



# Shorebird Working Group

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*ELEVENTH MEETING OF PARTNERS TO THE PARTNERSHIP FOR EAST ASIAN – AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY  
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# Key Outputs

SWG will continue for 2 more years  
Work Programme for 2023 – 2025  
New Leadership and Structure  
Making SWG more effective



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# Work Programme 2023 - 2025

- 1. Support identification and monitoring of internationally important shorebird sites**
  - Provide technical advice and support to industry, government, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to conduct shorebird monitoring throughout the EAAF, particularly in developing countries where large area of potential shorebird habitats is not surveyed (e.g., southeast Asian countries).



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## 2. Support conservation of shorebird species.

- Engage with existing task forces within the EAAF Partnership by providing financial and logistical support where possible.
- Focus on conservation of the Nordmann's Greenshank, with potential to develop a conservation plan, support monitoring of important sites, and investigate declines.
- Focus on conservation of Dunlin, with efforts directed toward understanding declines.
- Oversee and lead in red-listing of potentially new globally threatened and near threatened shorebirds in the EAAF
- Coordinate and promote collaborative migration ecology studies along EAAF.
- Engage with efforts of the Illegal Hunting, Taking, and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds Task Force.
- Develop a flyway shorebird conservation strategy / plan that would emphasize important issues and needs throughout the EAAF.



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## 3. Support Capacity building for shorebird conservation and management

- Organize training workshops to enhance efforts to monitor, band, track, and manage sites for shorebirds in the EAAF.
- Broaden the experience of shorebird biologists throughout the flyway by having people participate in field studies in different parts of the flyway.
- Learn, share experiences and develop best managing practices with shorebird groups operating in other flyways or parts of the EAAF.



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## 4. Enhance communication relating to shorebird conservation

- Encourage regular, EAAF-wide focused meetings and online talks of shorebird working group members to promote collaboration, partnering and priority setting of shorebird conservation activities.
- Compile a list of members and engage shorebird experts throughout the EAAF via regular communication (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, newsletter, e-mail/listserv). Facebook Group: East Asian-Australasian Flyway Shorebird Conservation Network
- Provide regular news item to EAAFP Secretariat and regional newsletters.
- Produce new CEPA materials for shorebirds, particularly on new relevant issues and in languages currently not available
- Encourage members to participate in shorebird events (e.g., World Shorebird Day and Migratory Bird Day)



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# Structure of SWG

- Membership include representatives from partners, and invited members/advisors (international/regional experts along the flyway) with complimentary knowledge and skills in shorebird conservation
- Core team of 6-8 people from the member list, with representatives from different parts of the flyway, and that have expertise in science, monitoring, community engagement, wetland management, CEPA, capacity building, banding/color flagging and tracking
- New Chair: David Li, Singapore



# Making a more effective SWG

- Reconfirm partner representatives
- Recruit people to join the core team
- Hold mini-virtual meetings focused on key issues
  - In collaboration with AFCO, Shorebird Tracking webinar series
  - Core team to focus on relevant issues
- Hold 2<sup>nd</sup> Shorebird Science Meeting – virtual / in-face
  - Looking for host of the next meeting.

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