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Page 2: A. Institutional Information

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

Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust

**Q2** 2. Type of Partner**International Non-Governmental Organisations****Q3** 3. Name, title and contact details of designated contact person(s) Person 1

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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 **Coordination of the Baer's Pochard Task Force in partnership with Beijing Forestry University**
- b **Supporting Spoon-billed Sandpiper conservation through (i) monitoring at Meinypil'gyno, Chukotka, Russia and the Jiangsu coast, China, and (ii) headstarting and satellite tagging of birds at Meinypil'gyno in collaboration with Russian and Chinese partners**
- c **Support for the development of CEPA focused networks including Wetland Link International (WLI) Asia and the China Coastal Wetland Centre Network. In 2018 the head of WLI spent a month with the Mangrove Conservation Foundation, Shenzhen, and helped plan and deliver the launch event of the Coastal Wetland Centre Network in Beijing, September 2018.**
- d **Supported the Ministry of Environment in Cambodia to develop wise use guidelines for Cambodian wetlands, contributing to Outcome 3.2 of Objective 1 of the Strategic Plan.**
- e **Development of a training programme for wetland site managers in China in partnership with NJUecoRICH and delivery of two courses, in conjunction with provision of advisory services for wetland creation and monitoring.**
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**Q9** 2. What have been the main challenges in your implementation of the Partnership? (up to five points)

- a **Insufficient resources for all of the projects we would like to undertake**
- b **The lack of a WWT office / base within parts of the flyway most relevant to our strategic priorities**
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**Q10** 3. What are the future priorities for your implementation of the Partnership? (up to five points)

- a **Continue to work to save the Spoon-billed Sandpiper as a flagship species for intertidal wetlands along the flyway**
- b **Expand our work to save Baer's Pochard as a flagship species for freshwater wetlands on the flyway**
- c **Continue to work to strengthen the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP), including representation on and support for committees, Working Groups and other fora**
- d **Expand our work in China with a focus on developing and demonstrating solutions for species conservation, wetland protection and restoration and wetland centre network development.**
- e **Use guidance, training and support platforms developed in Cambodia to enhance capacity of wetland managers in the wider flyway.**

**Q11** 4. Do you have any recommendations on the support needed from the EAAFP Secretariat?

1) Communication support, particularly regarding dissemination of messages in local languages, 2) Fundraising support, including connection of Partner project proposals to suitable possible donors and continued provision of seed funding of \$5,000 USD p.a. to all Task Forces and Working Groups.

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

Greater connection between country partners and TFs, and support for the work of TFs, would be highly beneficial.

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

1) There is a need to develop a more strategic approach to the coordination of core activities e.g. the delivery of training programmes for management of FNS. 2) There is a need to develop a more strategic approach to the listing and management of FNS (e.g. section D of this report should not be optional) . 3) There is an urgent need to strengthen the development and implementation of national waterbird monitoring programmes and the collation and analysis of these data for the routine assessment of conservation status of waterbird populations considered by the EAAFP. 4) All WGs and TFs should have a clear remit and objectives, produce achievable workplans for every intersessional period and be able to demonstrate progress with delivery at each MOP. 5) All Partners should produce reports demonstrating how they are contributing to the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019–2028 KRAs; this report should be revised to enable reporting against the KRAs.

**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:

Waterbird count data collected annually in Yangtze floodplain. Most recent coordinated census (undertaken in January 2015) also published: Tao, X., J. Lei, R.D. Hearn & G. Lei. 2017. Report on the coordinated survey for wintering waterbirds of the Central and Lower Yangtze in 2015. WWF China, Wuhan. Available at <https://monitoring.wwf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Yangtze-census-Jan15-final-report.pdf>

**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)

**Please indicate number in optional text box below**

Optional text box for further information:

One - We have supported Birdlife Cambodia to designate Anlung Pring Protected Landscape as a FNS. We hope this will be completed by MoP10.

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

**Please indicate number in optional text box below**

Optional text box for further information:

One - We plan to support the designation of Boeung Prek Lapouv Protected Landscape (Cambodia).

