIP

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, 12-17 March 2023

**Draft Decision 7 Rev 1**

**Guidelines for the EAAFP Sister Site Programme**

*Recalling* that*,* in accordance with Paragraph 3 and Paragraph 6(1) of the Partnership document, Partners are encouraged to support the development of an East Asian – Australasian Flyway Waterbird Site Network (Flyway Site Network) to ensure a chain of internationally important sites are managed to support the populations of migratory waterbirds of the flyway. With the aim of linking the Flyway Network Sites through sharing information and capacity building, to further improve the protection and management of important sites, several communities, site managers and Partners have made eleven arrangements under the EAAFP Sister Site Programme;

*Recognizing* the new *Guidelines for EAAFP Sister Site Programmes and other relationships between Flyway Network Sites* developed in accordance with Decision 10.09 “Developing an EAAFP Sister Site Programme”; and

*Further recognizing* that several Flyway Network Sites have developed EAAFP Sister Site arrangements (Annex 1).

**The 11th Meeting of Partners**

**of the East Asian- Australasian Flyway Partnership**

1. *Endorses* the new *Guidelines for EAAFP Sister Site Programmes and other relationships between Flyway Network Sites* (Appendix 1) to be used, as appropriate, at existing Sister Sites and for the establishment of the new Sister Site arrangements;
2. *Requests* the Secretariat to work with Working Groups, Task Forces, and the Technical Sub-Committee to facilitate relationships between sites for new Sister Site arrangements as this will contribute to KRA 1.6 of the EAAFP Strategic Plan;
3. *Endorse* a Secretariat budget for 2023 – 2024 (Doc. 11.10) to support the establishment and operation of the arrangements following the new Guideline by providing EAAF languages-translated brief documents, CEPA materials, hosting workshops, and capacity-building training sessions; and
4. *Requests* Partners and the Secretariat to report on their progress to establish and operate the Sister Site Programme arrangements through the Reporting Template to each MOP, and as a part of the Report on the status of the EAAFP Flyway Site Network.

**Annex 1**

**Existing Sister Site arrangements in the East Asian – Australasian Flyway (as of 11 Feb 2023)**

[**https://www.eaaflyway.net/sister-sites/**](https://www.eaaflyway.net/sister-sites/)

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| **#** | **Site name** | **Country** | **Local government or management authority** | **Site name** | **Country** | **Local government or management authority** |
| 1 | Yalujiang National Nature Reserve  | China, People’s Republic | Dandong City, Liaoning Province | Firth of Thames | New Zealand | Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalist Trust |
| 2 | Junam Reservoir | Korea, Republic of | Changwon City, Gyeongsangnam-do | Kejo-numa | Japan | Osaki City, Miyagi Prefecture |
| 3 | Zhalong National Nature Reserve | China, People’s Republic | Qiqihar City, Heilongjiang Province | Janghang Wetland Protected Area | Republic of Korea | Goyang City, Gyeonggi Province |
| 4 | Moreton Bay, Boondall wetlands | Australia | Brisbane City, Queensland | Yatsu-higata | Japan | Narashino City, Chiba Prefecture |
| 5 | Hunter River Estuary Wetlands | Australia | Newcastle City, NSW | Kushiro Wetland | Japan | Kushiro City, Hokkaido Prefecture |
| 6 | Suncheon Bay | Korea, Republic of | Suncheon City, South Jeolla Province | Arasaki | Japan | Izumi City, Kagoshima Prefecture |
| 7 | Fujimae Tidal Flat | Japan | Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture | Swan Bay Tidal Flats | Australia | City of Greater Geelong, Victoria |
| 8 | Yubudo Tidal Flat | Korea, Republic of | Seocheon County, Chungcheongnam-do | Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve | Singapore | National Parks Board of Singapore |
| 9 | Chongming Dongtan National Nature Reserve | China, People’s Republic of | Shanghai City | Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve | Singapore | National Parks Board of Singapore |
| 10 | Incheon Songdo Tidal Flat | Korea, Republic of | Incheon Metropolitan City | Mai Po Inner Deep Bay | China, People’s Republic | Hong Kong Special Administrative Region |
| 11 | Qupałuk | United States of America | Bureau of Land Management Alaska | Higashiyoka-higata | Japan | Saga City, Saga Prefecture |

**Appendix 1**

***Guidelines for EAAFP Sister Site Programmes and other relationships between Flyway Network Sites***

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