



MOP11 DD3

Adjustments to the Technical sub-Committee Terms of Reference & Rules of Procedure

Introduction
TSc Chair



ELEVENTH MEETING OF PARTNERS TO THE PARTNERSHIP FOR EAST ASIAN – AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY
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TSc formally established at MOP10 (Decision 4)

Partners adopted Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure to guide TSc work in Decision MOP10.4

Appointed nine TsC members

Waterbird and wetland experts in their own right

In the course of TSc operations since MOP10 some relatively minor but important aspects of the ToR/RoP processes identified as needing adjusting

This MOP11 DD3 recommends three adjustments to fix these procedural points. These concern:



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1. *Establishing a mechanism for filling TSc member vacancies intersessionally through co-options*
 - For vacancies if not full complement of members appointed by MOP, or if an appointed member resigns inter-sessionally
2. *Clarifying the role of representatives of other regional flyway initiatives in TSc*
 - Important to maintain good links and collaboration between initiatives, but
 - Avoid problem of TSc members being individual appointments, not institutional representatives
 - Establish 'permanent observer' status for representatives of other initiatives
3. *Fixing a impossible provision adopted in TSc RoP Rule 8, which*
 - Requires the TSc members to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair **before** these members appointed by Partners at MOP
 - Amend Rule 8 so that newly appointed TSc members appoint Chair/Vice-Chair as soon as possible after MOP-appointment