

Annex II

Combined annual reporting and forward planning format

Annual Report for Year 2020 and Plan for Year 2021 (4 pages maximum)
Submission deadline: 31 January 2021

1. Title of your Regional Initiative: East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership

2. Work and activities undertaken during 2020

Provide a simple summary on your work undertaken by listing your activities, the results achieved and your indicators of success according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
1. Maintain and develop the new Flyway Network Sites (Sites that are designated as FNS are often designated as Ramsar Sites later) and main	Provide advice and technical support to existing sites and the designation of new Flyway Network Site (FNS); Provide Small Grants to promote their new designation	New 3 FNSs were designated in RO Korea (Daebudo Tidal Flat, Ramsar Site), Australia (South-East Gulf of Carpentaria: Leichhardt River to Gore Point – Wernadinga Coast), Myanmar (Inlay Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, Ramsar Site) and supported the Small Grants for promotion events or producing materials (e.g. signboards, leaflets and brochures) for public awareness. Flyway Site Network now has 148 sites; Provide technical advice on local sites – Hwaseong Wetlands (EAAF142), Incheon Songdo Tidal Flat (EAAF 145)	New important sites for migratory waterbirds (mainly wetland) were nominated The number of news items disseminated via EAAFP website and social media channel (link)
2. CEPA on migratory waterbirds and their habitats	Provide regular news about the EAAFP and the Ramsar Convention etc on the EAAFP website and social media channels. Publishing a quarterly eNewsletter to subscribers including EAAFP Partners	News uploaded to the EAAFP website at least on weekly basis, and Facebook / Twitter / Instagram on daily basis.	Facebook members now increased to >64,000 (>500 posts) Twitter members now increased to > 1700 (>500 posts) Instagram members now increased to near 1,000 (>500 posts) EAAFP eNewsletter with 3,460 subscribers
	Continue with “ Friday Network Site (FNS) ”	29 FNS Card News published on social media every Friday	

	campaign to promote Flyway Network Site		
	CEPA activities and update, produce and distribute CEPA materials	Webinars were organized and talks for local events to raise awareness to the general public and youth. A new brochure of EAAFP targeting for general public was produced.	Six webinars were organized reaching over 1,000 audiences. Two other hybrid online talks took place with local universities; A new brochure of EAAFP was made in English and Korean
	Promote World Wetland Day and World Migratory Bird Day events in the Flyway countries	<p>Social media and news article was posted to promote World Wetland Day in 2020. A Flyway Network Site in Myanmar (Inlay Lake Wildlife Sanctuary) was announced on that day.</p> <p>WMDB small grant for EAAFP was provided. A WMBD 2020 video was produced. Webinars were conducted to reach out to the general public. A photo contest was organized in line with WMBD (mention in the next item)</p>	<p>World Wetlands Day was promoted with 9 SNS posts and 1 news article and email and newsletter alert to Partners.</p> <p>15 projects from 8 flyway countries for the WMBD small grant in the two events (May and Oct). (link) The WMBD video was shared and viewed by more than 4,000 views in Eng (on youtube) and 3,000 views in the Korean version (the video was posted by MOEK). A Tagalog version was produced too. Three webinars were carried out on Zoom (over 600 attendees) and Facebook Live (over 1.6k views). Two watch parties were organized on Facebook with over 5.7k views. (link)</p>
	Photo Contest and Bird Race	A #LegflagChallenge Photo contest was launched in line with the WMBD 2020, in collaboration with BirdLife International, Oriental Bird Club and Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force, to encourage photographers and bird watchers to report sightings of tags and legflags of waterbirds. The event was held from Sept to mid-November. (link)	Near 120 entries from 11 countries joined the campaign. Three winners were selected. (link) The campaign helped to linked up with bird watching communities and scientists.
	Flyway Youth Forum	The first-ever Flyway Youth Forum, organized by The East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) and Youth Engaged in Wetlands (YEW), sponsored by Hanns Seidel Foundation, was held virtually over two consecutive weekends from 28 Nov to 6 Dec, 2020. Its aim was to	A total number of 134 attendees, including 87 selected youth leaders from 26 countries or regions, 28 trainers, speakers and facilitators participated in the virtual event. A youth presentation platform, 5 training workshops and a Flyway World Café (international Dialogue) were carried out. Ms. Martha Rojas Urrego, Secretary General of Ramsar Convention Secretariat gave keynote

