

## Combined annual reporting and forward planning format for Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Annex I of DOC. SC41-13)

Annual Summary Report for Year 2012 and Plan for Year 2013

(4 pages maximum)

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

### 2. Work and activities undertaken during Year 2012

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.	New sites were designated in USA and Indonesia.	The new sites are very important for a number of species 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 Ramsar COP 11, CBD COP 11 and WCC. New EAAFP materials were produced. E-newsletters produced. World Migratory Bird Day events supported in Mongolia	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
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.	A workshop on waterbird and habitat monitoring was held in Thailand. Training was supported for waterbirds monitoring in Mongolia. Spoon-billed Sandpiper monitoring in China was supported Global Interflyway Network report produced and published for launch at Ramsar COP11.	Improved monitoring of waterbirds and their habitats in the Flyway.
4: Build the habitat and waterbird management capacity of natural resource managers, decision makers and local stakeholders	Promotion of sister site arrangements. Country-based capacity building workshops. Training and awareness-raising	A sister site arrangement was developed for Sungei Buloh (Singapore) and Seocheon (Korea), including exchange visits. International workshop to develop a migratory waterbird action plan for Seocheon (Korea) was supported EAAFP involved in training of site managers organized by Ramsar Regional Center for East Asia. Held awareness raising workshop on migratory birds for Incheon (Korea) citizens following bilateral China-Korea-Japan meetings	Capacity has been increased for some critical species and sites but more systematic capacity building is required.
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 action plans for threatened species.	Supported the recovery team for the Spoon-billed Sandpiper. Promotion of actions for Black-faced Spoonbill. Support to crane conservation workshop in China.	The Partnership is actively implementing internationally agreed actions for recovery of threatened waterbird species.

### 3. Financial report for Year 2012

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 2012 was 0.0009

activities	planned expenditures	real expenditures
1.1 Administration	KRW 409.0 million	KRW 300.2 million
1.2 Partnership Activities	KRW 100.0 million	KRW 99.7 million
1.3 Partner Contributions		KRW 95.2 million
<b>total</b>	<b>KRW 509.0 million</b>	<b>KRW 495.1 million</b>

1.2 includes costs of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meetings of Partners and international travel by the Secretariat.

1.3 was used for small grant for raising public awareness, advertisement of Partnership, participation in related events, publication and distribution of GFW technical report, 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 28.8 million (JPY 2.0 million)
* Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea	KRW 50.0 million
* CMS/UNEP	KRW 17.0 million
Unused Balance of FY 2012 (carried over)	KRW 170.5 million
Interest of Bank Account	KRW 1.1 million
Ramsar core budget (where applicable) n/a	Nil
<b>total</b>	<b>KRW 776.4 million (= approx. CHF 698,760)</b>

**Financial balance on 31 December 2012:** amount left to be carried over to 2013: **KRW 281.3 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 2013

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	Undertake study to identify and prioritize network sites Develop database of network sites Nomination of new sites to the Network.	New sites designated to the Network, especially high-priority ones. Improved information on network sites. Preliminary prioritization of network sites.	6-10 new sites are designated to the Network. Basic database in place at EAAFP website Report on prioritization presented and discussed at MOP7 to agree next steps.
2: Enhance communication, education and public awareness of the values of migratory waterbirds and their habitats	CEPA strategy implemented. Support to Partners in awareness-raising activities, e.g. World Migratory Birds Day. Continuation and expansion of present newsletter and website services.	Awareness raising events are held in Partner countries Increased media references to migratory waterbird conservation. Additional pages and resources on website.	Increased awareness through activities and website updating.
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.	Working Groups document status and trends of species and habitats in key areas. The Asian Waterbird Census continues and with enhanced capacity.	Improved monitoring methodologies result in more useful and effective information. Latest data on waterbird populations are available in summary form.

4: Build the habitat and waterbird management capacity of natural resource managers, decision makers and local stakeholders	Promotion of National Partnerships. Promotion of sister site arrangements. 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. Two new sister site pairs are developed and operating.
5: Develop, especially for priority species and habitats, flyway wide approaches to enhance the conservation status of migratory waterbirds	Support Workshops in DPRK, ROK and China to protect inter-tidal habitat in the Yellow Sea Ongoing support for single species action plans.	Draft action plans for DPRK, ROK and China to address intertidal habitat loss. Action plans implemented and potential new TF for Baer's Pochard. 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.

## 5. Financial plan for the year 2013

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 2012 was 0.0009

activities	planned expenditures	expected income and source
1.1 Administration	KRW 394.0 million	KRW 394.0 million (Incheon City Government)
1.2 Partnership Activities	KRW 199.8 million	KRW 199.8 million (Incheon City Government, Carried over funds, Interest income)
1.3 Partner Contribution	KRW 63.6 million	KRW 63.6 million (Japan, Republic of Korea)
<b>Total</b>	<b>KRW 657.4 million</b>	<b>KRW 657.4 million (= approx. CHF 591,660)</b>

1.2 comprises the annual core budget plus the unused funds carried forward from 2012

1.3 comprises the balance of unused 2012 contributions (about KRW 50.0 million, Korea MoE funds) and a further contribution due from Japan MoE (about KRW 13.6 million).