**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)

**Yes,**

Optional text box for further information:

WWT Consulting provided two 3-day training courses to wetland managers at Haizhu National Wetland Park (Guangzhou), and Tianmu Lake National Wetland Park (Jiangsu). We produced the following guidelines, which included a case study from Boeung Prek Lapouv Protected Landscape, which will be available online at WWT in English and Khmer by the end of 2018: Blackham, G.V. & Avent, T. (2018). Wise Use Guidance for Freshwater Wetlands in Cambodia.

**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)

**Yes,**

Optional text box for further information:

Management plans developed for Deep Bay and Dongtan wetland (Chongming Island).

**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)

**Yes (please indicate the number of management plans in optional text box below)**

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Optional text box for further information:

We aim to do three sites each year in China, and Anlung Pring and Boeung Prek Lapouv Protected Landscapes (Cambodia) will have new management plans produced in 2019-20.

**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:

WWT is represented on the Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative Scientific and Technical Review Panel

**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)

**Yes,**

Optional text box for further information:

A model project is being developed alongside Birdlife International's Cambodia Programme at Anlung Pring Protected Landscape in Cambodia, currently a candidate site for Flyway Network Site designation.

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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)

**Yes,**

Optional text box for further information:

Sophanna L, Hour, P, Avent, T (2018). Report on Vulnerability Assessment of Boeung Prek Lapouv Protected Landscape. IUCN. This project is part of the Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative's Mekong Wet Project.

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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)

**No**

**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,**

Optional text box for further information:

WLI Asia working with partners across the flyway to support CEPA activities at wetland sites

**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:

We have supported the development of the China Coastal Wetland Centre Network and WLI Asia. A WLI Asia meeting was held in November 2017 at the Asian Wetland Symposium in Japan to strengthen connections between wetland centre partners and share best practice.

**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

**Number of national or sub-regional meetings held** ,

Optional text box for further information:

One - China Coastal Wetland Centre Network launch on 10th September 2018.

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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?

**Yes,**

Optional text box for further information:

Yangtze Waterbird Monitoring Network with WWF China, e.g. Tao, X., J. Lei, R.D. Hearn & G. Lei. 2017. Report on the coordinated survey for wintering waterbirds of the Central and Lower Yangtze in 2015. WWF China, Wuhan. Available at <https://monitoring.wwt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Yangtze-census-Jan15-final-report.pdf>. WWT also supported the Anatidae WG assessment of Anatidae trends for MOP10.

**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?

**No**

**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:

Funded and took part in surveys of Spoon-billed Sandpipers (and other waterbirds) on the southern Jiangsu coast of China during which data on the importance of the area for shorebirds and ongoing threats to the sites are gathered. Funded and took part in satellite tracking of Spoon-billed Sandpipers at Meinyopil'gyno, Chukotka, Russia to identify previously unknown moulting and staging sites on the southward migration route. New moulting site discovered in DPRK and new staging site found on the west coast of the Leizhou peninsula in southern China. Vulnerability Assessments and site-based monitoring of Boeung Prek Lapouv Protected Landscape (Cambodia), e.g. Yav N., Seng, K., Nhim S., Chea, V., Bou V., & Avent, T. (2017). The impact of shrimp farming on water quality in Anlung Pring, a protected landscape in Cambodia. *Cambodian Journal of Natural History*. 1: 49–54.

**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? **No**

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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:

Peng, H., G.Q.A. Anderson, Q. Chang, C. Choi, S.U. Chowdhury, N.A. Clark, X. Gan, R.D. Hearn, J. Li, E.G. Lappo, W. Liu, Z. Ma, D.S. Melville, J.F. Phillips, E.E. Syroechkovskiy, M. Tong, S. Wang, L. Zhang & C. Zockler. 2017. The intertidal wetlands of southern Jiangsu Province, China – globally important for Spoon-billed Sandpipers and other threatened waterbirds, but facing multiple serious threats. Bird Conservation International: 1-18.