		connect youth with different backgrounds in the EAA Flyway through a series of intensive virtual workshops, platform exchanges, and networking activities, developed for young people between the ages of 18 and 30 years old to explore youth engagement in the conservation of wetlands and migratory waterbirds along the flyway. (link)	speech, and Mr. Nick Crameri from the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands contributed as a panelist. A youth Declaration was produced by the youth participants at the end of the Forum. (link)
3. Research, monitoring, knowledge generation & Capacity building	Annual Small Grant program to support projects of EAAFP Working Groups (WG) and Task Forces (TF)	EAAFP Secretariat improved the application guideline and supported WG and TF activities proposals on illegal hunting, trading issues and key species conservation through the EAAFP Small Grant program.	7 WG/TF projects were supported e.g. Survey, Assessment, Monitoring and etc. (link)
	Development of National Partnership and Site Partnership (MOP10).	Development of the guideline for the partnership; Strengthen the Single Species Network	Establishment of a national Far Eastern Curlew Network for Korean Peninsula and continuing work of the Incheon Black-faced Spoonbill Network
	Collect and translate (with the support of the Country Partners) the key documents from MOP10	The new translated 2019 – 2028 Strategic Plan and 2018 – 2024 CEPA Action Plan uploaded on the Key Documents webpage after the proofread by Partners	Uploaded 9 different Partners languages of key documents (Strategic Plan , CEPA Action Plan)
4. Capacity building	Support the national-wide activities and site manager workshop by sharing of experience and best practice from Ramsar and EAAFP sites	Identify the needs of the organization of national and regional site managers workshop	Organization of an international symposium for Hwaseong Wetlands (link)
5. Flyway-wide approaches to conservation	Expansion of the Partnership	Support to expand the Partnership and identify new Partners	Two new iNGOs Partners (Hong Kong Birdwatching Society , Mangrove Foundation)
	Synergizing working through cooperation with other Ramsar Regional initiatives (RRC-EA and IBRRI).	Identify the collaborative works and co-initiate the items	Participation in the 3 rd annual meeting for Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional initiative and Suncheon Mayor Talk organized by RRC-EA; MOU developed with IBRRI
	Support the network around the Yellow Sea through regional	Finalize the IUCN WG Workplan and implement proposed activities with three governments at the scheduled 4 th meeting; the	Provision of the technical advices for the Korean Tidal Flat nomination; Finalization of IUCN Working Group Workplan and activities items

	workshops, trainings and etc	side event at IUCN WCC 2020; Support the Phase II of the Coast of Yellow-Sea – Bohai of China and provide ongoing support on Korean Tidal Flat nomination process to World Heritage List which will be decided in July 2020	
	Support the new design of the ASEAN Flyway Network initiative Phase II and expansion of the ASEAN Network	Work collaboratively with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and the Singapore government to plan the phase II; Synergized with IBRRI Secretariat	MOU with IBRRI Secretariat
	Support the EAAFP Sister Sites Program	Develop the guideline of the Sister Site Program and assist Partners to maintain and implement their Sister Site arrangement	Organization of the Incheon – Hong Kong Black-faced Spoonbill Conservation Forum
	Support and Promote the Partnership through presentations, meetings, side-events and exhibitions in the Flyway	Contribute to CMS COP 13 in Feb 2020; Engagement with other global and regional entities	Inputs to the global agenda linking with new Strategic Plan in CMS COP , UNDP-GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Commission, GCF IEU Talk and NEASPEC SOM Meeting
	Resource mobilization and external relations EAAFP Foundation operationalized	In an effort to strengthen the resource mobilization of the EAAFP, the Secretariat established a Foundation in the RO Korea in 2019 and it was fully operationalized in 2020. Key achievements in 2020 is the launch of Small Grant programme for local NGOs. It aimed to strengthen the capacity of local stakeholders who are closely linked to citizens and youth. The Foundation provided grants to 8 local NGOs in RO Korea to implement field projects on CEPA, monitoring of key species, and conservation of habitats.	Website of the Foundation at https://foundation.eaaflyway.net/
		Collaboration with Asian Development Bank and BirdLife International to inform the develop a major funding mechanism to address threatening process at internationally	RFI Working Note produced; RFI Working Group established

		important wetlands in 10 Asian countries. Stakeholder group established to build engagement in the concept development.	
		The EAAFP Secretariat launched its Volunteer Program in August 2020 with an aim to engage talented individuals from across the flyway who wish to contribute to the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats through hands-on activities. Since its launch, about 50 people from 14 countries have applied.	Webpage of the Volunteer Programme at https://www.eaaflyway.net/join-eaafp-volunteer-program/

If felt useful, you may add narrative text to specify further your achievements, improvement of Ramsar implementation in the region, etc.

