



# Guidelines for the EAAFP Sister Site Program

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Meeanjin/Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, 12-17 March 2023*

# Background

- In **Paragraph 3 and Paragraph 6 (1)** of the Partnership document, Partners are encouraged to support the development of an **East Asian – Australasian Flyway Site Network (Flyway Site Network)** to ensure a chain of internationally important sites are managed to support the populations of migratory waterbirds in the flyway.
- Aims: Linking the Flyway Network Sites or potential Sites via sharing information and capacity building.
- **MOP10 Decision 10.9** stated the importance of the **development of a mechanism for the establishment of the new EAAFP Sister Site arrangements** for more participants to contribute to KRA 1.6 [Indicator: At least five new EAAFP Sister Site relationships have been developed]
- The Guidelines contain **the purpose, benefits, and impacts on the program; a review of achievements of existing Sister Sites [Annex 2]; case studies from EAAF and other Flyways; examples of cooperation; recommended steps for the establishment of new twinning sites; and a template for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).**

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# Background

## (Existing Sister Site program)



Existing Sister Site arrangements and other collaborative activities involving Network Sites in the EAAF

	COUNTRY	CITY OR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	SITE NAME	SITE NAME	CITY OR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	COUNTRY
1	People's Republic of China	Dandong City	Yalujiang National Nature Reserve (EAAF043)	Firth of Thames (EAAF019)	Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalist Trust	New Zealand
2	Republic of Korea	Changwon City	Junam Reservoir (EAAF095)	Kejo-numa (EAAF098)	Osaki City, Miyagi Prefecture	Japan
3	People's Republic of China	Qiqihar City	Zhalong National Nature Reserve (EAAF070)	Janghang Wetland Protected area (EAAF143)	Goyang City	Republic of Korea
4	Australia	Brisbane City	Moreton Bay, Boondall wetlands (EAAF013)	Yatsu-higata (EAAF059)	Narashino City, Chiba Prefecture	Japan
5	Australia	Newcastle City	Hunter River Estuary Wetlands (EAAF010)	Kushiro Wetland (EAAF032)	Kushiro City Hokkaido	Japan
6	Republic of Korea	Suncheon City	Suncheon Bay (EAAF079)	Arasaki (EAAF030)	Izumi City Kagoshima Prefecture	Japan
7	Japan	Nagoya City	Fujimae Tidal Flat (EAAF080)	Swan Bay Tidal Flats	Greater Geelong City	Australia
8	Republic of Korea	Seocheon County	Yubudo Tidal Flat (EAAF101)	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (EAAF073)	National Parks Board of Singapore	Singapore
9	People's Republic of China	Shanghai City	Chongming Dongtan National Nature Reserve (EAAF002)	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (EAAF073)	National Parks Board of Singapore	Singapore
10	Republic of Korea	Incheon Metropolitan City	Incheon Songdo Tidal Flat (EAAF145)	Mai Po Inner Deep Bay (EAAF003)	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	People's Republic of China
11	United States of America	Bureau of Land Management Alaska	Qupaluk (EAAF133)	Higashiyoka-higata (EAAF124)	Saga City, Saga Prefecture	Japan

