

# **International Workshop on Migratory Water Birds Protection and Wetland Management in Asia**

(Beijing, China, June 7 -27, 2013)

With the financial support from the Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China, the School of Nature Conservation, Beijing Forestry University is pleased to announce the international workshop on migratory water bird conservation and wetland management in Asia will be held in Beijing from June 7<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2013. The workshop aims to share lessons and experience in migratory bird conservation and wetland management among the participants, through lectures, case study analysis, group work and site visits; to understand water bird conservation guidelines and its application in developing countries, and to promote joint efforts for migratory water bird protection and the wise use of waterbird habitat. The workshop consists of four blocks, including:

## **1) Lecture**

Experts from the School of Nature Conservation, Beijing Forestry University, Chinese Academy of Sciences, State Forestry Administrations, WWF, Wetlands International, as well as the international experts from Australia, Germany will give lectures on the following topics:

- wetland and water bird conservation policy;
- wetland culture and biodiversity conservation;
- management of network system for the migratory bird nature reserves;
- technical guidelines on monitoring of migratory bird, ecological character description, management planning, and CEPA program implementation;
- International conventions and regional cooperation mechanisms, such as Ramsar Convention, CMS, CBD, and East Asia-Australasian Flyway Partnership Strategies.

## **2) Case Study presentation and discussion**

All participants are invited to present their case studies and share with the participants at the workshop.

## **3) Group work**

All participants will be divided into five groups, and each group focus on one of the East Asia-Australasian Flyway Partnership Strategies:

- Develop the Flyway Network of sites of international importance for the conservation of migratory waterbirds.
- Enhance communication, education and public awareness of the values of migratory waterbirds and their habitats.
- Enhance flyway research and monitoring activities, build knowledge and promote exchange of information on waterbirds and their habitats.
- Build the habitat and waterbird management capacity of natural resource managers, decision makers and local stakeholders.
- Develop, especially for priority species and habitats, flyway wide approaches to enhance the conservation status of migratory waterbirds.

## **4) Field visit**

A five-day field trip to Chongmingdongtan Marshes (Ramsar site), in Shanghai, at the estuary of Yangtze River (<http://www.dongtan.cn>), to exchange experience on shorebird habitat management, visitor management, volunteers club, and culture experience with the coastal farmers.

**Venue:** Beijing Forestry University, Qinghua East Road 35, Haidian District, Beijing, China ([www.bjfu.edu.cn](http://www.bjfu.edu.cn))

**Hotel:** Xijiao Hotel (<http://www.xijiao-hotel.com.cn/index.php?styleid=2>), which is 10 minutes walk to the university campus.

All EAA Flyway waterbird conservationists, site managers, government officials are welcome to join the workshop. Participants from developing countries in the region are eligible for sponsorship (below).

**Sponsorship:** There are 20 sponsorships available for applicants. It will support participants from developing countries that are associated with the East Asia-Australasian Flyway, as listed below. Financial support to cover international travel expenses (economy air tickets), travel within China, hotel and accommodation). Senior government officials that are responsible for water bird conservation and wetland management, site managers are encouraged to apply for the sponsorship from the Chinese Embassy (see below), and meanwhile to inform the workshop organizer, Beijing Forestry University (contact persons: Ms Qin Yanxi, Phone: +86-10-62338095 (Office), +86-13811596669 (mobile), Fax: +86-10-62310316, Email: [yanxi@bjfu.edu.cn](mailto:yanxi@bjfu.edu.cn);

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Only governmental official and site manager are eligible to apply sponsorship, but NGOs and other institutions are also welcome to participate this workshop if they can find their own funding to attend.

### **Deadline: May 10, 2013.**

All participants who wish to join the workshop should contact the organizer before May 10, 2013. Sponsorship will be determined on a first come first served basis, however the maximum number of sponsorship is two participants each country.

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