



**EAST ASIAN-AUSTRALASIAN
FLYWAY PARTNERSHIP**

The East Asian– Australasian Flyway Partnership

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40 Partners of EAAFP

National Governments (18)



Inter-Governmental Organisations (6)



International Organisation (1)



International Non-Government Organisations (14)



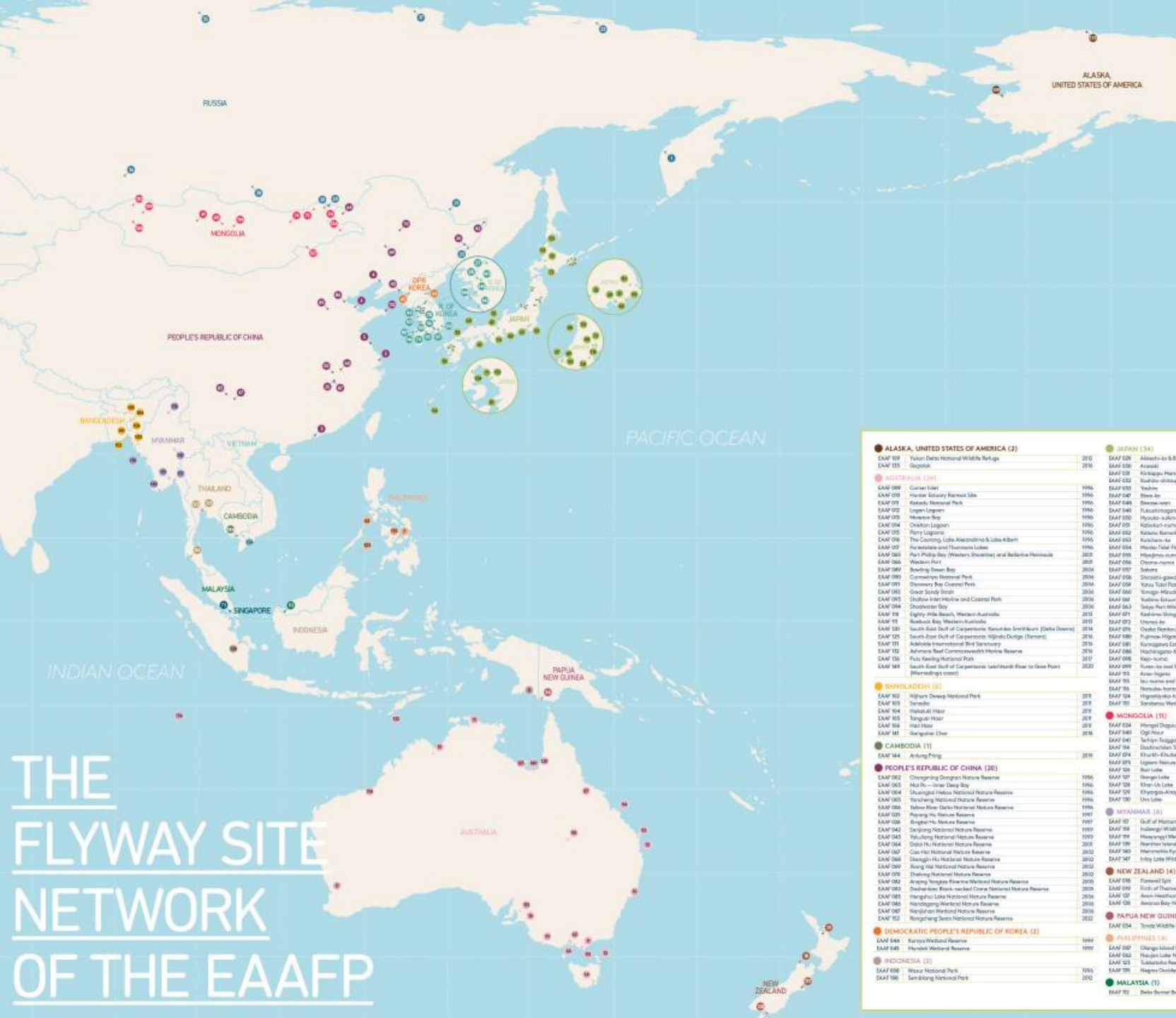
International Private Enterprise (1)



Flyway Site Network

154 Flyway Network Sites
19 countries with FNS
1000+ Important sites for migratory waterbirds

- The most vulnerable
- 50 million migratory waterbirds
- More than 210 species
- 200 million people rely on these sites for food, medicine, fuel, livelihood, climate resilience, and other economic benefits.



