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Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

RQ1. (Govt) Do you have a publicly accessible list of internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds in your country? If yes, please provide the web link or the reference in the below box. If not, would you like assistance from other Partners to develop such a list (please let us know your opinion in the box right below)?

Q8**Respondent skipped this question**

RQ2. (Govt) Have any additional internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds been identified in your country (for background, see EAA Flyway Network Sites Overview Report 2013)? If yes, please provide details on these sites.

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

RQ3. (Non-Government Partners) Have you documented any additional internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds in the EAAF (see EAA Flyway Network Sites Overview Report 2013)? If yes, please provide details on these sites.

Q10**Respondent skipped this question**

RQ4. (Govt) Have high priority candidate sites been identified for potential nomination to join the Flyway Site Network? If yes, please provide details on these sites. If not, would you like assistance from other Partners?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

RQ5. (Govt) Have any additional sites been nominated for the Flyway Site Network since MoP10 (December 2018)? If yes or planned, please provide the names of these sites.

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

RQ6. (INGO, Corporate) Have you supported Government Partners with their identification of high priority candidate sites for the potential nomination of the new Flyway Site Network? If yes, please provide details of your support and the associated sites.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

RQ7. (Govt) How many additional Flyway Network Sites do you anticipate there will be in your country by 2025?

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Q14

Respondent skipped this question

RQ8. (Govt) Which Flyway Network Sites (FNS) in your country have a Management Plan and when is it due to be updated?

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

RQ9. (Govt, INGO, IGO) Please provide examples of how the "Flyway Site Network" brand is being recognized.

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

RQ10. (Govt, INGO, IGO) Have any public consultation processes been implemented when a site of international importance for migratory waterbirds could be adversely impacted by a proposed development? If yes, please provide brief details on the site/s and if the development was approved.

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

RQ11. (Govt, INGO, IGO) Please provide brief details on any sites of international importance for migratory waterbirds that may be adversely impacted by a proposed development and the assessment process that was used or is anticipated to be applied.

Q18

Respondent skipped this question

RQ12. (Govt, INGO) In your country, are there examples of local communities at Flyway Network sites that are dependent on the sites natural resources to support subsistence livelihoods? If yes, please provide details on the site/s and the use of natural resources.

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

RQ13. (Govt, INGO, Sec.) Are you aware of any Flyway Network Sites or other sites of international importance for migratory waterbirds that are currently under threat? If yes, please provide details.

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

RQ14. (Sec.) Please provide a list of new Partners since the last MoP (December 2018).

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Q21

Yes,

RQ15. (Partners, TF/WG) Does your country/organisation have a CEPA Program addressing migratory waterbirds and internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds? If yes, please provide brief details of the program.

Additional information (website links if any)::

- Conducting education and awareness raising activities in villages and schools and universities - Celebrating awareness events such as World Migratory Bird Day, World Wetlands Day, Biodiversity Day, ect. - Awareness program via social media; Facebook by uploading posts - Webinar via on via social media; Facebook - Set up awareness signboards at schools, the junction areas of the villages and townships

Q22

Yes,

RQ16. (Partners, TF/WG) Has your country/organisation made use of the EAAFP CEPA Action Plan 2019-2024 when planning and implementing the CEPA activities?

Additional information (any example of how the Action Plan was reflected)::

The activities that communities engagement through CEPA activities according to the EAAFP CEPA Action Plan. We engage local communities to ensure their participation in decision making and monitoring by formulating Local Conservation Group and then registered Township as community-based organization (CBO) level to protect wetland and migratory water bird species. Then, we build the capacity of the member of CBO on the population monitoring and community awareness by doing traditional management techniques in wetland areas.

Q23

RQ17. (Govt, INGO, Corporate) What CEPA activities have taken place at Flyway Network Sites and with which groups? If applicable (under a Sister Site agreement), please describe what have you done and who have you worked with.

Respondent skipped this question

Q24

RQ18. (Partners) Has your country/organisation developed, and/or been implementing awareness-raising programs, particularly at Flyway Network Sites, with the following groups (check all that apply)?

Local communities,

Additional information (please provide a detailed description of the program(s) including target groups, aims, and major achievements)::

Targeted groups are Local communities, Local Conservation Groups and students to strengthen their participation and develop community-led conservation in areas.

Q25

RQ19. (Partners) Has your country/organisation hosted events for World Migratory Bird Day, World Wetlands Day or other international awareness-raising events since the last MOP (December 2018)?

