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

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, 12-17 March 2023

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**Admission of observers**

 *Prepared by the EAAFP Secretariat*

**Summary**

The Chair is invited to seek approval for the participation of representatives from the bodies and agencies listed in this document, that are not a Partner to the Partnership to attend MOP11 as observers unless one-third of the Partners present object.

**Introduction**

The Rules of Procedure (MOP9/D5) for Meetings of the Partners foresee the participation in the meeting of a number of groups of observers. These are:

* any Range State not Party to the Partnership;
* the Secretariats of International Conventions concerned *inter alia* with the conservation, including protection and management; of migratory waterbirds;
* other bodies or agencies.

As of 13 February 2023, the Secretariat has received the following registrations:

Range State not a Partner to the Partnership:

* Lao People’s Democratic Republic

The Secretariats of International Conventions that are not a Partner to the Partnership:

* None

Other International bodies or agencies that are not a Partner to the Partnership:

* AAArchLaaand, People’s Republic of China
* Asian Development Bank
* Cambridge University, United Kingdom
* Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Thailand
* Eco Foundation Global, People’s Republic of China
* Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand
* Institute of Geography Russian Acad. Sci., Russian Federation
* JG Solutions Limited, New Zealand
* Kyushu University, Japan
* Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change Government of India
* Ramsar Regional Center - East Asia, Republic of Korea
* Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia
* Tsinghua University, People’s Republic of China
* University of Southampton
* FaunaTech(Wildlife Acoustics)

Other bodies or agencies - National (Australia)

* Healthy Land & Water
* James Cook University
* Queensland Wader Study Group
* University of Queensland

**Decision:**

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