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Q1

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

RQ1. (Govt) Do you have a publicly accessible list of internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds in your country? If yes, please provide the web link or the reference in the below box. If not, would you like assistance from other Partners to develop such a list (please let us know your opinion in the box right below)?

Q8 **Respondent skipped this question**

RQ2. (Govt) Have any additional internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds been identified in your country (for background, see EAA Flyway Network Sites Overview Report 2013)? If yes, please provide details on these sites.

Q9 **Yes,**

RQ3. (Non-Government Partners) Have you documented any additional internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds in the EAAF (see EAA Flyway Network Sites Overview Report 2013)? If yes, please provide details on these sites.

Additional information::

There are still many important migratory waterbird habitats, even pre-existing protected areas, that are not on the list of Flyway Network Sites, for example Luannan-Zuidong coast in Hebei, Lianyungang coast in Jiangsu and Danzhou-Lingao coast in Hainan, etc.

Q10 **Respondent skipped this question**

RQ4. (Govt) Have high priority candidate sites been identified for potential nomination to join the Flyway Site Network? If yes, please provide details on these sites. If not, would you like assistance from other Partners?

Q11 **Respondent skipped this question**

RQ5. (Govt) Have any additional sites been nominated for the Flyway Site Network since MoP10 (December 2018)? If yes or planned, please provide the names of these sites.

Q12 **No**

RQ6. (INGO, Corporate) Have you supported Government Partners with their identification of high priority candidate sites for the potential nomination of the new Flyway Site Network? If yes, please provide details of your support and the associated sites.

Q13 **Respondent skipped this question**

RQ7. (Govt) How many additional Flyway Network Sites do you anticipate there will be in your country by 2025?

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Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

RQ8. (Govt) Which Flyway Network Sites (FNS) in your country have a Management Plan and when is it due to be updated?

Q15

RQ9. (Govt, INGO, IGO) Please provide examples of how the “Flyway Site Network” brand is being recognized.

Not applicable.

Q16

RQ10. (Govt, INGO, IGO) Have any public consultation processes been implemented when a site of international importance for migratory waterbirds could be adversely impacted by a proposed development? If yes, please provide brief details on the site/s and if the development was approved.

Yes,

Additional information::

According to Chinese law, public consultation is a necessary step in the EIA process. Previously there was less public interest in these EIA cases, but now more and more projects around important bird habitats are coming to public attention. As a good example, we have participated in the public consultation process and provided our opinions on the EIA of the proposed Poyang Lake Water Resource Hub project.

Q17

RQ11. (Govt, INGO, IGO) Please provide brief details on any sites of international importance for migratory waterbirds that may be adversely impacted by a proposed development and the assessment process that was used or is anticipated to be applied.

Shenzhen Bay (also known as the Inner Deep Bay), Lianyungang and Poyang Lake are some of the examples where development projects were proposed, followed by public consultation processes. The proposed project in Shenzhen Bay was rejected after the public identified key shortcomings in the EIA report while the consultation process is still underway for the latter two projects.

Q18

RQ12. (Govt, INGO) In your country, are there examples of local communities at Flyway Network sites that are dependent on the sites natural resources to support subsistence livelihoods? If yes, please provide details on the site/s and the use of natural resources.

Yes,

Additional information::

There are many examples in China where local fishermen depend on the coastal wetlands within the sites (EAAF0004, 043, 005, 006) for aquaculture activities, harvesting wild benthic organisms or fishery products in some cases, while cultivating shellfishes on tidal flats by spreading seedlings in spring and harvesting the adults when the shellfish mature in other cases.

Q19

RQ13. (Govt, INGO, Sec.) Are you aware of any Flyway Network Sites or other sites of international importance for migratory waterbirds that are currently under threat? If yes, please provide details.

Yes,

Additional information::

EAAF 025, 087 are under development threat. New sluices are proposed to be built. (Long-term threats such as Spartina invasion are not considered here, as it occurs in almost all coastal network or waterbird important sites)

Q20**Respondent skipped this question**

RQ14. (Sec.) Please provide a list of new Partners since the last MoP (December 2018).

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Q21**No**

RQ15. (Partners, TF/WG) Does your country/organisation have a CEPA Program addressing migratory waterbirds and internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds? If yes, please provide brief details of the program.