3. Financial report for Year 2020

Provide a summary of income and expenditures. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to allow conversion into CHF:

Activities	Planned expenditures (USD)	Actual expenditures (USD)
1. Develop Flyway Site Network	30,000	21,180
2. CEPA on migratory waterbirds and their habitats	85,000	83,661
3. Research, monitoring, knowledge generation	530,000	530,534
4. Capacity building	135,000	3,640
5. Flyway-wide approaches to conservation	160,000	22,696
Total	940,000	661,711

Note: COVID-19 significantly impacted on convening in-person events and also international travel.

Sources of income	Income received (USD)
Incheon Metropolitan City government	436,910
EAAFP Partner voluntary contributions	115,841
Science Unit Operation	500,000
Fundraising	77,883
Ramsar core budget (where applicable)	0
Total	1,130,634

Financial balance at 31 December 2020: total unspent and uncommitted balance left to be carried over to 2021, or deficit:

For those initiatives receiving funding from the Convention in 2020, please explain how this funding has been spent or committed, and compare this to the plan on which the funding request was based. Explain any significant scope or timetable changes:

4. Work and activities planned for Year 2021

Provide a simple summary of your planned work, by listing your activities, their anticipated results and your indicators of success according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
1. Develop Flyway Site Network (Sites that are designated as FNS are often designated as Ramsar Sites later)	Provide advice and technical support to existing sites and the designation of new Flyway Network Site (FNS); Continuously provide Small Grant funds to promote their designation by organizing celebrations, production of signboards and leaflets etc; Improve the FNS designation process	At least 3 FNSs designated in the flyway and improved managed of existing sites; Small Grant Funds provided to newly designated FNS to promote their designation, e.g. to organize celebrations, produce signboards, leaflets etc; Setting up a new Small Grant Fund mechanism for the preparation of the SIS; Detailed guideline on FNS criteria and SIS draft	No. of new FNS designated; No. of Small Grant Funds provided, and No. of celebrations organized and projects implemented; Guidelines for SIS drafting
	Develop the Guideline for National Partnerships	Conduct the surveys and interviews with national government Partners; Develop guidance material of the new guideline	Guideline guidance material; MOP11 paper
	Develop the Guidelines and recommendations for the EAAFP Sister Site Program and Site Partnership	At least 1 new sister site arranged; Review the existing sister site agreements; Develop the guidelines in consultation with Partners and site manager	Guideline guidance material; MOP11 paper
	Implementation of local projects to support the FNS maintenance and improvement	Assist the development of the guideline for the site management plan in Hwaseong Wetlands (EAAF142) and of the preparation of a Ramsar Information Sheet; Support the implementation of the sister site agreement between Incheon and Hong Kong government	Guideline for the management plan for Hwaseong Wetlands
2. CEPA on migratory waterbirds and their habitats	Provide regular news about the EAAFP and the Ramsar Convention etc on the EAAFP website and social media channels. Publishing monthly to quarterly eNewsletter to EAAFP Partners, collaborators and subscribers	News uploaded on to the EAAFP website at least on weekly basis, and social media Facebook / Twitter / Instagram on daily basis, local channels like Naver and Weixin, Weibo as weekly basis	No. of posts and followers on social media, eNewsletter
	Continue with "Friday Network Site (FNS)" campaign to promote Flyway Network Site,	FNS Card News published on social media on every Friday	No. of FNS posts

