

# YSLME MPA NETWORKING WORKSHOP

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## EAAFP - Networking the EAAF for Migratory Waterbird Conservation

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# East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership

## 37 Partners



GOVERNMENT PARTNERS (18)

INTERNATIONAL NGOs (11)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (6)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION (1)

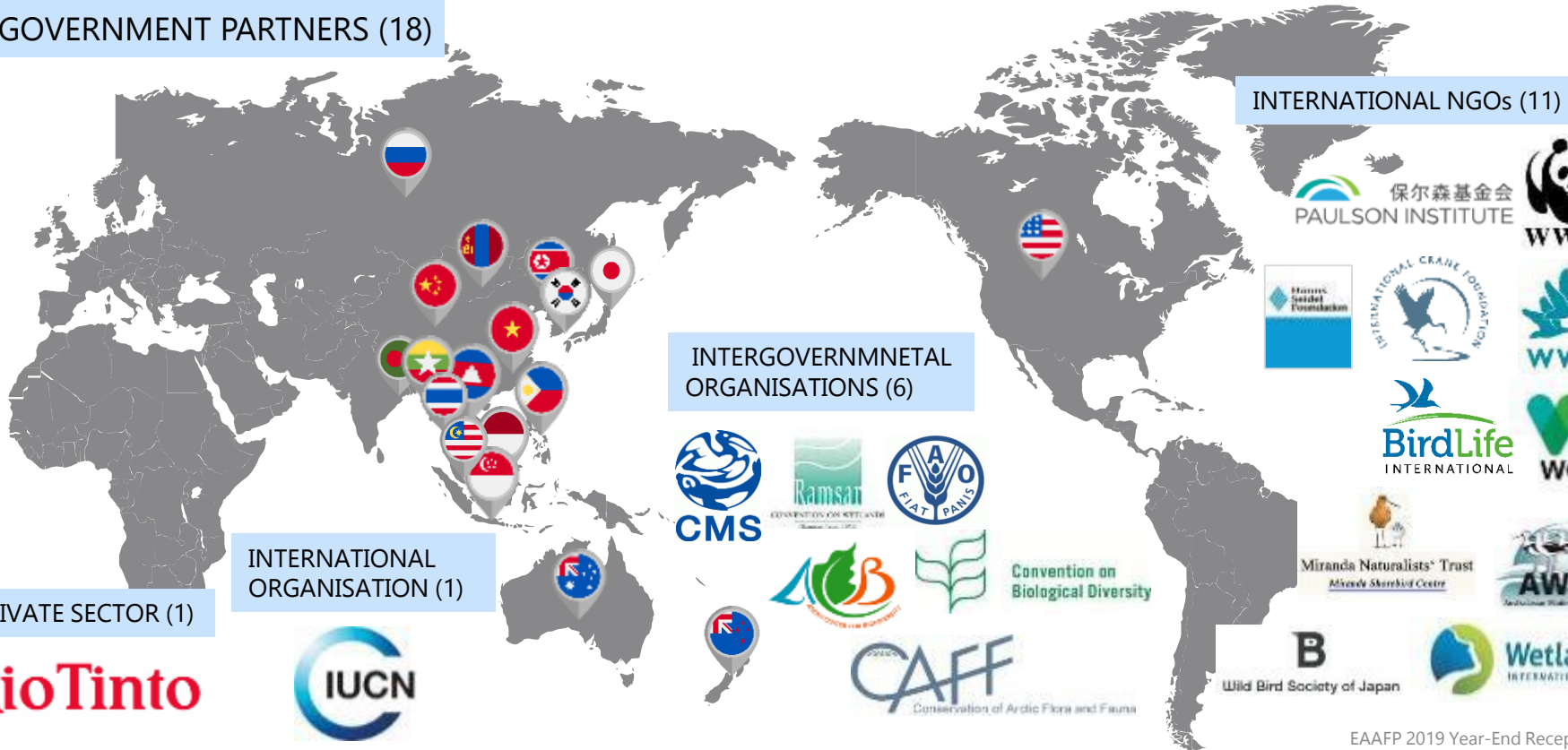
PRIVATE SECTOR (1)