Q22**No**

RQ16. (Partners, TF/WG) Has your country/organisation made use of the EAAFP CEPA Action Plan 2019-2024 when planning and implementing the CEPA activities?

Q23**Not applicable**

RQ17. (Govt, INGO, Corporate) What CEPA activities have taken place at Flyway Network Sites and with which groups? If applicable (under a Sister Site agreement), please describe what have you done and who have you worked with.

Q24**Local communities,**

RQ18. (Partners) Has your country/organisation developed, and/or been implementing awareness-raising programs, particularly at Flyway Network Sites, with the following groups (check all that apply)?

Additional information (please provide a detailed description of the program(s) including target groups, aims, and major achievements):

Together with Shenzhen Mangrove Wetland Conservation Foundation, we initiated the China Coastal Wetland Education Center Project to engage the public and supported the development of 4 demonstration wetland education centers (Beidaihe National Wetland Park in Hebei Province, Yancheng Rare Birds National Nature Reserve in Jiangsu Province, Wuyuanhe National Wetland Park in Hainan Province, and Chongming Dongtan Birds National Nature Reserve) with a view to expanding and replicating their experience to other wetland protected areas in China.

Q25

RQ19. (Partners) Has your country/organisation hosted events for World Migratory Bird Day, World Wetlands Day or other international awareness-raising events since the last MOP (December 2018)?

Yes,

Additional information (list of events and any news/report links)::

PI is one of the founders of the China Coastal Wetlands Conservation Network, and through the network's platform we regularly organise events at environmental festivals like World Wetlands Day, including workshops, lectures, producing video or posters with network members, and publishing popular science articles.

<https://paulsoninstitute.org.cn/conservation/conservation-blog/how-to-save-billions-of-migratory-birds-each-year/>

<https://paulsoninstitute.org.cn/events/lecture-on-the-law-of-the-peoples-republic-of-china-on-wetland-protection/>

<https://paulsoninstitute.org.cn/conservation/conservation-blog/saving-a-flyway/>

<https://www.paulsoninstitute.org/conservation/conservation-blog/4300/>

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/cb2UFwxEmp9846ZaRPnUzw>

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RQ20. (Partners, TF/WG) Has your organisation/group been engaging the public regularly through any media channels, including social media, to promote the conservation of migratory waterbirds and the wetlands they use? If yes, please specify the type of media channels by marking boxes that apply.

Social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Weibo, YouTube, and others)

Additional information (links to media channels of your organization/group, the number of posts, and the number of views)::

<https://www.paulsoninstitute.org/conservation/wetlands-conservation/>

<https://www.paulsoninstitute.org/conservation/conservation-blog/> Weibo: <https://weibo.com/paulsoninstitute> Wechat:

https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/_gpedB7EidSe4zWTdpXAIA

Q27

RQ21. (Govt, INGO, TF/WG) Has there been any training or capacity building delivered to stakeholders involved in the conservation of migratory birds and wetlands? If yes, please specify the audience/participants by marking the boxes that apply.

Government officers,

Additional information (please provide the number of events and participants, and describe any materials or other resources about the capacity building)::

marked: Site managers, Government officers, Educators 12 Wetland Management Training Courses, 138 participants being trained; Four Training Workshop and Annual Conference of Coastal Wetlands Conservation Network: 800 participants; One pre-recorded Wetland Conservation Management training course: Number of trainees is unknown; Our bird conservation projects conducted with local partners also organised some small-scale trainings for the site managers, teacher and local communities.

Q28

RQ22. (Govt, INGO, TF/WG) Please add below if your country/organisation has any other information regarding CEPA to report.

N.A.

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Q29

Respondent skipped this question

RQ23. (Govt) Is there a program in your country to monitor migratory waterbird numbers? If yes, please provide details on the program, the role of volunteer counters and the monitoring efforts since MoP10 (December 2018).

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RQ24. (INGO) In what countries is your organisation involved in migratory waterbird and/or site monitoring (select all that apply)? Please provide details on the monitoring program(s) and monitoring efforts since MoP10 (December 2018).

