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**Q1**

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**Q2****Task Forces and Working Groups (TF/WG)**

Reporting Group

**Q3**

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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)?

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**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.

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**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.

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**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?

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**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.

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**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.

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**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?

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**Q15**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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****Planned,**

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)::

The Crane Working Group has members representing six NE Asia countries. In all these countries different levels of the government, migratory bird sites and NGOs have their own CEPA program as we all know education and awareness is important.

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**Q22****No,**

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)::

We were not aware of the existence of a CEPA Action Plan in the EAAFP.

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**Q23**

Respondent skipped this question

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.

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**Q24**

Respondent skipped this question

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)?

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**Q25**

Respondent skipped this question

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)?

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**Q26****Contribution to EAAFP eNewsletter,**

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.

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

(why only one choice allowed?)

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**Q27****Site managers,**

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.

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

Too many to be filled into this small box. (and why only one choice is allowed?)

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**Q28**

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

In late December 2022, the Crane Working Group has taken the lead in encouraging FNSs in confronting the threat of avian influenza as the EAAFP Avian Flu Working Group is not functioning.

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**Q29**

Respondent skipped this question

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).

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**Q30**

Respondent skipped this question

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).

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**Q31**

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

Each country has its own database in crane and stork monitoring. Some data are stored at site database and may be available for discussion when we have a joint project. There are also very good crane census data available at different sites and districts. As the Crane Working Group consists of national representatives, information is regularly exchanged between countries, particularly under bilateral migratory bird agreements.

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**Q32**

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

The Crane Working Group has contributed in the estimation of all crane species and some northern stork species for the CSR. And we believe the CSR should be coordinated by more than one organizations to avoid conflict of interest.

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**Q33**

**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.

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**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)

Regular crane and waterbird census and environmental monitoring can provide information on climate changes. In fact, the Crane Working Group has concern on the dry cycles in Dauria Region and breeding success of cranes before EAAFP was established.

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**Q35**

**Respondent skipped this question**

RQ29. (Partners, TsC, TF/WG) 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.

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**Q36**

**Respondent skipped this question**

RQ30. (Partners, TsC, TF/WG) 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.

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**Q37**

Respondent skipped this question

RQ31. (Partners, TsC, TF/WG) 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)?

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**Q38**

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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**Q40**

Yes,

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

Additional information::

The Crane Working Group has published manuals for crane research in 1998 and we had organized training courses to many crane network sites (in 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004). We had also organized a training course for young researchers in all Crane Network countries (Russia, Mongolia, China, North Korea, South Korea and Japan) in 2006. Since 2008 because of the rather confusing policy (merge of all species networks) of the EAAFP the direct connection between the Working Group and network sites weakened. Otherwise we would have initiated more capacity building opportunities.

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**Q41**

Yes,

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

Additional information::

Prior to 2008 the Crane Working Group organized many workshops and training courses that brought Crane Network Sites from different countries together and those were excellent chances to share skills and experience.

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**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?

Not quite understand this question but one example is, in the 2006 training course mentioned in RQ34, many young participants are now working actively in crane conservation in East Asia, including one of the former Science Officer of the EAAFP.

**Q43****Not applicable**

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.

**Q44****No,**

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.

Additional information::

We are not aware of its existence (and probably not our fault)

**Q45****No**

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.

**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 would like to produce a written report but we cannot produce a Partner Report for the MoP.

**Q47****Respondent skipped this question**

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.



**Q48**

RQ42. (Partners, TF/WG) Please provide brief details on your transboundary involvement in international collaborative initiatives for threatened migratory waterbirds.

We have been supporting cross-boundary cooperations in Dauria region (Russia-Mongolia-China) and Amur Region (Russia-China) for many years but the present structure of EAAFP blurred relations between Working Groups and Flyway Network Sites.

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**Q49**

**Respondent skipped this question**

RQ43. (Partners, TF/WG) 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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**Q50**

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.

The Crane Working Group has been supporting updates of the waterbird status review and the discussion of the IUCN Red List.

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**Q51**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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**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::

There are not much international actions possible in the last few years because of Covid -19 but we have been raising the awareness on the threats of HPAI since 2021 (concerning the outbreak in Israel) and we are advising wintering grounds on surveillance since the outbreak at Izumi in 2022. And again, the AI Working Group of EAAFP has done nothing (should be their responsibility)

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**Q53**

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

An updated Crane Species Action Plan was discussed in Beijing in 2019.

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**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::

Regular monitoring and providing information to CSR.

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**Q55**

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

Respondent skipped this question

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**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?

(Cranes and storks are usually not hunted but there had been poison cases (by poachers for geese and ducks). We have been supporting countries for their law enforcement since the establishment of the Crane Working Group in 1997.)

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**Q57**

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q58**

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q59**

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.

The bilateral migratory bird agreements between Russia, China, Republic of Korea and Japan have contributed in protection of migratory waterbirds in East Asia and most members of the Crane Working Group are actively engaged in implementation of these bilateral agreements.

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