**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, EAAF WG) **Yes,**

Optional text box for further information:

Funded and took part in surveys and marking of Spoon-billed Sandpipers (and other waterbirds) on the Jiangsu coast of China, in order to produce an updated world population estimate for SBS. Funded and took part in satellite tracking of Spoon-billed Sandpipers at Meinyopil'gyno, Chukotka, Russia to identify previously unknown moulting and staging sites on the southward migration route. New moulting site discovered in DPRK and new staging site found on the west coast of the Leizhou peninsula in southern China. Continued to support the development of a waterbird monitoring network in the central and lower Yangtze floodplain in partnership with WWF China. Supported surveys of Baer's Pochard in central Myanmar, undertaken by BANCA, and southern Russia, undertaken by Russian members of BPTF.

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**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)

**Yes,**

Optional text box for further information:

Data from shorebird surveys in Jiangsu have been shared with SBSTF and published in: Peng, H., G.Q.A. Anderson, Q. Chang, C. Choi, S.U. Chowdhury, N.A. Clark, X. Gan, R.D. Hearn, J. Li, E.G. Lappo, W. Liu, Z. Ma, D.S. Melville, J.F. Phillips, E.E. Syroechkovskiy, M. Tong, S. Wang, L. Zhang & C. Zockler. 2017. The intertidal wetlands of southern Jiangsu Province, China – globally important for Spoon-billed Sandpipers and other threatened waterbirds, but facing multiple serious threats. Bird Conservation International: 1-18. Data from coordinated surveys in central and lower Yangtze floodplain have now been shared with Wetlands International and added to the IWC database.

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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:

Funded and took part in satellite tracking of Spoon-billed Sandpipers at Meinyopil'gyno, Chukotka, Russia to identify previously unknown moulting and staging sites on the southward migration route. New moulting site discovered in DPRK and new staging site found on the west coast of the Leizhou peninsula in southern China.

**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:

Funded and took part in surveys and marking of Spoon-billed Sandpipers (and other waterbirds) on the Jiangsu coast of China. Funded and took part in satellite tracking of Spoon-billed Sandpipers that identified a new moulting site in DPRK. Monitoring of waterbirds in the central and lower Yangtze floodplain.

**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)

Yes,

Optional text box for further information:

We are in the process of creating wetlandhealth.org which is a web portal to promote health in wetlands. This portal also hosts the Ramsar Wetland Disease Manual (currently hosted here: [wwt.org.uk/rwdm](http://wwt.org.uk/rwdm)) which offers specific guidance to wetland managers on reducing disease risks to migratory waterbirds.

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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:

WWF China and WWT undertook 14 training courses in waterbird monitoring at sites in the Yangtze floodplain, involving a total of ~250 people. WWT Consulting provided two 3-day training courses to wetland managers at Haizhu National Wetland Park (Guangzhou), and Tianmu Lake National Wetland Park (Jiangsu). These courses delivered modules on habitat management, public awareness and biodiversity monitoring.

**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)

**Yes,**

Optional text box for further information:

WWT Consulting provided two 3-day training courses to wetland managers at Haizhu National Wetland Park (Guangzhou), and Tianmu Lake National Wetland Park (Jiangsu). These courses delivered modules on habitat management and biodiversity monitoring. We produced the following guidelines, which included a case study from Boeung Prek Lapouv Protected Landscape, which will be available online at WWT in English and Khmer by the end of 2018: Blackham, G.V. & Avent, T. (2018). Wise Use Guidance for Freshwater Wetlands in Cambodia.

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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:

We are involved in a range of Spoon-billed Sandpiper projects, including surveys and marking on the Jiangsu coast of China, monitoring and headstarting of Spoon-billed Sandpipers at Meinyopil'gyno, Chukotka, Russia (total of 162 headstarted birds release to date (2012-2018) representing 20% of natural productivity) and satellite tracking at Meinyopil'gyno to identify previously unknown moulting and staging sites on the southward migration route. We are involved in a range of Baer's Pochard projects, including surveys in Russia, China and Myanmar, site management in China and Myanmar, and awareness raising. We are currently developing a research programme at key sites in China.

**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)

**Yes,**

Optional text box for further information:

Baer's Pochard, Scaly-sided Merganser, Spoon-billed Sandpiper

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**Q47** Country name

**Respondent skipped this question**