China,

Additional information::

1. Monitoring of Ecological Environment and Migratory Waterbird Resources in Tianjin Beidagang Wetland (2017-2019)
 2. Monitoring Project of the Ecological Environment and Migratory Waterbirds at the Important Habitats on China's Jiangsu Coast (2020-2023)
 3. Simultaneous waterbird surveys under the Wetland Conservation Strategy and Priority Actions in the Yellow River Basin Project (2022-2023)
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Q31

RQ25. (Govt, INGO, TF/WG, Sec.) Please report briefly on data management in relation to migratory waterbird population estimates, trends and distributions.

We supported local partners to conduct monitoring work. Data collected were then owned and managed by our local partners and shared with governments. We do not own, nor manage any data.

Q32

RQ26. (Partners, TF/WG, Sec.) Please report on your contribution to the migratory waterbird Conservation Status Review.

Data collected by our supported projects were used by the government when revising the national conservation status of waterbirds in China. We participated in the consultation process of and commented on the Conservation Status Review.

Q33

RQ27. (Partners, Monitoring TF, Sec.) If you are aware of significant new information on internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds, please provide brief details.

Many unlisted sites are qualified to be international important sites based on the new data collated. These include Dongling, Rudong, Lianyungang in Jiangsu Province; Xichang, Fangchenggang in Guangxi; Yangjiang and Xitou in Guangdong Province; Luannan in Hebei Province.

Q34

RQ28. (Partners, TsC, TFWG) Please provide details on key research on climate change impacts on migratory waterbirds and wetlands in the EAAF, published since MoP 10 (December 2018). (Please provide the web links if available online or reference for relevant publications)

Your Response (please provide the web links if available online or reference for relevant publications):

N.A.

Q35

RQ29. (Partners, TsC, TFWG) Please provide brief information on areas of research programs since the last MoP (2018) about improving conservation and sustainable management outcomes at internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds.

1. At Luannan in Hebei province and Yancheng in Jiangsu province, we conducted Spartina eradication experiments by using imazapyr herbicide to restore habitats for migratory waterbirds;
 2. We supported the Monitoring of Ecological Environment and Migratory Waterbird Resources in Tianjin Beidagang Wetland project. This project conducted waterbird monitoring from 2017 to 2019 and analyzed the status and dynamic changes of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in Beidagang Wetland. It also provided trainings to wetland managers to achieve the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of Beidagang Wetland.
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RQ30. (Partners, TsC, TFWG) Please give examples of how knowledge generated through research programs on improving conservation and sustainable management outcomes is being applied at internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds.

A detailed report on our pilot project to eradicate Spartina by using Imazapyr at Luannan coastal wetland and Yancheng coastal wetland has been shared with key stakeholders like National Forestry and Grassland Administration, Ministry of Natural Resources to inform them of the threats and potential methods. A nation-wide program is being developed by Chinese government to control Spartina across the coastal areas in China, and will be implemented in the near future.

Q37

RQ31. (Partners, TsC, TFWG) Please provide brief details on the development and application of best practice guidelines for waterbird and habitat conservation, including the application of traditional knowledge, published/made available since MoP10 (December 2018)?

N.A.

Q38

Respondent skipped this question

RQ32. (Sec.) What are the best practice guidelines that are available on the EAAFP website?

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Q39

Respondent skipped this question

RQ33. (Sec.) Please provide updates on identifying/developing internet-based approaches for capacity building for migratory waterbird conservation.

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Yes,

RQ34. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you been involved in identifying/developing capacity building materials and opportunities? If yes, please provide some details.

Additional information::

We have worked with NFGA's Wetland Management Department and WWF to develop a joint training course on wetland policy, management, and restoration for members from Coastal Wetland Network and Yangtze River Wetland Network. We need to develop course themes and frameworks, invite experts to give presentations and give lectures ourselves to share international experiences in waterbird and wetland conservation.

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Yes,

RQ35. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you implemented activities to share skills building, tools and experience?

Additional information::

See RQ21.

Q42

RQ36. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Please provide feedback on the use you have made of capacity building materials and activities for migratory waterbirds and the management of their habitat?

N.A.

Q43

No

RQ37. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you considered a training needs assessment in projects you have developed, funded, and/or implemented since MoP10 (December 2018)? If yes, please provide some additional information.

