TWELFTH MEETING OF PARTNERS OF THE EAST ASIAN – AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY PARTNERSHIP
Cebu, Philippines, 8-14 November 2025

Decision 6

Delegation of Authority between the Chair of the Partnership and Chief Executive

Submitted by Management Committee

Summary

The Delegation of Authority between the Chair of the Partnership and Chief Executive were first adopted at MOP5 in 2010. The Delegation of Authority has not been reviewed or amended since its adoption. As part of the governance harmonisation review, Management Committee reviewed the Delegation of Authority to identify any areas for improvement and possible amendment. Management Committee identified a small number of potential improvements and Partners were consulted on the proposed amendments in mid-2024. Partners were also invited to suggest further areas of improvement. Management Committee reviewed all input that was provided and endorsed the proposed amendments at Attachment A for consideration at MOP12.

Partners are invited to review and adopt proposed amendments outlined at Attachment A.

Background

1. The Delegation of Authority between the Chair and Chief Executive was first adopted at MOP5 in 2010. The Delegation of Authority has not been reviewed or amended since adoption.
2. The Delegation of Authority outlines the administrative roles between the Chair of the Partnership and the EAAFP Chief Executive. Provisions include matters at a Partnership level to be signed off by the Chair of the Partnership and matters at the Secretariat level to be signed off by the Chief Executive.
3. Noting the Delegation of Authority is now 15 years old, the Management Committee agreed it would be appropriate to review the provisions contained in the document and, where relevant, updated to ensure they remain fit-for-purpose.

4. On behalf of Partners, the Management Committee reviewed and discussed the Terms of Reference at its meetings on 6 July 2023 and 15 November 2023. Management Committee members identified a range of issues and potential amendments including:
    a. Deleting outdated text.
    b. Clarifying vague provisions included in the Delegations.
    c. Minor text amendments to improve clarity.
5. On behalf of the Management Committee, the Chair circulated proposed amendments to the Delegation of Authority on 3 April 2024 to all Partners and invited comments by 31 May 2024.
6. The Chair hosted a webinar on 2 May 2024 to support consultation and seek views on the proposed amendments and address any points of clarification.
7. Four Partners attended the webinar (New Zealand Government, Wild Bird Society of Japan, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and the Australasian Wader Studies Group).
8. In summary, Partners were broadly supportive of the proposed changes and no additional amendments were proposed during the webinar to the Delegation of Authority.
9. The revised Delegation of Authority is at Attachment A.
10. Partners are invited to review the revised Delegation of Authority and provide any final comments.

Decision:

- That Partners approve the proposed amendments to the Delegation of Authority between the Chair of the Partnership and Chief Executive.