THE
 FLYWAY SITE
 NETWORK
 OF THE EAAFP



**Total FNS in
NEASPEC Region:**

95
(61% of EAAFP FNS)

Understanding the Flyway Partnership

safeguarding ecological connectivity across EAAF



7 Working Groups and 10 Task Forces

Working Groups



ANATIDAE
WORKING GROUP



AVIAN DISEASE
WORKING GROUP



BLACK-FACED SPOONBILL
WORKING GROUP



CEPA
WORKING GROUP



CRANE WORKING
GROUP



SEABIRD
WORKING GROUP



SHOREBIRD
WORKING GROUP



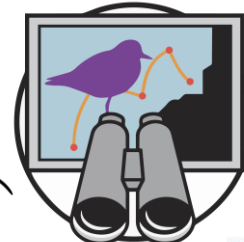
AMUR-HEILONG BASIN
TASK FORCE



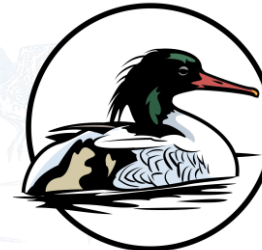
BAER'S POCHARAD
TASK FORCE



FAR EASTERN CURLEW
TASK FORCE



MONITORING OF WATERBIRD
POPULATIONS & SITES
TASK FORCE



SCALY-SIDED MERGANSER
TASK FORCE



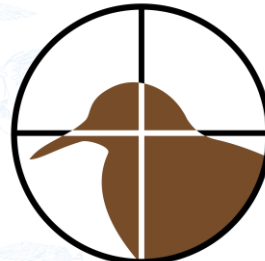
SPOON-BILLED SANDPIPER
TASK FORCE



YELLOW SEA ECOREGION
TASK FORCE



DALMATIAN PELICAN
TASK FORCE



ILLEGAL HUNTING, TAKING &
TRADE OF MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS
TASK FORCE



YOUTH
TASK FORCE

Task Forces

Levels of Cooperation

Global Level

- World Migratory Bird Day
- African – Eurasian Waterbird Agreement
- Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network
 - Central Asian Flyway
 - Wetland Link International
- Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)

National Level

- National Partnership
- Site Partnership



Convention on
Biological Diversity



Convention on Wetlands
Convention sur les zones humides
Convención sobre los Humedales



Flyway Level

- Flyway Site Network
- EAAFP Meetings of Partners
- Working Groups and Task Forces
 - Sister Sites Partnership

Subregional Level

- NEASPEC
- ASEAN Flyway Network
- Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative
- Ramsar Regional Center - East Asia
- Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative
- Yellow Sea Region (PRC, ROK, DPRK)
 - Regional Flyway Initiative

National Partnership & Site Partnership



- [EAAFP Partnership Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)
- [EAAFP National Partnership Guideline \(PDF\)](#)
- [EAAFP Site Partnership Guideline \(PDF\)](#)
- [Guidelines for Sister Site Program](#)

