

# Combined annual reporting and forward planning format for Ramsar Regional Initiatives

Annual Summary Report for Year 2014 and Plan for Year 2015

(4 pages maximum)

## 1. Title of your Regional Initiative: East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)

### 2. Work and activities undertaken during Year 2014

Provide a simple summary on your work undertaken by listing your activities, the results achieved and your indicators of success according to the format below:

objectives	activities	results/outputs	indicators
1: Develop the Flyway Network of sites of international importance for the conservation of migratory waterbirds	Nomination of new sites to the Network. Updated information on existing sites	Nine new sites were designated in Australia, Myanmar (3), Mongolia, Japan (2) and Thailand (2). Ten additional sites currently in process of nomination. Updating still incomplete.	The new sites are very important for a number of species (e.g. critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper) and reflect a trend to identify and designate key sites.
2: Enhance communication, education and public awareness of the values of migratory waterbirds and their habitats	Raising the profile of EAAFP at international forums  Expansion of website. Production of awareness materials. Support Partners awareness campaigns.	Side events and networking meetings held at CBD COP, International Ornithological Congress, Philippines EAAF Congress, World Parks Congress and other meetings. Website updated in Korean, Chinese and Japanese New EAAFP materials and E-newsletters produced. World Migratory Bird Day and waterbird conservation events supported	EAAFP and its role in conserving migratory waterbirds and their habitats is more widely understood and appreciated. General knowledge about migratory waterbirds and the threats they face has increased (more articles in press, informal feedback)
3: Enhance flyway research and monitoring activities, build knowledge and promote exchange of information on waterbirds and their habitats	Review monitoring of waterbirds in the Flyway. Improve coordination of monitoring. Increased capacity for monitoring and research.	Waterbird research and monitoring workshops in Russia, China, Australia and Japan Promoting knowledge on wild birds and Avian Influenza (AI) through information sharing and campaigning	Improved monitoring of waterbirds and their habitats in the Flyway.  Updated information on the plight of migratory waterbirds, including risks from AI
4: Build the habitat and waterbird management capacity of natural resource managers, decision makers and local stakeholders	Country-based capacity building workshops. Training and awareness-raising Support to National partnerships	EAAFP jointly organized site managers training workshop in Indonesia and Vietnam with Ramsar Regional Center for East Asia. National Partnership meetings held in Vietnam and Myanmar. Beijing & Singapore meetings on intertidal zones	Site managers and government representatives from EAAF countries received training, based on identified needs. EAAFP fostering cooperation between stakeholders in key countries
5: Develop, especially for priority species and habitats, flyway wide approaches to enhance the conservation status of migratory waterbirds	Support to development and implementation of international initiatives. Support species action plans	Support to Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative, Rio Tinto-Birdlife Geum Estuary and Destination Flyway projects. Ongoing support to existing and new SAPs	The Partnership is actively implementing internationally agreed actions for recovery of threatened waterbird species.

In 2014, we supported designation of Songdo Tidal Flats in Incheon as a Ramsar site and worked to develop a management committee and plan, in part as a capacity building exercise, EAAFP also promotes nomination of Ramsar sites in conjunction with EAAFP Flyway Network sites (e.g. Yalu Jiang in China) and seeks updated information on these. We also work on capacity building for site managers with RRC-EA, and more generally with Ramsar focal points that coordinate with EAAFP. We provided input into the AWS/Ramsar pre-COP meeting in Cambodia. The Ramsar Regional Technical Advisor for Asia actively participated in the EAAFP MOP in Japan in early 2015, as well as the EAAFP CEPA Working Group.

### 3. Financial report for Year 2014

Provide a summary of income and expenditures. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average **exchange rate to the CHF**: Based on OANDA Currency Converter the average forex rate from Korean Won (KRW) to Swiss Franc (CHF) during calendar year 2014 was 0.0008

activities	planned expenditures	real expenditures
1.1 Administration	KRW 357 million	KRW 347.7 million
1.2 Partnership Activities	KRW 220.5 million	KRW 120.1 million
1.3 Partner Contributions	KRW 86.8 million	KRW 50.7 million
<b>total</b>	<b>KRW 664.3 million</b>	<b>KRW 518.5 million</b>

1.2 includes costs of the site managers workshops in Jakarta and Vietnam, and WMBD event, participation in related events like CBD COP12 and support for WGs/TFs.