Q44**No**

RQ38. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you used the EAAFP online technical training materials for Flyway Site management? Please provide some additional information on the usefulness of the materials.

Q45**No**

RQ39. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you been able to participate in any Meetings of Partner Focal Points? If yes, have any new collaborations with other Partners been developed from the meeting/s? Please provide details.

Q46

RQ40. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you been able to prepare your Partner report for the MoP? Have you found any difficulties in producing your report?

Yes. But some questions/terms used are not clear. Take the important waterbird site as an example, are those questions about sites that have already been listed as important, or sites that are qualified but not listed? Or both?

Q47

RQ41. (Partners, TFWG) Please provide details you have on corporate engagement at internationally important sites and in programs to develop positive outcomes for migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

We have engaged Heren Charitable Foundation to support planning for Luannan coastal wetland in Hebei project, and monitoring and capacity building for Tianjin Beidagang Wetland. We also have engaged Laoni Foundation and Ant Forests to support establishment of a public protected area at Wuyuanhe wetland in Haikou City.

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Q48

RQ42. (Partners, TFWG) Please provide brief details on your transboundary involvement in international collaborative initiatives for threatened migratory waterbirds.

We have been involved in the ADB-led Regional Flyway Initiative to help identification of priority wetland sites in China for further consideration of investment. We also worked with partners to develop a short video "Save the Flyway" to showcase the importance of cross-border and cross-discipline collaboration to conserve important migratory waterbird coastal wetlands in Yellow-Bohai Sea. This video has been displayed on many occasions including RAMSAR COP14 and CBD COP15 (II) to promote international collaboration.

Q49

RQ43. (Partners, TFWG) What do you consider to be the key innovative and/or improved approaches to the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats since MoP10 (December 2018)?

The use of citizen science datasets to help with the conservation and management of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in China

Q50

RQ44. (INGO, TF/WG, Sec.) Please provide information on the development of a list of threatened migratory waterbird populations in the EAAF in which you have been involved.

We have not been are not directly involved, but we supported local partners to conduct field monitoring work and their data were used by the listed NGOs for updating the population status of threatened migratory waterbirds.

Q51

Respondent skipped this question

RQ45. (Govt) Which populations of threatened migratory waterbirds are protected under legislation in your country?

Q52

RQ46. (Partners, TF/WG) Has your organization been involved in taking actions to reduce direct threats to migratory waterbirds? If yes, please provide some examples.

Yes,

Additional information::

At Luannan in Hebei province and Yancheng in Jiangsu province, we conducted Spartina eradication experiments to restore habitats for migratory waterbirds. We also supported local partners to monitor the threats to migratory waterbirds and their habitats along Jiangsu province coastal areas. The information was shared with local government and actions were undertaken accordingly (e.g. demolishing of mist-net).

Q53

RQ47. (Partners, TF/WG) Please outline the contribution you have made to the development and implementation of Threatened Species Action Plans.

We supported local NGO partners to monitor migratory waterbirds and their habitats, including Spoon-billed sandpiper, in Jiangsu coastal areas for several years. The data on SBS population and distribution and the threats on them have contributed to the development of SBS action plan.

Q54

No

RQ48. (Partners, TF/WG) Has your organization been involved in any program(s) to assess changes in the status of populations of threatened waterbirds? If yes, please provide details.

Q55

RQ49. (Partners, TF/WG) What has been your involvement in the development and implementation of Regional Action Plans?

N.A.

Q56

Respondent skipped this question

RQ50. (Govt, TF on Task Force on Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds) What mechanisms are in place to reduce and, as far as possible, eliminate, illegal hunting, take and trade of migratory waterbirds?

Q57

Respondent skipped this question

RQ51. (Govt) In your country, what are the current key national legislation and policy instruments that have provisions that cover the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats?

Q58

Respondent skipped this question

RQ52. (Govt) In your country, what are the current multilateral regional and bilateral agreements and other regional mechanisms that include provisions on the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats?

Q59

RQ53. (Partners, TF/WG) Please provide any suggestions you have on how existing multilateral regional and bilateral agreements, and other regional mechanisms, could be strengthened to deliver better outcomes for migratory waterbirds.

Organise more meetings to facilitate more effective exchange of information and collaboration after the COVID travel restrictions are lifted.