National Partnerships



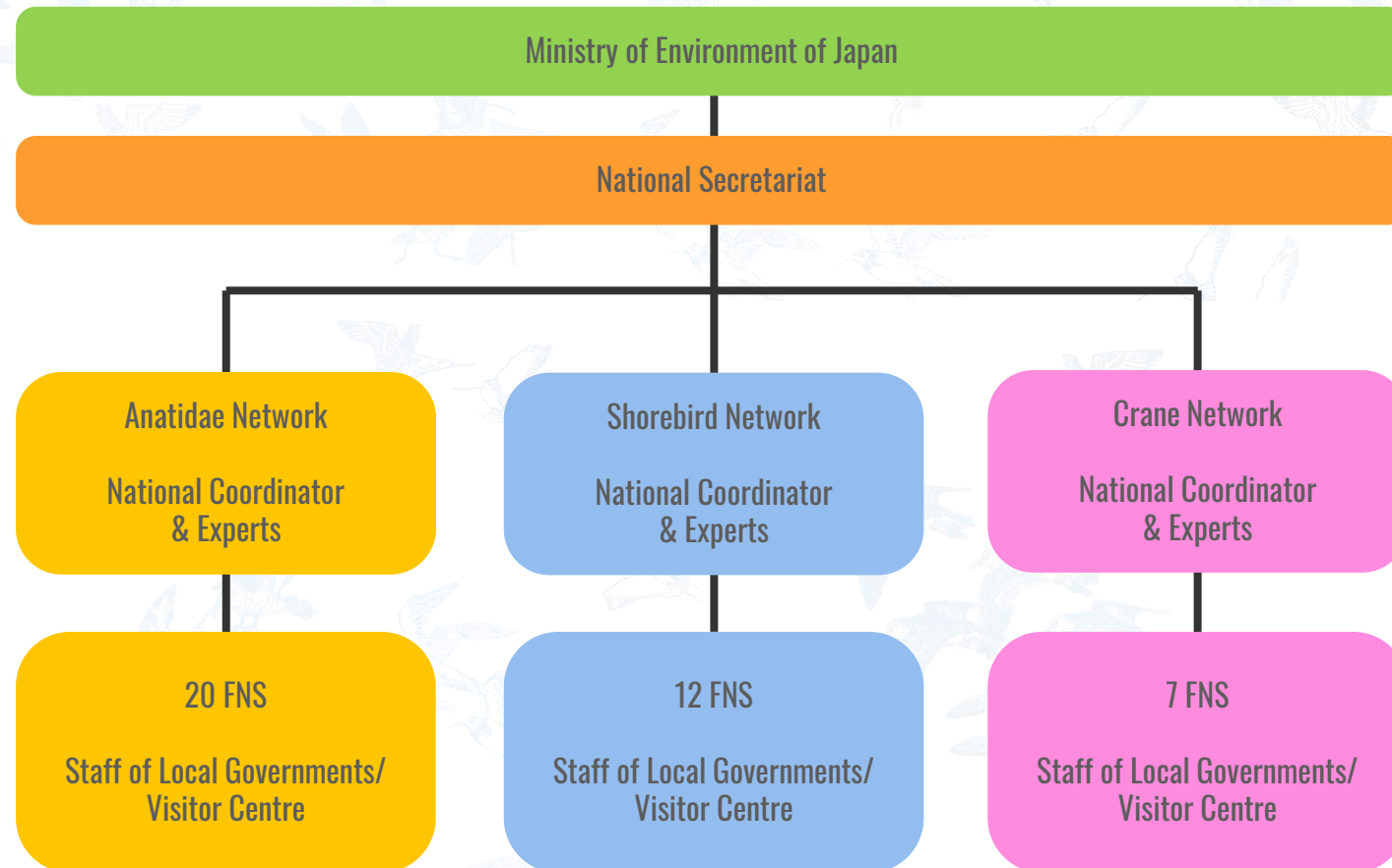
Who are the stakeholders?

How to involve them?

What is the structure?



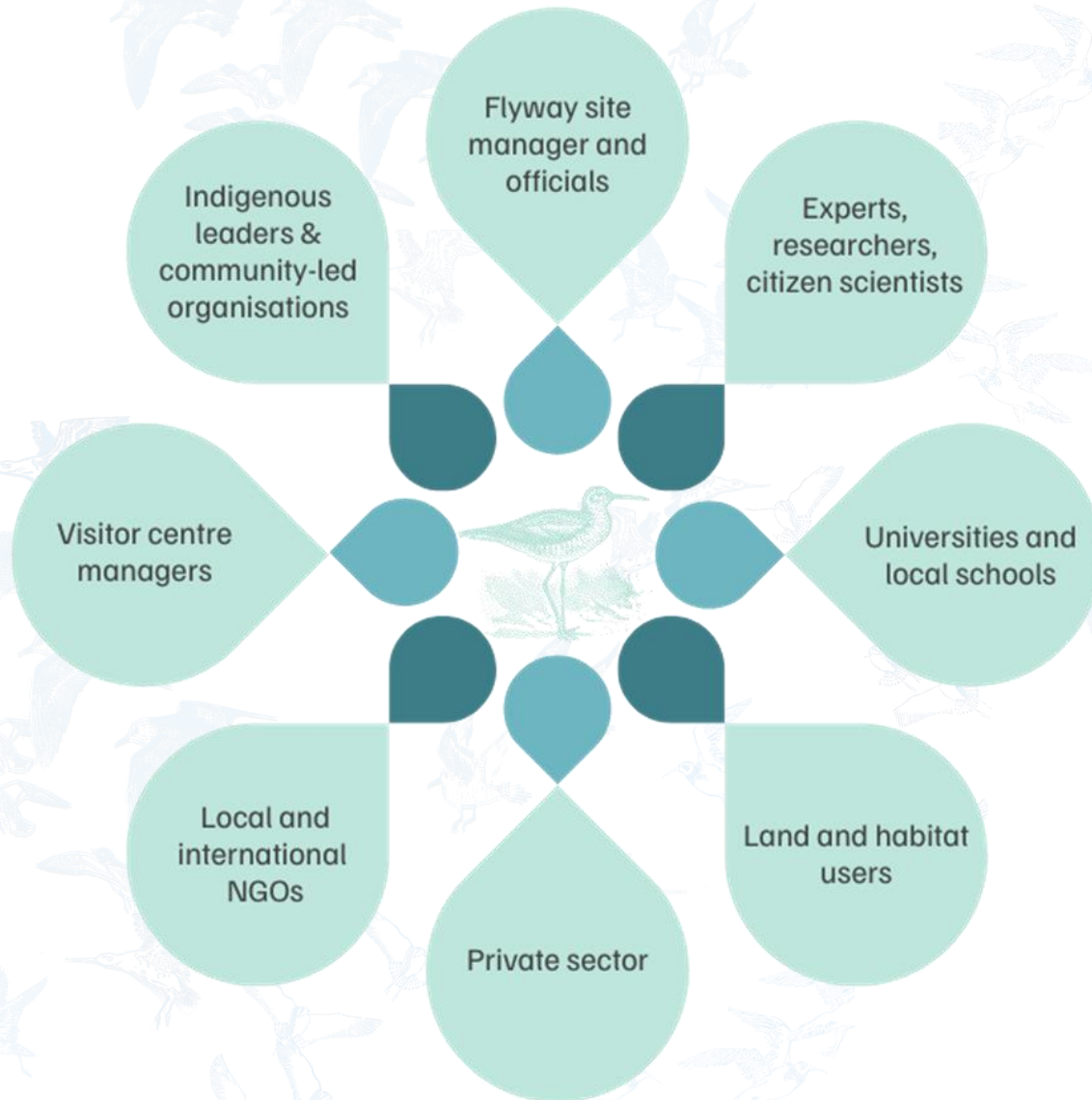
Structure of National Partnership - Japan