1.3 was used for small grant for raising public awareness, support for the research and survey of targeted species and other costs that are related with Partnership activities

sources of income (donors)	income received
Incheon City Government, Republic of Korea	KRW 509.0 million
* Japan Ministry of Environment	KRW 10 million (JPY 1.0 million)
* Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea	KRW 70.0 million
*Australia	KRW 9.3 million
Miscellaneous income	KRW 4.3 million
Unused Balance of FY 2013 (carried over)	KRW 349.1 million
Interest of Bank Account	KRW 1.0 million
<b>Ramsar core budget</b> (where applicable) n/a	Nil
<b>total</b>	<b>KRW 952.7 million (= approx. CHF 762,160)</b>

**Financial balance on 31 December 2014:** amount left to be carried over to 2015: **KRW 434.2 million** (subject to audit confirmation). This includes a small amount from sundry sources of 'income' such as interest.

### 4. Work and activities planned for Year 2015

Provide a simple summary of your planned work, by listing your activities, their anticipated results and your indicators of success according to the format below:

objectives	activities	results/outputs	indicators
1: Develop the Flyway Network of sites of international importance for the conservation of migratory waterbirds	Update information on Network Sites, including status and threats Nomination of new sites to the Network.	New sites designated to the Network, especially high-priority ones. Improved information on network sites.	6-10 new sites are designated to the Network. Improved and updated database in place at EAAFP website Guidelines for regular reporting on Network sites
2: Enhance communication, education and public awareness of the values of migratory waterbirds and their habitats	Support to Partners in awareness-raising activities, e.g. World Migratory Birds Day. Continuation and expansion of present newsletter and website services. CEPA WG actions	Awareness raising events are held in Partner countries Additional pages and resources on website, including different language pages. Analyses of CEPA priorities	Increased awareness through activities and website updating. Increased media references to migratory waterbird conservation.
3: Enhance flyway research and monitoring activities, build knowledge and promote exchange of information on waterbirds and their habitats	Continued support to improving monitoring methodologies and coverage Support to Working Groups to improve information on species and habitats Monitoring of waterbird populations in key sites (e.g. DPRK).	Working Groups document status and trends of species and habitats in key areas. Improved coordination of research and monitoring for key groups across countries	Improved monitoring methodologies result in more useful and effective information. Improved cooperation for research and monitoring (number of formal and informal groups/contacts).

4: Build the habitat and waterbird management capacity of natural resource managers, decision makers and local stakeholders	Promotion of National Partnerships. Workshop for site managers Posting of training and support materials for site managers on website	New national partnerships in operation. New sister site arrangements established. Training completed and materials disseminated	National Partnerships showing increasing collaboration for more coordinated and effective action. More site managers trained
5: Develop, especially for priority species and habitats, flyway wide approaches to enhance the conservation status of migratory waterbirds	Implement AMBI Develop Southeast Asian network. Support to CBD Caring for Coasts initiative Ongoing support for new and existing single species action plans.	Flyway-wide projects and plans, focusing on critical sites. Action plans implemented for key species. Technical support to conservation workshops for threatened species.	The most highly threatened migratory waterbird species and habitats in the Flyway are receiving urgent conservation action. Selected Flyway-wide projects supported

## 5. Financial plan for the year 2015

Provide a summary of expected income and budgeted/planned expenditures. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average **exchange rate to the CHF**: Based on OANDA Currency Converter the average forex rate from Korean Won (KRW) to Swiss Franc (CHF) during calendar year 2014 was 0.0008

activities	planned expenditures	expected income and source
1.1 Administration	KRW 397.0 million	KRW 357.0 million (Incheon City Government)
1.2 Partnership Activities	KRW 137.0 million	KRW 137.0 million (Incheon City Government, Carried over funds, Interest income)
1.3 Partner Contribution	KRW 70 million	KRW 70 million (Republic of Korea)
<b>Total</b>	<b>KRW 604.0 million</b>	<b>KRW 604.0 million (= approx. CHF 483,200)</b>

1.2 comprises the annual core budget plus the unused funds carried forward from 2014

1.3 comprises the balance of unused 2014 contributions (about KRW 70.0 million, Korea MoE funds)