	indicating for those which are also Ramsar Site		
	Production of CEPA materials, including updating, producing and distributing videos, factsheet, brochures, posters and other awareness raising materials	Revised brochure of EAAFP for partners, Poster about Flyway Site Network and Sister site, guides for new EAAFP Focal Points and Site managers, EAAFP information banner stands	No. of CEPA materials produced
	Promote World Wetlands Day and World Migratory Bird Day in Flyway countries, including social media, videos, posters, flyers and other materials, and providing WMBD Small Grants	Social media and news article was posted to promote World Wetland Day and World Migratory Bird Day in 2021. WMBD small grant for EAAFP to be provided in May and October. A WMBD 2021 video will be produced. Other activities to raise awareness in line with WWD and WMBD	No. of events held in Flyway, No. of CEPA materials produced and no. of reach or view of these materials
	Hold Flyway-wide activities including bringing together young people from Flyway countries around specific themes, and developing flyway conservation leadership skills and knowledge:	Youth-related activities (training workshop, think tank competition), #LegflagChallenge Photo contest to be organized. Webinar series on different topics (e.g. Climate change, Avian Influenza, illegal hunting) to be organized.	No. of campaigns, webinars and activities
3. Research, monitoring, knowledge generation and exchange	Support the activities of the EAAFP Working Groups (WG) and Task Forces (TF)	Implement the Small Grants program to support the work of the WGs and TFs; Support the relevant projects and activities for key species	No. of Small Grants provided to WGs and TFs
	Develop the Conservation Status Review (CSR) of Migratory Waterbird Populations for the EAAFP	Wetlands International has been contracted to deliver the CSR. This will include analysis of the EAAF Conservation Status focusing on migratory waterbirds populations	CSR Review; MOP11 paper. By early 2022 - updated population estimates for migratory waterbirds of the EAAF. This work will inform the Global Waterbird Population Estimates Update used by Ramsar Parties in site nominations.
	Enhance the migration research (including color marking scheme) and mechanism of	Develop the mechanism and guidance materials of new Trackers Small Grant Fund; Develop the color	New Trackers Small Grant Fund launching; New color marking scheme guideline

	communications in the EAAF	marking schemes and online webinar	
4. Capacity building	Support the sharing of experience and good practices at the international level for the management of FNS	Identify existing training materials (site management, capacity building, restoration, eco-tourism, local community engagement and etc) and launch a resource page; Organize the online training series on FNS management, SIS updates, Color marking and CEPA	Resource Page; Organization of at least one online training
	Support the national-wide activities and site manager workshops by sharing of experience and best practice from Ramsar and EAAF sites	Identify the needs of the organization of national and regional site managers workshop	Organization of at least one national site managers workshop and support of the activities in the flyway
	Produce a tutorial (webinar) for the Reporting Template and EAAF Resourcing Plan	Partners submit their report on time with all questionnaires filled. The Resourcing Plan be endorsed by the Partnership at MOP11 planned for March 2022..	The level of understanding of the Partners on the purpose and the elements of the Reporting Template and the Resourcing Plan.
5. Flyway-wide approaches to conservation	Support Yellow Sea WG meetings, building on IUCN Res 28 and 42, World Heritage nomination and other initiatives	Implement proposed activities of IUCN Yellow Sea WG; the side event at IUCN WCC, CBD COP, Ramsar COP; Support the Phase II of the Coast of Yellow-Sea – Bohai of China and provide ongoing support on Korean Tidal nomination process	Support of cooperation among three countries in YS; Technical advice
	Support the new design of the ASEAN Flyway Network initiative Phase II	Work collaboratively with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and the Singapore government to plan the phase II; Collaborate with IBRRI Secretariat (Ramsar Regional Initiative)	Support the activities in ASEAN region and the Phase II; No. collaborative activities with IBRRI Secretariat
	Support the network in NE Asia	Work with North-East Asian Subregion Program for Environment Cooperation (NEASPEC / UNESCAP) to support the transboundary cooperation among protected wetlands in the Tumen Estuary	Technical support to implement the project in regard to the habitats for migratory waterbirds
	Support and Promote the Partnership through presentations, meetings, side-events and exhibitions in the Flyway	Contribute to IUCN WCC, CBD COP, Ramsar COP and etc	Inputs to the global agenda linking with EAAF Strategic Plan

	Mobilize resources for the Partnership and facilitate planned resource mobilization activities at the national and regional levels.	The Asian Development Bank Regional Flyway Initiative launched towards the restoration of internationally important sites in 10 target countries of the Flyway.	Existence of the RFI Strategic Plan
		Implement the 2021 annual work plan of the EAAFP Foundation	Delivery rate of the 2020 Foundation Work Plan

For those initiatives requesting funding from the Convention for 2021, please provide a financial summary of your 2021 plan. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to allow conversion into CHF:

Activities	Forecast/budgeted expenditures real expenditures (USD)
1. Develop Flyway Site Network	247,425
2. CEPA on migratory waterbirds and their habitats	185,000
3. Research, monitoring, knowledge generation	274,500
4. Capacity building	95,000
5. Flyway-wide approaches to conservation	200,000
Total	1,001,925

Sources of Income	Forecast/budgeted amount of income (USD)
Incheon Metropolitan City government	436,910
EAAFP Partner voluntary contributions	127,249
Science Unit Operation	155,500
Fundraising	50,000
Project funding	197,425
Request from Ramsar core budget	0
Total	967,084