Template for a National Partnership Work Plan

Objectives from the EAAFP Strategic Plan	Activities that you might include – with time frames – to implement each Objective over the coming year
<p>Objective 1 Development of the Network of Sites</p>	<p>Examples of activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for activities at Flyway Network Sites. • Develop proposals for new Flyway Network Sites. • Hold the annual National Partnership meeting. • Develop an agreed National Work Plan with national partners.
<p>Objective 2 CEPA</p>	<p>Examples of activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
<p>Objective 3 Research and Monitoring</p>	<p>Examples of activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
<p>Objective 4 Capacity Building</p>	<p>Examples of activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
<p>Objective 5 Flyway-wide Approaches</p>	<p>Examples of activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •

Site Partnerships



“it’s on the ground, at the habitats, that people are inspired to act”

Site Partnership – Site Activity or Work Plan

The Activity or Work Plan:

- ✓ Involves all stakeholders
- ✓ Incorporates the EAAFP Strategic Plan (and National Partnership Plan if existing)
- ✓ Agrees on actions by the Site Partnership for the upcoming year
- ✓ Finds ways to celebrate



Example - Site Activity and Work Plan Framework

Objectives from the EAAFP Strategic Plan	Activities your Site plans to undertake over the coming year
Objective 1 Development of the Network of Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Site Partnership • Hold a meeting to create a Work Plan
Objective 2 CEPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a festival to celebrate migratory birds returning to breed in Spring, gather teachers together to understand the value of wetlands so they can teach their students
Objective 3 Research and Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with a local university to analyse the results of citizen monitoring results • Connect with another FNS
Objective 4 Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the Secretariat to recommend an expert to hold a workshop on monitoring for the Asian Waterbird Census
Objective 5 Flyway-wide Approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify which species your site would like to monitor in its migration to other sites on the Flyway. Ask the Secretariat to assist with contacting relevant sites

Framework to mobilise communities to become more involved with migratory waterbirds and habitat conservation

Sister Site Partnerships



12 EAAFP Sister Sites (as of August 2024)

Heading to MOP12 and Beyond

Flyway Site Managers Network

- Knowledge Exchange between Sites
- Building relationships between site managers

Traditional Knowledge

- Find ways to preserve Traditional Knowledge
- Offer an opportunity to share Traditional Knowledge
- Share the voices of Indigenous People

Working Groups & Task Forces

- Avian Disease
- Amur-Heilong Basin
- Youth
- Monitoring of Waterbird Population and Sites

Gaps and recommendations

1. Expansion of the Flyway Site Network
2. Management actions for existing Flyway Network Sites
3. Recommendations from the Conservation Status Report 1 (2022)
 - Limitations in knowledge about the distribution, size estimates, and trends of the populations
 - Strengthening existing monitoring programmes, establishing new monitoring programmes >> require local and national & international stakeholder engagement
4. Translations of key documents into national languages
5. Develop more Flyway projects



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