Yes,

Additional information (list of events and any news/report links)::

Yes, we regularly celebrated World Migratory Bird Day Events since 2016 under EAAFP small grants fund. 2016 - <https://www.eaaflyway.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/EAAFP-WMBD-small-grants-BANCA-Myanmar.pdf> 2017 - https://www.eaaflyway.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2017-Application-Format-of-EAAFP-WMBD-Small-Grant_06032017-BANCA.pdf 2019 (May) - https://www.eaaflyway.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/04_WMBD-Small-Grant-2019-May_BANCA_Myanmar.pdf 2019 (October) - https://www.eaaflyway.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/01_BANCA_Application-Form-for-WMBD-Small-Grant-2019-Oct.pdf 2020 (May) - https://www.eaaflyway.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/08_EAAFP_WMBD_BANCA_Myanmar-1.pdf 2020 (October) - https://www.eaaflyway.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/05_EAAFP-WMBD-Oct-2020_BANCA_Myanmar-updated.pdf 2022 (October) - https://www.eaaflyway.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/8.-EAAFP_WMBD_SGF-OCT_BANCA_Myanmar_TZ.pdf

Q26

RQ20. (Partners, TF/WG) Has your organisation/group been engaging the public regularly through any media channels, including social media, to promote the conservation of migratory waterbirds and the wetlands they use? If yes, please specify the type of media channels by marking boxes that apply.

Contribution to EAAFP eNewsletter,

Additional information (links to media channels of your organization/group, the number of posts, and the number of views)::

Website - www.banca-env.org/ Social media - Facebook - www.facebook.com/BANCAmyanmar

Q27

RQ21. (Govt, INGO, TF/WG) Has there been any training or capacity building delivered to stakeholders involved in the conservation of migratory birds and wetlands? If yes, please specify the audience/participants by marking the boxes that apply.

Educators,

Additional information (please provide the number of events and participants, and describe any materials or other resources about the capacity building):

Other: Village headers, Local Conservation Groups members - Normally, about 20-30 participants were involved in the training. We organized two -three events annually such as World Migratory Bird Day, World Wetland Day, Welcome to the Bird. Method - PowerPoint presentation - Video section - Questions & Answers sections - Pre-test and post-test on the knowledge of wetland and water bird conservation in local communities. - Group discussion Materials - Pamphlets - Poster - Stationary

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RQ22. (Govt, INGO, TF/WG) Please add below if your country/organisation has any other information regarding CEPA to report.

We are conducting CEPA program in the importance areas of Flyway Network Sites and Ramsar Sites. The following activities are involved and conducted focusing on schools, villages.

- Education and awareness program
- Awareness events and campaign on virtual and in person
- Distribution of pamphlets, posters and handouts
- Set up awareness signboards

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Q29

RQ23. (Govt) Is there a program in your country to monitor migratory waterbird numbers? If yes, please provide details on the program, the role of volunteer counters and the monitoring efforts since MoP10 (December 2018).

Respondent skipped this question

Q30

RQ24. (INGO) In what countries is your organisation involved in migratory waterbird and/or site monitoring (select all that apply)? Please provide details on the monitoring program(s) and monitoring efforts since MoP10 (December 2018).

Myanmar

Q31

RQ25. (Govt, INGO, TF/WG, Sec.) Please report briefly on data management in relation to migratory waterbird population estimates, trends and distributions.

We organized Asian Water Bird Census annually in January. But we could not be able to conduct water bird census in 2021 and 2022 because of political situation and pandemic in Myanmar. We collected migratory bird species both shore birds and water birds. According on the result of survey in the last record, the population of diving duck species has been declining because of drought in central Myanmar. Due to the rising temperature, the wetland is drought in 2020 and some water birds have moved to another places of wetland area in central Myanmar. The population of shore bird species has recorded as a stable in coastal area.

Q32

RQ26. (Partners, TF/WG, Sec.) Please report on your contribution to the migratory waterbird Conservation Status Review.

We contributed the updated conservation status of migratory birds species through BirdLife International Redlist team as well as collaboration with IUCN for the conservation of migratory bird species mainly in CEPA works in Gulf of Mottama. We contributed the list of migratory waterbirds species from Asian Water Bird Census, Myanmar to the Wetlands International. Apart from this, we regularly contributed single species Action plan such as Spoon-billed Sandpiper Action Plan and Yellow-breasted Bunting Action Plan with Flyway partners. And then, we contributed our finding of migratory bird species such as Baer's Pochard and other migratory water bird and land birds species to Forest Department, Government Partner to protect these threatened population under national policy on the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats. We have been collaborating in EAAFP coordination Group which is led by BirdLife International, Asian Region.

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Respondent skipped this question

RQ27. (Partners, Monitoring TF, Sec.) If you are aware of significant new information on internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds, please provide brief details.

