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**Q1**

Name of Reporting Group

New Zealand

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**Q2** **National Governments (Govt)**

Reporting Group

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**Q3**

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**Q4** **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q7**

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)?

**Planned,**

Additional information:

Recent Regional Analysis completed for Northern South Island: R Schuckard & D. S. Melville 2022. SHOREBIRDS of FAREWELL SPIT, GOLDEN BAY AND TASMAN BAY assessment of sites of international and national importance. Report in review.

**Q8**

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.

**No****Q9**

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.

**Respondent skipped this question****Q10**

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?

**Yes,**

Additional information::

Manukau Harbour is recognised as a priority for nomination.

**Q11****No**

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**

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

The number of expected new FNS

**One**

Additional information:

**We will seek to advance a nomination for Manukau Harbour.**

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**Q14**

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

Avon Heathcote has an "Estuary Management plan 2020-2030. A copy is here <http://www.estuary.org.nz/f/6ca2816ff22a4bb2.pdf>

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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****Yes,**

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.

Additional information::

Under New Zealand legislation, developments generally trigger a public consultation process.

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**Q17**

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.

At Avon Heathcote Estuary a proposed cycleway is currently being debated. Formal application for approval has yet to occur.

**Q18****No**

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****No**

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****No**

RQ15. (Partners, TFWG) 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.

**Q22****No**

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

**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.

**Applicable,**

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

Miranda Naturalists Trust (MNT) and Avon Heathcote hold a welcoming the birds in the Austral spring as godwits arrive. Avon Heathcote hosts restoration days throughout the year. MNT host events including bird counting and restoration work throughout the year.

**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)::

Site managers have done this work within their communities.

**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)::

We have made media releases on the relevant days.

**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.

**Website of your organization/group,**

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

Media releases are occasionally posted on website.

**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.

**No****Q28**

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

Contributed to the organising of the Australasian Shorebird Conference Oct 2022.

**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).

**Yes,**

Additional information::

Birds NZ (OSNZ) maintain the national wader count project. This work is reported annually and summarized regularly in Notornis. Details here:  
<https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/schemes/national-wader-count/>

**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).

**New Zealand**

**Q31**

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

Data from national counts is summarized in Notornis. The latest report is here: [https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Riegen\\_Sagar\\_67\\_591-634.pdf](https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Riegen_Sagar_67_591-634.pdf)

**Q32**

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

NZ colleagues contributed the Data in the Notornis review to the CSR.

**Q33**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

**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)

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q35**

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.

Prof Phil Battley (Massey University) is undertaking research into red knot movements along the East Asian coast. Global Flyway Network in association with Massey University, Birds Canada, and the Ornithological Society of New Zealand has continued tracking of adult Bar-tailed Godwits in 2020 and subsequently. Report currently being prepared.

**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.

**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)?

**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.

**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::

We have promoted the EAAFP Small grants scheme with Site Managers.

**Q41**

No

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

**Q42**

Respondent skipped this question

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?

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**Q43**

No

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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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?

Yes I've prepared my report and no difficulties in producing it.

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**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.

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**Q48**

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

Engagement with National Forestry and Grassland Administration (PRC) through a Vice Ministerial dialogue was completed.

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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**

Respondent skipped this question

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.

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**Q51**

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

Bar-tailed godwit (*Limosa lapponica baueri*) Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rogersi*) Double banded plover (*Charadrius b. bicinctus*) and all other members of the family Scolopacidae and Charadriidae

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**Q52**

Yes,

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.

Additional information::

Promoting support for Site managers. Protecting land from adverse developments, Reducing the threats of inappropriate recreational usage of wetlands. Managing wetlands and estuaries for conservation.

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**Q53**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**Q54**

Yes,

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.

Additional information::

The Department published the "Conservation Status of New Zealand Birds, 2021" in Jan 2022. This updated all data for all migratory waterbirds in NZ. Available here: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/science-and-technical/nztcs36entire.pdf>

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**Q55**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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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?

Migratory waterbird species are protected by law from illegal hunting in New Zealand.

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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?

The Conservation Act 1987 here provides overarching administrative policy for the Department of Conservation. Specific protection of migratory waterbirds is included in the Wildlife Act 1953 here. Legislation to establish protected areas is included in the Conservation Act 1987, the Reserves Act 1977 here and the National Parks Act 1980 here.

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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?

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Memorandum of Arrangement between NZ DOC and NFGA PRC, signed 2019

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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.

Strengthened governance in multilateral and regional mechanisms; increased membership in multilateral and regional mechanisms to include all range states.

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