Convention on Biological Diversity



Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna



# Evolution of the Conservation Framework for Migratory Waterbirds of the EAA Flyway

# 1992 International Conservation Frameworks for Migratory Birds

Country	Australia	China	Japan	Korea, R.	Korea, D.P.R.	Russia	USA
Australia		Yes	Yes			Discuss	
China, P.R.	Yes		Yes			Yes	
Japan	Yes	Yes		Discuss		Yes	Yes
Korea, R.			Discuss			Yes	
Korea, D.P.R.						Yes	
Russian Federation	Discuss	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
USA			Yes			Yes	

## Japan and Australia Migratory Bird Agreement Meeting

- “host an international workshop to develop collaboration across the Flyway”



## Workshop in Kushiro, Japan, Dec 1994

- 92 representatives of government and non-government organisations.
- Participants from 16 countries in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway.
- Workshop recognised that in the absence of a multilateral legal framework for conservation of migratory waterbirds these issues should be addressed by the development of a conservation strategy for migratory waterbirds for the period 1996 – 2000.

## Outcome - Kushiro Initiative

- Asia Pacific Migratory Waterbird Conservation Strategy and Action Plans for Anatidae, Cranes and Shorebirds (1996 – 2000)
- Funding from Australia and Japan Governments to Wetlands International.



# Asia Pacific Migratory Waterbird Conservation Strategy

## 5 year review

- **Governance - Asia Pacific Migratory Waterbird Conservation Committee (of Wetlands International) - Japan, China and Australia.**
- **Greater engagement of National Government's needed**

## 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development - Millennium Development Goals

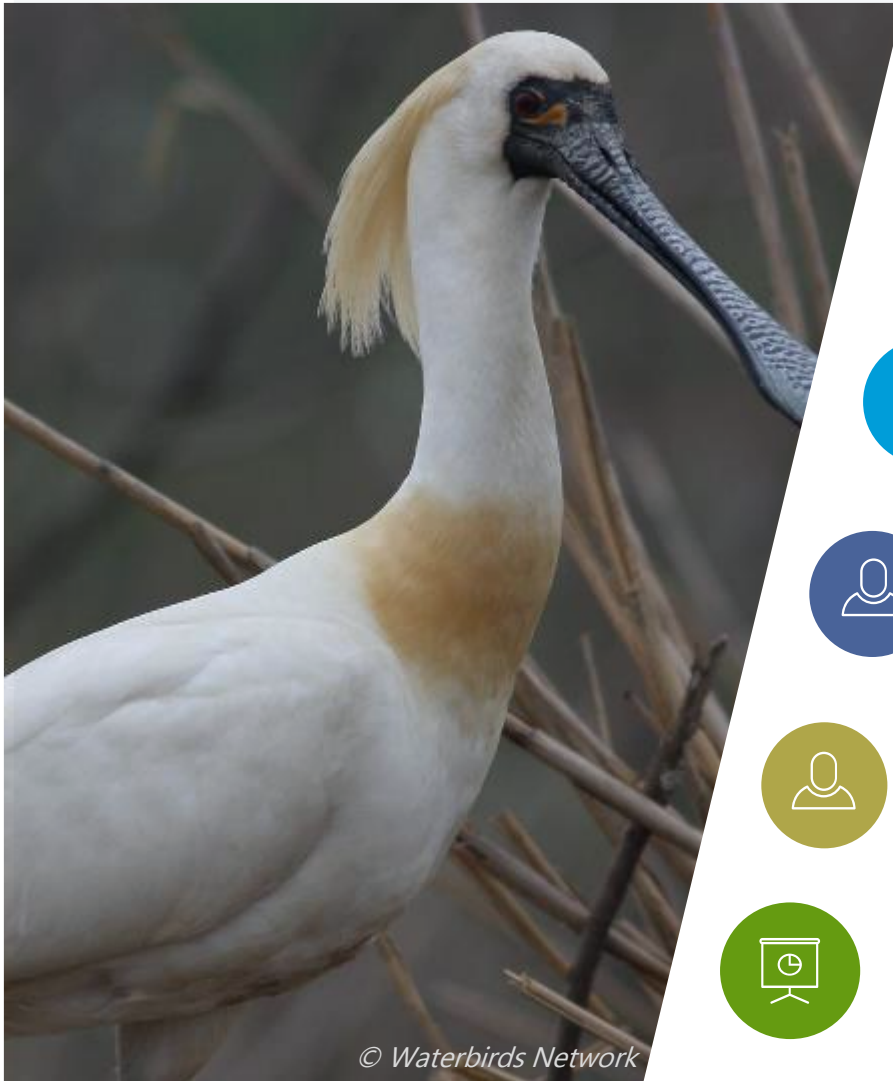
- **Promoting Partnerships between Governments/Business/Society for the environment**
- Governments of Japan and Australia, together with Wetlands International, successfully proposed a Type II Partnership for the *conservation and sustainable use of sites of international importance for migratory waterbirds in East Asia, South East Asia and Australasia.*