Q34

RQ28. (Partners, TsC, TF/WG) Please provide details on key research on climate change impacts on migratory waterbirds and wetlands in the EAAF, published since MoP 10 (December 2018). (Please provide the web links if available online or reference for relevant publications)

CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR PYU AND PALEIK LAKES, MANDALAY REGION, MYANMAR
www.researchgate.net/publication/362944271_CLIMATE_CHANGE_VULNERABILITY_ASSESSMENT_FOR_PYU_AND_PALEIK_LAKES_MANDALAY_REGION_MYANMAR_2021_Biodiversity_And_Nature_Conservation_Association_BANCA_Climate_change_vulnerability_Assessment_of_Pyu_and_

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RQ29. (Partners, TsC, TFWG) Please provide brief information on areas of research programs since the last MoP (2018) about improving conservation and sustainable management outcomes at internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds.

The Spoon-billed Sandpiper (*Calidris pymaea*) is a long distance migratory birds and classified as Critically Endangered in the IUCN RedList of Threatened Species. Since 2008, BANCA explored the most importance wintering sites for SBS in Gulf of Mottama and Nanthar Island in Myanmar. The Local Conservation Groups in those sites were formed to strengthen their mindset and built up their capacity in conservation works to be developed Community-led mechanism. Then, a lot of consultations with Government Departments, local communities and relevant stakeholders were conducted to be designated as Ramsar Site. As the results of those, in 2017 Gulf of Mottama was designated as Fourth Ramsar Site (No. 2299) and in 2022 Nanthar Island (No. 2421) was designated respectively in Myanmar.

In central dry zone of Myanmar, called Mandalay Region, there are importance freshwater wetlands for waterbirds species including Critically Endangered Baer's pochard (*Aythya baeri*) which migrates to those wetlands of Pyu Lake and Paleik Lake. Currently, BANCA has been processing on those two sites for designing Flyway Network Sites and Ramsar sites in Myanmar.

Q36

RQ30. (Partners, TsC, TFWG) Please give examples of how knowledge generated through research programs on improving conservation and sustainable management outcomes is being applied at internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds.

We have promoted the knowledge on the impact of climate change on migratory water birds and their habitats through vulnerability assessment on the climate change on wetland and migratory bird species in central Myanmar. The knowledge was disseminated the local people and discussed with them by separating women and men in villages.

Q37

RQ31. (Partners, TsC, TFWG) Please provide brief details on the development and application of best practice guidelines for waterbird and habitat conservation, including the application of traditional knowledge, published/made available since MoP10 (December 2018)?

We have Spoon-billed Sandpiper action plan which would be the best guidelines for waterbirds and their habitats conservation. But, it was out of the date, thus we have planned to develop it with the participation of Local Conservation Groups.

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Respondent skipped this question

RQ32. (Sec.) What are the best practice guidelines that are available on the EAAFP website?

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Q39

Respondent skipped this question

RQ33. (Sec.) Please provide updates on identifying/developing internet-based approaches for capacity building for migratory waterbird conservation.

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RQ34. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you been involved in identifying/developing capacity building materials and opportunities? If yes, please provide some details.

No**Q41**

RQ35. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you implemented activities to share skills building, tools and experience?

Yes,

Additional information::

- Natural resource and biodiversity conservation - Bird Watching - Patrolling using SMART - Market assessment of illegal hunting and taking of birds - Organizational management and financial management for Community-based organization

Q42

RQ36. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Please provide feedback on the use you have made of capacity building materials and activities for migratory waterbirds and the management of their habitat?

- The members of Local Conservation Groups and local communities actively participate in biodiversity and wetland conservation
- The leaders of Local Conservation Groups empowered in conservation and sustainable wetland management

Q43

RQ37. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you considered a training needs assessment in projects you have developed, funded, and/or implemented since MoP10 (December 2018)? If yes, please provide some additional information.

Yes,

Additional information::

It will not be effective to conduct just one time training. Assessment to local communities need what they have gained and what they need more to improve their knowledge and skill so, we can prepare for them for next time.

Q44

RQ38. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you used the EAAFP online technical training materials for Flyway Site management? Please provide some additional information on the usefulness of the materials.

Yes,

Additional information::

We used mainly for the preparation of educational materials such as posters, videos, T-shirt design of community outreach programme in flyway network sites. Additionally, we have shared the knowledge of wetland and migratory waterbird species to university students in Universities by using the tools in events such as World Wetland Day, World Migratory Bird days.

Q45

RQ39. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you been able to participate in any Meetings of Partner Focal Points? If yes, have any new collaborations with other Partners been developed from the meeting/s? Please provide details.

No

Q46

RQ40. (Partners, TsC, TFWG, Sec.) Have you been able to prepare your Partner report for the MoP? Have you found any difficulties in producing your report?

We have not been prepared partner report for the MoP but we contributed the information to our partners. Despite not prepare the partner report, we contribute the articles of waterbird conservation in Newsletters.

