



Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Christmas Island Frigatebird

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Background

- Globally threatened migratory seabird
- Vulnerable by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Appendix I of the Convention of the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
- Appendix III of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership



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Confirmed Range States:

- Australia
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Singapore

Secondary Range States:

- Brunei Darussalam
- Cambodia
- China (incl Hong Kong SAR)
- India*
- Japan*
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Vietnam*

**Christmas Island Frigatebird is considered a vagrant*



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The SSAP identifies national and international management and research actions across key Range States to ameliorate anthropogenic threats, such as:

- Bycatch in fishing gear;
- Illegal hunting;
- Prey depletion;
- Heavy metal contamination;
- Marine debris; and
- Weed encroachment on roosting habitat



Essential and High Priority Actions

- Prevent the introduction of a new disease to the breeding site;
- Identify and protect foraging areas;
- Maintain or improve current policies or legislative to ensure all threats are effectively managed;
- Prevent disturbance to terrestrial habitat –maintain or improve the quality of habitat;



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Essential and High Priority Actions

- Implement monitoring to support adaptive management
 - Monitor and report on the implementation and effectiveness of actions
 - Monitoring data is made publicly available; and
- Undertake research to assist management and understand threats
 - Movement patterns
 - Location of foraging and roosting areas
 - Exposure and impacts of environmental contamination, marine debris, prey depletion, hunting and bycatch.



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Consultation

- Researchers and NGO stakeholders were consulted during 2022
- Provided to Partners, EAAFP Secretariat and Seabird Working Group (July 2022)
- Provided to CMS Secretariat (July 2022)
- Discussed at bilateral consultative meetings with the Governments of Japan, China and the Republic of Korea (November 2022)



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Decisions

1. *Adopts* the International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Christmas Island Frigatebird (*Fregata andrewsi*) as submitted to MoP11 at Attachment A;
2. *Notes* that the Plan will be submitted to the 14th Conference of Parties of CMS in October 2023 for endorsement;
3. *Urges* Ranges States, Partners and other stakeholders to implement relevant provisions of the Action Plan as a matter of priority;



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4. *Encourages* Partners to provide technical and/or financial assistance to support activities outlined in the Plan;
5. *Instructs* the Secretariat to make the Plan available on the EAAFP website;
6. *Further instructs* the Secretariat to bring the Plan to the attention of all Range States and relevant stakeholders; and
7. *Requests* the Seabird Working Group to monitor the implementation of the Plan and to report on progress at MoP12.



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