# 2004 EAAFP Development Workshop

- Representatives from 21 Governments, Inter-Governmental organizations and non-government organizations met in the Republic of Korea to discuss future regional cooperation for conservation of migratory waterbirds using the Type II Partnership model.
- Agreed that this Partnership would enhance collaboration between Governments, Inter-governmental organizations and non-government organizations and contribute towards achieving the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals.





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# OBJECTIVES



## DEVELOP

the **Flyway Site Network** of international importance for the **conservation** of **migratory waterbirds**



## ENHANCE

**Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA)** of the values of migratory waterbirds and their habitats



## ENHANCE

**Flyway research and monitoring activities, build knowledge** and promote **exchange of information** on waterbirds and their habitats



## BUILD

Habitat and waterbird management capacity of **natural resource managers, decision makers** and **local stakeholders**

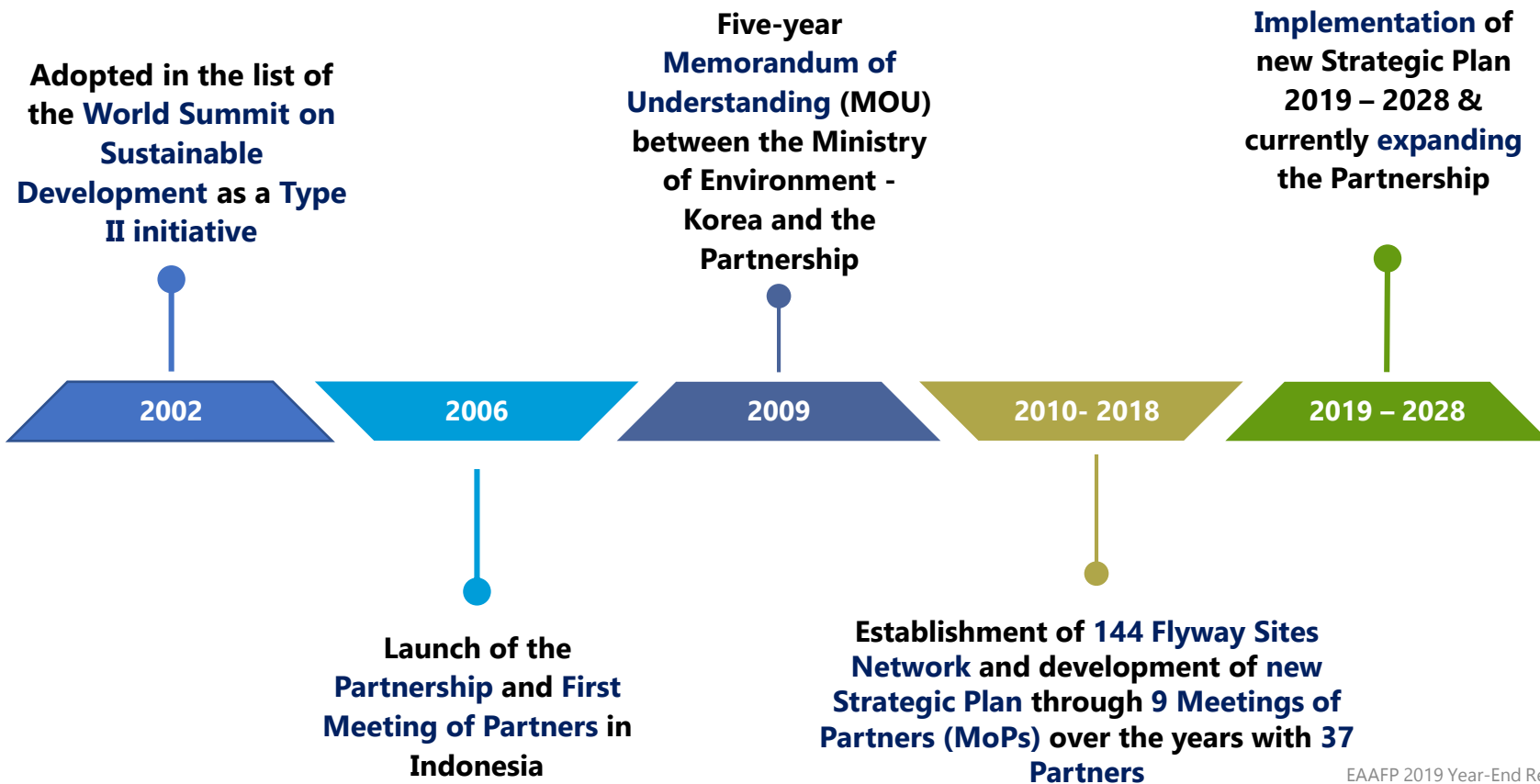


## DEVELOP

Especially for **priority species** and habitats, flyway wide approaches to enhance the **conservation status of migratory waterbirds**



# HISTORY OF EAAFP



# Making It Happen

public education,  
communication  
& awareness

ecological design criteria

political will  
& leadership

best practices for planning &  
implementation

selling MPA networks in a broader context  
economic & social considerations  
spacial & temporal considerations  
scientific & information management considerations  
institutional & governance considerations

monitoring  
& assessment

compliance &  
enforcement

sustainable financing



# EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces



Black-faced Spoonbill Working Group



Anatidae Working Group



Crane Working Group



Shorebird Working Group



Seabird Working Group



Avian Influenza Working Group



