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Page 2: A. Institutional Information

Q1 1. Name of Partner, Working Group or Task Force

Yellow Sea Eco Region Taskforce

Q2 2. Type of Partner

Respondent skipped this question

Q3 3. Name, title and contact details of designated contact person(s) Person 1

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5 Person 3 (if needed)

Respondent skipped this question

Q6 Person 4 (if needed)

Respondent skipped this question

Q7 4. Name, title and contact details of the person completing this form

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Page 3: B. General Summary of Implementation:Progress and Challenges

Q8 1. What have been the most successful aspects of your implementation of the Partnership? (up to five points)

- a **The accession of Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to the Partnership ensures that all the relevant Governments around the Yellow Sea are available to support conservation of migratory waterbird habitat in the Yellow Sea Eco-Region.**
- b **The ongoing Survey work between National Union for Conservation of Nature and Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalists Trust has been extremely successful in identifying key areas in the West Sea.**
- c **Leadership by the Government of PR China to protect coastal wetlands through implementing the Blue Line Project and establishing further protected areas in the Bohai Sea.**
- d **Leadership by the Republic of Korea and PR China to develop a transnational application for world heritage status for the Yellow Sea.**
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Q9 2. What have been the main challenges in your implementation of the Partnership? (up to five points)

- a **The Convenor is not located in a Yellow Sea Nation.**
- b **A lack of connection among Taskforce members.**
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Q10 3. What are the future priorities for your implementation of the Partnership? (up to five points)

- a **Review and updating of the Collaborative Work Programme for Shorebird Conservation Yellow Sea Ecoregion 2015-16 with a new emphasis on: i. Supporting the building of Capability building ii. Supporting new Partnerships into new sites iii. Supporting the ongoing waterbird census work along the East Asian coast iv. Support INGO’s to work in PR China.**
- b **Achieving domestic protection and international recognition of the key stopover sites in the Yellow Sea.**
- c **Deriving from the EAAFP Revised Strategy a work plan for the Yellow Sea Taskforce to promote intersessional work between MOP 10 and MOP 11.**
- d **Responding to the changing environment in the Yellow Sea and responding to new emerging threats to migratory water birds and habitats, in particular: i. Changes in food supply at some stop over sites ii. Spread of invasive weeds such as Spartina into new sites**
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Q11 4. Do you have any recommendations on the support needed from the EAAFP Secretariat?

Respondent skipped this question

Q12 5. Do you have any recommendations on the support needed from other Partners, Working Groups or Task Forces?

Respondent skipped this question

Q13 6. Do you have any other general comments on implementation of the Partnership?

In my view the Yellow Sea Taskforce has as a group been ineffective in providing leadership to be able to implement the Collaborative Work Programme for the Yellow Sea EcoRegion 2015-16. This is not to say that there has not been a lot of highly effective domestic and bilateral activity which has been extremely positive for migratory waterbirds. The presence of the Convenor in New Zealand has led to inefficiencies in utilizing this role to work with colleagues in the key countries in the Yellow Sea EcoRegion. The Yellow Sea is a core bottleneck in the EAAF for a wide range of species and it need to be debated whether this current structure should be carried on with or an alternative developed. We appreciate the great efforts of the Secretariat to help conserve EAAFP waterbirds. The Yellow Sea Taskforces needs financial and organisational assistance to be able to advance our intersessional work. The Yellow Sea Taskforce would benefit from the support of the Technical Committee to advance analysis of the best way to develop an intersessional workplan. Working groups and task forces would also benefit from having a standard reporting template, that seeks to highlight key achievements/activities undertaking in the previous intersessional period. I wish to recognise the availability of reports from Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalists Trust, the EAAFP Seabird Working Group, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, CMS Secretariat, the EAAFP Far Eastern Curlew Taskforce and WWF China which facilitated the completion of this Taskforce report.

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Q14 1.1.1 Have you been involved in developing a list of internationally important sites to support the life cycles of the Flyway's waterbirds? (Secretariat, WGs, INGOs and/or Monitoring Task Force)

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

Partners have been involved through coordinating organization of the annual Asian Waterbird Census and summarizing & sharing results. They have also contributed to the identification of important sites across the flyway.