Q47

RQ41. (Partners, TFWG) Please provide details you have on corporate engagement at internationally important sites and in programs to develop positive outcomes for migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

- Regularly monitor the species populations, distribution and their habitats
 - Supporting documents and information to Forest Department for designation of Ramsar Sites and also Flyway Network Sites in Myanmar
 - Conducting education and awareness program in project areas
 - Forming Local Conservation Groups and making strengthen them providing capacity building trainings
 - Conducting awareness campaign targeting local villagers (wetland users) and school children
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RQ42. (Partners, TFWG) Please provide brief details on your transboundary involvement in international collaborative initiatives for threatened migratory waterbirds.

We have been collaborating in global networking of migratory bird species through Baer's Pochar Task Force, Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force, Yellow-breasted Bunting conservation networking especially Hong Kong Bird Watching Society and Wild bird Society of Japan.

Q49

Respondent skipped this question

RQ43. (Partners, TFWG) What do you consider to be the key innovative and/or improved approaches to the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats since MoP10 (December 2018)?

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RQ44. (INGO, TF/WG, Sec.) Please provide information on the development of a list of threatened migratory waterbird populations in the EAAF in which you have been involved.

- Baer's Pochard *Aythya baeri* - We have started the monitoring of population and distribution in Myanmar in 2016. According to this study, we identified Pyu Lake and Paleik as important area in wintering season. So, we formulated Mandalay Region Wetland Conservation Committee, chaired by Minister of Forest Department, Mandalay Region, Irrigation Department, Environmental Conservation Department, Fishery Department, Agriculture Department and other NGOs and INGOs and working together for the protecting the wetland area especially Pyu lake and Paleik Inn. Recently, we have been working for the nomination of FNS and Ramsar site for these two wetland areas.
- Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola* - We have collaborated in global networking to assess the status of population and distribution. And we have been starting the population count in Ayeyarwaddy Region and central Myanmar.
- Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Calidris pymaea* - Since 2008, BANCA has been undertaken Spoon-billed Sandpiper conservation as monitoring on population survey, education awareness and livelihood to communities and advocacy and consultation meetings in the Ramsar Sites of of Gulf of Mattama (No. 2299) and Nanthar Island (No. 2421).

Q51

Respondent skipped this question

RQ45. (Govt) Which populations of threatened migratory waterbirds are protected under legislation in your country?

Q52

RQ46. (Partners, TF/WG) Has your organization been involved in taking actions to reduce direct threats to migratory waterbirds? If yes, please provide some examples.

Yes,

Additional information::

- Regular monitoring the threat on species population and their habitats - Collaborate the Authorized Government Official for species conservation - Promoting awareness on conservation to bird hunters and sellers
- Additional information: We have been conducting conservation of water bird species by developing community based mechanism. We formulate the Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) in each site and working with them by building their capacity and empowerment in local level. Then, we initiated community-guard that we conduct SMART patrolling with LCGs at the time of wintering season.

Q53

RQ47. (Partners, TF/WG) Please outline the contribution you have made to the development and implementation of Threatened Species Action Plans.

We have contributed the development and implementation of Single Species Action plan such as Spoon-billed Sandpiper Action Plan and Yellow-breasted Bunting Action Plan. We have been regularly communicating with focal person of Single species conservation.

Q54

RQ48. (Partners, TF/WG) Has your organization been involved in any program(s) to assess changes in the status of populations of threatened waterbirds? If yes, please provide details.

Yes,

Additional information::

We regularly monitor the species populations, distribution and their habitats, also conduct conservation of water bird species by developing community based mechanism.

Q55

RQ49. (Partners, TF/WG) What has been your involvement in the development and implementation of Regional Action Plans?

EAAFP sent the draft for our review. We have been updating the Strategic Action Plan according to the objectives of EAAFP Regional Action plans.

Q56

RQ50. (Govt, TF on Task Force on Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds) What mechanisms are in place to reduce and, as far as possible, eliminate, illegal hunting, take and trade of migratory waterbirds?

We especially focusing for advocacy mainly on hunting issue working with Mandalay Regional Wetland Committe and community patrolling in Pyu and Paleik.

Q57

Respondent skipped this question

RQ51. (Govt) In your country, what are the current key national legislation and policy instruments that have provisions that cover the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats?

Q58

Respondent skipped this question

RQ52. (Govt) In your country, what are the current multilateral regional and bilateral agreements and other regional mechanisms that include provisions on the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats?

Q59

Respondent skipped this question

RQ53. (Partners, TF/WG) Please provide any suggestions you have on how existing multilateral regional and bilateral agreements, and other regional mechanisms, could be strengthened to deliver better outcomes for migratory waterbirds.
