

WCC_10218 Workshop **Conservation of intertidal habitats, working coastal wetlands and migratory waterbirds, from the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, especially the Yellow Sea, to the global context**

Room: 313B, Date: Sun, 04 Sept 2016, Time: 17:00 - 19:00, Stage language: English

1700 Introduction and aims. IUCN (Mr. Scott Perkin, Head of Natural Resources Group)

EAAFP (Mr. Bruce McKinlay, New Zealand)

National reports on progress on implementing Resolution 28 to date, including national workshop outcome statements and plans for the next four years

1710 Government of China (Ms. Xinxin Hu, State Forestry Administration)

1720 Government of Republic of Korea (Mr. Jong-won Choi, Ministry of Environment and Mr. Sung-Jun Park, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries)

1730 Outcomes of Regional Yellow Sea meeting and World Heritage vision (Mr. Kyung-Sik Woo, World Heritage Promotion Team for Korean Tidal Flats)

International perspectives

1745 Arctic Migratory Birds Initiative (Ms. Risa Smith, Canada and Ms. Julie Kunen, Wildlife Conservation Society)

1750 Caring for Coasts and Working Coastal Wetland proposal (Ms. Nicola Crockford, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)

1755 Brief statement from Convention on Migratory Species (Mr. Bradnee Chambers), and Wetlands International (Yoshihiro Natori)

1800 Break- Out Groups

Introduction to two parallel break-out groups to discuss/agree next steps

1810 Implementation of Yellow Sea Transboundary Outcome Document:
(IUCN/UNESCO/China/RoK/EAAFP/BirdLife)

How to take forward a potential global agenda on Coastal Wetland Conservation (Caring for Coasts/Working Coastal Wetlands/Ramsar Draft Resolution) (Ramsar, CMS, CBD, WCS, BirdLife)

1850 Report back of break out groups

1900 Conclusions and next steps.

1905 Close

Aim:

a) Review implementation of WCC-2012-Res-028 & 051 including consideration of the results and recommendations of national and regional implementation workshops and b) develop an implementation plan for these and Motion 24 **Conservation of intertidal habitats and migratory waterbirds of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, especially the Yellow Sea, in a global context**, including progressing plans for a Yellow Sea serial Transboundary World Heritage Site and exploring possible contributions of potential global initiatives to facilitate coastal wetland restoration, and management of Working Coastal Wetlands (shellfisheries/aquaculture/fishponds/saltpans), including through the Ramsar Convention.

The main outcome is intended to be the development of a phase 2 implementation plan for Resolutions 28 & 51, as well as motion 24, for the next four years, with buy in from a wide range of stakeholders, including Yellow Sea governments and those from similar ecosystems elsewhere in the world e.g. the Wadden Sea.

It will explore how global initiatives to promote and facilitate coastal conservation, including coastal wetland restoration and conservation and management of Working Coastal Wetlands (shellfisheries/aquaculture/fishponds/saltpans), can support coastal conservation in areas of the world where intertidal habitats are currently at greatest threat, such as the Yellow Sea.

In line with implementation of Aichi Target 7 (By 2020 areas under agriculture, aquaculture and forestry are managed sustainably, ensuring conservation of biodiversity) and the Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG Target 6.6, SDG Target 14.2 and SDG Target 15.1, **this workshop aims to explore the possibility of developing global guidance on sustainable management of working coastal wetlands especially in relation to migratory waterbirds. It will discuss steps to putting in place an intergovernmental mechanism to develop the guidance and ensure its implementation once adopted, for example by IUCN World Congress 2019/Ramsar Convention COP 2018/Convention on Biological Diversity COP 2018/Convention on Migratory Species COP 2020/African Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement MOP 2018/East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership MOP 2018.**

Many migratory waterbirds around the world are dependent on intertidal wetlands and working coastal wetlands (shellfisheries/aquaculture/fishponds/saltpans), including an increasing number that are globally threatened or near threatened. In the face of habitat conversion and sea level rise the potential of these habitats to support not only internationally important migratory bird populations but also human livelihoods, is being compromised. Furthermore, sometimes the sustainability of the management of these systems can be enhanced for migratory birds and the environment more generally (eg through wise use of water, antibiotic and sustainable coastal zone planning of new developments) without compromising livelihoods. Working coastal wetlands are integral to the international biodiversity importance of ecoregions such as the Yellow Sea of Asia, Wadden Sea of Europe, the Banc d'Arguin and Bijagos Archipelago of West Africa and various Arabian Peninsula and Western Hemisphere sites.

Coastal conservation, especially of intertidal flats and other working coastal wetlands, is currently low down political agendas perhaps partly due to the fragmentation of governance of the coast. Yet, in the face of sea level rise and climate change, and with food security challenges, there has never been a greater imperative to enhance the sustainability of coastal zone management.

The session will be of interest to all those concerned about coastal ecosystem conservation, including the interface with shellfisheries, aquaculture, fishponds and salt pans, and in relation to coastal wetland restoration. It is especially intended for governments, experts and other stakeholders concerned with coastal conservation in the East Asian Australasian flyway, including those who can share expertise from other regions/flyways. It may also be of interest to those who wish to see how an IUCN Resolution can be used to convene concerted international conservation action actively engaging the international conservation community in working with governments to achieve conservation objectives.

The workshop will comprise a series of short update presentations followed by facilitated discussion to coordinate next steps in implementation of resolution 28. Relevant WCC participants will be invited to participate.

Partners

BirdLife International (United Kingdom)
International Crane Foundation, Inc. (United States of America)
Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea (Republic of Korea)
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (United Kingdom)
Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (United Kingdom)
Wildlife Conservation Society (United States of America)
Commission on Ecosystem Management 2013-2016
IUCN Species Survival Commission 2013-2016
IUCN Regional Office for Asia (ARO)
Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention
Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species
Secretariat of the East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership
Secretariat of the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement Secretariat