Q15 1.1.2 Have you been involved in prioritization of the above sites (1.1) for nomination in the FSN and to review/revise this list at each successive MoP? (Secretariat / Consultant / Monitoring Task Force)

No

Q16 1.1.3a How many new Flyway Network Sites have you been involved in designating since the last reporting period? (National Government Partners)

Not applicable

Q17 1.1.3b How many new Flyway Network Sites do you intend to designate between MOP10 and MOP11? (National Government Partners)

Not applicable

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Q18 1.2.1 Have you helped to make available management guidelines and case studies to enhance the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats, emphasizing participatory management processes and benefits to local communities? (CEPA WG, Secretariat, with support from all Partners) **No**

Q19 1.2.2a During the reporting period, how many management plans for FNS and other internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds have you been involved in developing, implementing, review or updating? (National Government Partners; Subnational: Local Government with support from INGOs) **No**

Q20 1.2.2b Between now and MOP11, how many management plans for FNS and other internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds do you intend to develop, implement, review or updating? (National Government Partners; Subnational: Local Government with support from INGOs) **No**

Q21 1.2.3 Have you helped to develop collaboration with other international initiatives relating to the management of migratory waterbird habitat? (Secretariat, INGOs, National Government Partners) **Yes,**
Optional text box for further information:
Partners have been working with IUCN, EAAFP and Ramsar Regional Centre, to support planning for World Heritage listing in China.

Q22 1.2.4 Have you helped to develop model projects at Flyway Network Sites to address key threatening processes, social and economic needs, and contributing to sound integration of wetland biodiversity conservation and sustainable development that benefits local communities? (National Government Partners) **No**

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Q23 1.3.1 Are you working to mainstream migratory waterbird conservation into national policies, plans, and programmes, facilitated by National Partnerships? (National Government Partners) **No**

Q24 1.3.2 Have you been working to adapt and make available guidelines and case studies on development and impact assessment processes relevant to network sites and their catchments? (Secretariat, INGOs, National Government Partners) **No**

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Q25 2.4.1 Are you using the flyway-wide CEPA strategy at national and site levels as ongoing guidance for the awareness and communication activities of the Flyway Partnership? (All Partners)

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

Partners have been highlighting World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) as a feature in the EAAF.

Q26 2.4.2 Have you been involved in the production of CEPA resources and have made these available to the Secretariat for distribution more widely? (CEPA WG, Secretariat, supported by all Partners)

No

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Q27 2.5.1 Are your Partnership activities being implemented in line with the CEPA Strategy?

Yes

Q28 2.5.2a Are you working to support the development and strengthening of national and sub-regional partnerships as mechanisms for delivery of the EAAFP Implementation Strategy?

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

Partners (Ramsar, Hanns Seidel Foundation, DPRK) have held workshops to build understanding and common commitment to about the importance and priority of wetlands in the West Sea DPRK.

Q29 2.5.2b If there are national and/or sub-regional partnerships, please indicate the number of meetings that have been held since the last reporting period

Not applicable

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Q30 3.6.1 Have you been involved in collaboration and integration activities to increase assessment and monitoring programmes to provide scientifically sound information on the status and trends of migratory waterbird populations?

In progress

Optional text box for further information:

Partners have participated in the establishment of the EAAFP Monitoring Task Force to establish a strengthening of a monitoring programme for waterbirds at network sites and other important sites. The work of the TF is expected to develop over the next years.

Q31 3.6.2 Have you been involved in developing wetland assessment programmes for any of the Task Force priority regions to provide information on the status of migratory waterbird habitats?

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

Partners have completed shorebird counts in DPRK to identify priority areas and developing knowledge of which sites are key reference sites as set out in the Collaborative Plan. Partners have also contributed to coordinated annual monitoring of waterbirds during northward migration along the Yellow and Bohai seacoast in China in collaboration with a range of government agencies, university researchers and NGOs in the Yellow Sea region

Q32 3.6.3 Have you been involved in gathering updated information on the status and threats to internationally important sites and to Flyway Network sites in particular?

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

Partners have completed shorebird counts in DPRK to identify priority areas and developing knowledge of which sites are key reference sites as set out in the Collaborative Plan.

Q33 3.6.4 Have you been involved in identifying the key threatening processes to migratory waterbirds in the EAAF, and compiling technical briefs for the EAAF website to illustrate examples of best practice mitigation measures?

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

Partners have been investigating the spread of Spartina in key sites in the Yellow Sea and undertaking control work.

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Q34 3.7.1 Have you been involved in providing input or analyzing count data to identify internationally important sites and gaps for migratory waterbirds in the Flyway and inform conservation measures? (Wetlands International and BirdLife International, with input from National Government Partners and Working Groups)

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

Partners have coordinated organisations of the 2017 and 2018 annual waterbird counts

Q35 3.7.2 Have you been involved in surveys to prioritize knowledge gaps at internationally important sites and to progressively address those gaps? (National Government Partners, EAAFP WGs)

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

Partners have completed shorebird counts in DPRK to identify priority areas and developing knowledge of which sites are key reference sites as set out in the Collaborative Plan. In addition to the annual Asian Waterbird Census counts, Partners (WI China) have organized coordinated counts of the Yellow Sea and Bohai Sea coasts during northward migration (April), since 2016. This work is being done with involvement of National Government Partners and their protected area staff.