**Questionnaire for Regional Initiatives  
which apply for endorsement by Standing Committee to be recognized as  
“operating in the framework of the Ramsar Convention 2013-2015”**

Please send the completely filled questionnaire back to the Ramsar Secretariat - together with your progress report for 2012 and work and financial plan for 2013 (in the format above), the latest by **31 January 2013**. The Secretariat needs your information in order to prepare the document in time for the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee.

This questionnaire responds to Res.XI.5 paragraph 11 that...

“INSTRUCTS the Standing Committee to revise the guidelines on Regional Initiatives in such a manner that a precise evaluation of their activities and their administrative and financial management and long-term sustainability is possible and to use these new guidelines to determine the level of support (financial or otherwise) in the coming triennium;” .

The Questionnaire also follows up on COP11 DOC.13 on “Progress and issues concerning Regional Initiatives operating within the framework of the Convention”, using the structure of the existing Operational Guidelines for Regional Initiatives, as in this document.

Please do answer the 20 questions below by providing factual details in the form of **key words** or **short bullet point texts** referring to **facts** and **figures**.

It should not take you more than 15 to 20 minutes to fill in these few, but crucial questions. Many thanks for your cooperation and dedication.

QUESTIONNAIRE

**The aim of your Regional Initiative** (current points 1-4 of the Operational Guidelines)

1. Did your initiative receive written support from all of the Contracting Parties concerned by the regional scope of your initiative?

X Yes      \_\_\_ No

2. Please list all countries (Contracting Parties and Non-CPs) to be covered by the geographical scope of your initiative, and specify those countries who have not yet provided written support:

See [www.eaaflyway.net](http://www.eaaflyway.net). We have 15 country partners

Please specify those countries who have not provided written support yet, but are nevertheless participating in the activities of your initiative:

Vietnam and Myanmar are considering to join EAAFP

3. Has your initiative made optimal use of the Ramsar tools (e.g. Handbooks and Technical Reports, please list the tools used:

Yes, these are much appreciated, especially for Training and Scientific Knowledge

4. Are the strategic and operational targets of your initiatives fully aligned with the Convention's Strategic Plan, please explain how this is done:

Yes, through coordination with Ramsar Secretariat, an EAAFP Partner

**Coordination between Regional Initiatives and the Secretariat** (current points 5-10 of the Op. Guid.)

5. Do you consider the frequency and nature of your contacts with the Convention Secretariat to be optimal? If not, please indicate if Secretariat assistance should be increased (in which way) or decreased (by lowering which support?):

Yes, we have good and regular contacts with the Secretariat

**Governance of the initiatives** (current points 11-13 of the OG)

6. Does your initiative have a written set of operational procedures established in an equitable and transparent way (terms of reference, rules of procedure, etc.), please list them:

Yes, see [www.eaaflyway.net](http://www.eaaflyway.net)

7. Has a governance body been established, when, and how often has it met, please its name, membership and meeting dates:

Yes, Chair and Management Committee of Secretariat, since 2008, meets annually

8. Are minutes of each meeting recorded, how are they available (publicly, restricted), please provide details:

Yes, each MOP see [www.eaaflyway.net](http://www.eaaflyway.net)

**Substantive elements of the initiatives** (current points 14-20 of the Operational Guidelines)

9. Does the work of your initiative raise the visibility of the Ramsar Convention and the general awareness of Ramsar objectives in your region, please provide further information:

Yes, Ramsar Secretariat is an active Partner

10. Has your initiative established its own independence and identity? How are you describing your initiative as an operational means to support the implementation of the Ramsar Convention in your region? How do you avoid confusion between the roles of your initiative and the roles of the national Ramsar authorities and the Ramsar Secretariat at international level? Please provide details:

Yes, it works to conserve migratory waterbirds and wetlands in EAAF. Ramsar Secretariat is a Partner, so assists coordination

11. What did you undertake to prevent that your initiative is perceived as a regional office for the Convention:

It focuses on Migratory Waterbirds and Ramsar Secretariat is a Partner

12. Does your initiative have its own logo, do you use it together with the Ramsar Convention logo, thanks for attaching your logo, if you have one:

Yes, we have our own logo, see website

13. Does your initiative have a specific website, please give its URL:

www.eaaflyway.net

**Financial and other support, reporting and evaluation** (current points 21-29 of the Op. Guidel.)

14. Does your initiative have a host country that provides in-kind and/or financial support to a coordinating unit, secretariat, training centre, etc.? What is the host country amount of financial annual support, and the percentage of this of the overall budget:

Republic of Korea (90% in cash, but Partners also provide in kind and through their own activities

15. What is the in-kind and financial support provided by the other countries concerned, please list countries and amounts of annual support:

Through supporting activities, workshops, projects, etc (see website for list of countries)

16. Does your initiative have its own bank account and separate accounting procedures, please provide details:

Yes

17. Are you conducting your own fundraising efforts, please list your activities:

Only limited direct fundraising

18. What attempts have you made to generate your own income, with what result? Are you financially self-sufficient, or by when are you planning to be so, please provide keywords and dates:

Partners generate their own income: we support them. Secretariat has a renewable MOU with Korea

**Administrative matters**

19. Who is the coordinator/coordinating body (unit, secretariat) that operates on a daily level to coordinate and lead the activities of the initiative, name and address:

Spike Millington, Chief Executive, EAAFP Secretariat, 1905 GetPearl Tower, Songdo-dong, Incheon, ROK

20. Do you have a hosting agreement with a private/public institution, with a governmental agency or Ministry, please provide name and address and a copy of any written agreement:

Incheon City Government