Monitoring Working Group



Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force



Baer's Pochard Task Force



Scaly-sided Merganser Task Force



Far-Eastern Curlew Task Force



Colour-marking Task Force



Yellow Sea Task Force



Amur-Heilong Task Force



# EAAFP Flyway Network Sites around the Yellow/West Sea Region



<b>China</b>	Chongming Dongtan NNR	<b>DPR Korea</b>	Mundok Migratory Bird Reserve
19 sites	Mai Po – Inner Deep Bay	2 sites	Kumya Migratory Bird Reserve
	Shuangtai Hekou NNR	<b>RO Korea</b>	Cheorwon Basin
	Yancheng NNR	12 sites	Han River Estuary
	Yellow River Delta NNR		Cheonsu Bay
	Poyang Hu NNR		Gumi Haepyeong wetland
	Xingkai Hu NNR		Suncheon Bay
	Sanjiang NNR		Junam Reservoir
	Yalujiang NNR		Uop Wetland
	Dalai Hu NNR		Nakdong Estuary
	Cao Hai NNR		Geum River Estuary
	Shengjin Hu NNR		Yubo-do Tidal Flat
	Xiang Hai NNR		Chilbaldo Islet
	Zhalong NNR		
	Anqing Yangtze Riverine Wetland		
	Dashanbao NNR		
	Hengshui Lake NNR		
	Nandagang Wetland		
	Nanjishan Wetland		

# EAAFP 2020 DIRECTIONS

**Climate Change Adaptation Planning**  
Increasing the resilience of Flyway Network Sites to climate change

**CEPA & FNS Activities**  
In particular, working with site managers and local communities at FNS

**Strengthening Partnerships with the Private Sector**

Aimed at Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) – especially in relations to international trade in the Flyway

**Strengthening Science-Based Evidence**

On migration waterbirds and their habitats in the Flyway, led by EAAFP Science Unit, Beijing, PR China



# Networks for International Environmental Initiatives

## **YSLME MPA Networking Workshop**

- MPA (Marine Protected Areas)?
- Scientific (Research, Policy, CEPA)
- Ecological connectivity
- Political (Government mandated)
- Sites? (Site managers and local communities)



# Enhancing community level dialogue about the Yellow Sea

- Leadership from Local Government
- Networking Protected Area Staff (e.g. waterbird counts; *Spartina* management)
- Engaging local communities
- Engaging with DPRK (MoLEP)