Q36 3.7.3 Have you been involved in making data available on internationally important sites and share that data amongst Partners, such as through the EAAFP website? (Secretariat, other Partners)

No

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Q37 3.8.1 Have you been involved in implementing international collaborative research projects for migratory waterbirds to better understand the connectivity across the Flyway and inform development of the Flyway Site Network? (All Partners)

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

Partners have supported the establishment and work of the Technical Committee. Partners (Wetlands International) have been investigating on site project to develop restoration projects.

Q38 3.8.2 Have you been involved in improving the knowledge base on migratory waterbirds for the three priority subregions, i.e. the Yellow Sea and Amur/Heilong Basin? (Task Forces for these regions, including relevant Government Partners)

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

Partners have supported surveys in the Yellow sea and capability building for Partners located in the Yellow Sea

Q39 3.8.3 Have you been involved in reviewing and developing the Migratory Waterbird Marking Protocols for migratory waterbirds? (Task Force on Colour Marking)

No

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Q40 3.9.1 Have you been involved in international collaborative projects of surveillance programmes at Flyway Network Sites and other important sites to increase the understanding of avian influenza (and other relevant zoonotic diseases) and their impacts on migratory waterbirds? (Partners, APWG-MWAI)

No

Q41 3.9.2 Have you been involved in enhancing the network for communication on migratory waterbirds and disease related-issues amongst environment and wildlife agencies and researchers, and other relevant partners? (APWG-MWAI)

No

Q42 3.9.3 Have you been involved in the dissemination, review or update of guidelines for improved management planning of wetlands of international importance for waterbirds, aimed at reducing the risk of disease? (Partners, APWG-MWAI)

No

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Q43 4.10.1 Have you been involved in capacity development and training programmes that address needs in the areas of migratory waterbird monitoring and conservation, habitat management, sustainable development, and communication, education and public awareness, and participatory (CEPA) methods? (All Partners)

Yes, migratory waterbird monitoring training programme (if 'Yes', please mention the number in the text box below)

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Yes, habitat management training programme (if 'Yes', please mention the number in the text box below)

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Optional text box for further information:

Partners have continued to develop capacity at all levels. For example at the Training centre in Chongming Dongtan, 100 wetland managers received 5-day training in migratory waterbird monitoring and habitat management.

Q44 4.10.2 Have you been involved in establishing site based or national capacity building programmes to facilitate the ongoing management of migratory waterbirds and their habitats? (National Partners)

Not applicable

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Q45 5.11.1 Have you been involved in developing new, or ongoing collaborative projects across the ranges of priority species of migratory waterbirds? (All Partners)

Yes (Please indicate the number of such projects, including sister-site projects)

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Optional text box for further information:

Partners have continued to implement sister site agreements (eg Yalu Jiang National Nature Reserve and Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalists Trust) and interagency cooperation agreements (eg NCUK and PMNT Partners (WWF China and Paulson Institute) have been working with local governments and Beijing Normal University, Zhonglin International Planning Institute to establishing a new Nature Reserve in Nanpu Wetland, Luannan, Heibei Province. Essential documents for Nature Reserve establishment, have been finished and all the documents needed were submitted to the city level government for comments. Partners (AMBI steering committee and Chinese Officials) are planning to host an AMBI planning meeting to continue working to protect areas within the Yellow Sea and spotlight illegal harvest of migratory birds, as well as plan for the next 4 years of AMBI. WWF China along with Fudan University has initiated a control project for the invasive plant (Spartina alterniflora) To improve mudflat habitat in the planed NR for shorebirds. After two sprays of Haloxypop with drones, 90% of the Spartina is dead. All the invasive plants on the mudflat inside the NR are expected to be cleared this year..

Q46 5.11.2 Have you been involved in producing or implementing International Single Species Action Plans for globally threatened species and populations of migratory waterbirds to act as a flagship for wetland conservation? (All Partners)

No

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Q47 Country name

Respondent skipped this question

Q48 Name of FNS

Respondent skipped this question

Q49 EAAFP Site Code

Respondent skipped this question

Q50 Year of joining

Respondent skipped this question

Q51 1. Does the site have a Site Information Sheet?

Respondent skipped this question