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To: Partners of the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership,

SEEKING OUT-OF-SESSION APPROVAL FROM PARTNERS: TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SPOON-BILLED SANDPIPER TASK FORCE

As agreed at MoP5, the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force have been prepared by responsible Partners. Please see summary action 25 from the MoP5 Report which is also copied here:

*Action 25 Develop and obtain Partnership endorsement of Terms of Reference (using the model approved at Agenda 3.5.1) for the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force. Lead responsibility: Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force (lead by BirdLife International *). * Interim lead organization was appointed in a MoP5 side meeting.*

Please find the attached draft Terms of Reference for the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force and reply to the EAAFP Secretariat (Aram Lee aram.lee@eaaflyway.net) to advise your agreement (or suggested alterations) to the ToR by 24 April 2011.

In due course, there will be other matters to approve out-of-session such as ToRs of the Scaly-sided Merganser Task Force and CEPA Working Group. In advance, the Management Committee members unanimously agreed on a process for getting Partners to approve documents out-of-session: by sending out a letter from the Chair to Partners giving a 30 day period for response YES or NO (or assume YES if there is no reply).

Yours sincerely,

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