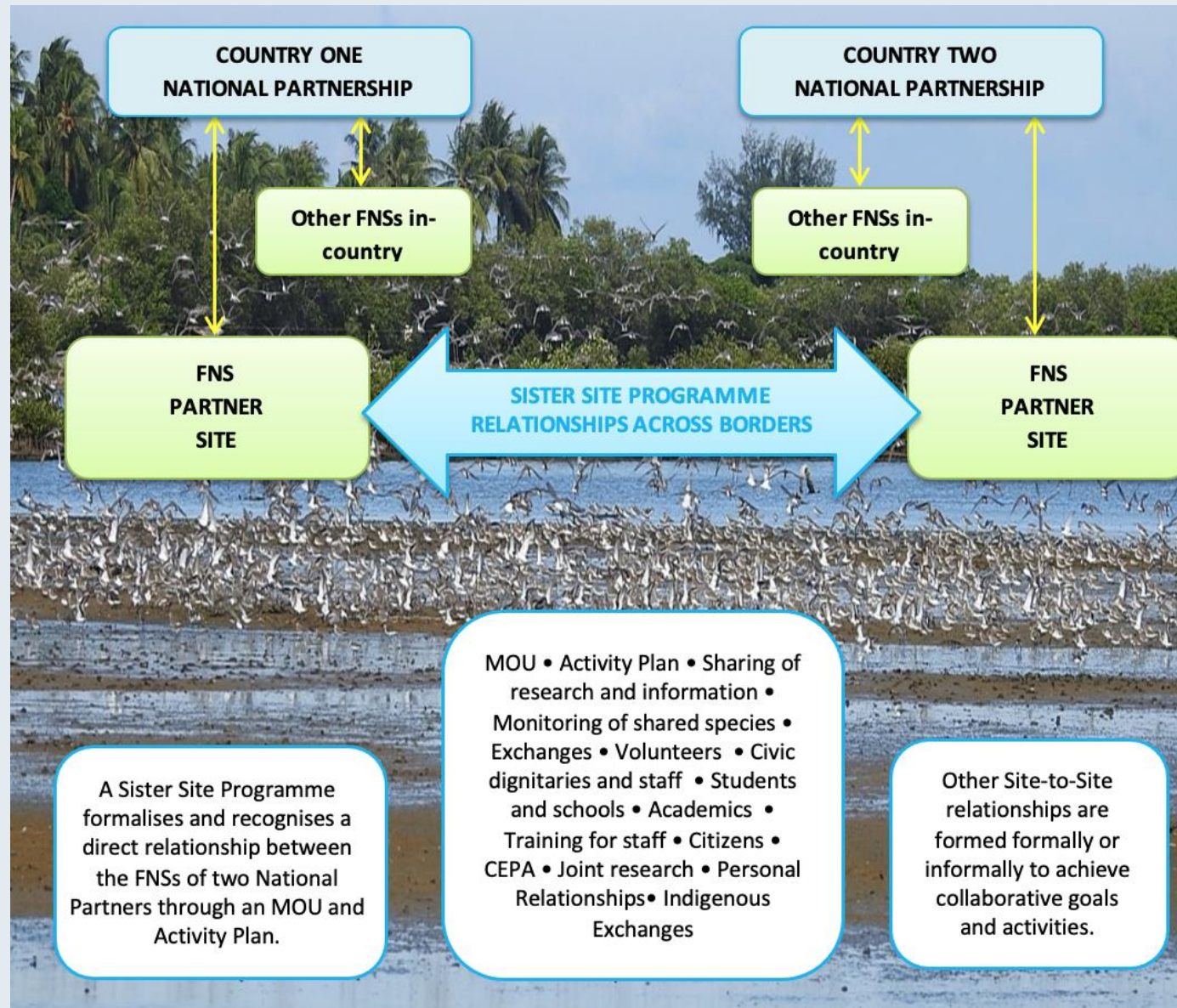
- The Secretariat has supported the facilitation of the activities between existing Sister Sites
- As per the Australian Government's request (DD.10.09), the Secretariat has also tried to facilitate the identification of a sister site for the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary [EAAF131] e.g., Hwaseong Wetlands [EAAF 142], which the EAAFP Secretariat had engaged in a local project in 2020.

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**2.1 DIAGRAM OF THE**  
**SISTER SITE RELATIONSHIPS**

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# Summary

- EAAFP MOP10 adopted Decision 10.9 “Developing the EAAFP Sister Site Program” to improve the systematic mechanism of the EAAFP Sister Site Program and invite Partners to consider establishing new Sister Site relationships.
- The Secretariat has **prepared the draft Sister Site guidelines [Appendix 1 to this Draft Decision] in consultation with Partners, Working Groups, Task Forces, and other necessary stakeholders.**
- **The guidelines include case studies of existing arrangements, benefits and expectations of twinning sites, and a draft MOU template for future twinning arrangements.**
- The draft guidelines have been circulated to Partners as a part of the development process, including the National Site Partnership (DD10.8). The Secretariat has also communicated with the site managers from the existing Sister Sites and facilitated new Sister Site arrangements.





# Decision

Partners at the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Partners are requested to approve the proposed new Guidelines of the EAAFP Sister Site Program [Appendix 1] to adopt the list of existing Sister Sites, and guidelines for the establishment of the new Sister Site arrangements.



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