TWELFTH MEETING OF PARTNERS OF THE EAST ASIAN – AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY PARTNERSHIP
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Decision 8

Guidelines for Establishing Single Species Task Forces and Developing Single Species Action Plans

Submitted by Management Committee

Summary

The guidelines for establishing Single Species Task Forces and developing Single Species Action Plans were first adopted at MOP5 in 2010. The guidelines have not been reviewed or amended since its adoption. As part of the governance harmonisation review, Management Committee reviewed the guidelines 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 guidelines for establishing Single Species Task Forces and developing Single Species Action Plans were adopted at MOP5 in 2010.
2. The guidance document was developed to support the establishment of single species task forces and to draft single species action plans using the Convention on Migratory Species/African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (CMS/AEWA) standard.
3. The guidelines include provisions on seeking endorsement from Partners at EAAFP MOPs, draft Terms of Reference for task forces and providing details on the ongoing mandate of Single Species Task Forces. The guidelines have not been reviewed or amended since adoption.
4. Noting the continued establishment of single species task forces and adoption of single species action plans within the EAAFP framework, the Management Committee agreed it was timely to

review the guidelines to ensure they remained contemporary, fit-for-purpose and continue to align with CMS/AEWA standards.

5. On behalf of Partners, the Management Committee reviewed and discussed the guidelines at its meetings on 6 July 2023 and 15 November 2023. Management Committee members identified only a small number of potential amendments, including the potential expansion of the Action Plans to include both single and multi-species plans.
6. The Management Committee requested Technical Sub-committee advice between 25 August to 6 October 2023. No comments were received.
7. On behalf of the Management Committee, the Chair circulated proposed amendments to the guidelines for the establishment of single species task forces and developing action plans on 5 August 2024 to all Partners and invited comments by 30 September 2024.
8. The Chair hosted a webinar on 5 September to support consultation and seek views on the proposed amendments or to address points of clarification.
9. One Partner attended the webinar (Wild Bird Society of Japan). No written comments were submitted.
10. In summary, there were no additional comments received on the proposed amendments to the guidelines for the establishment of single species task forces and developing action plans.
11. The revised guidelines for the establishment of single species task forces and developing action plans are at Attachment A.
12. Partners are invited to review the revised guidelines for the establishment of single species task forces and developing action plans and provide any final comments.

Decision:

- That Partners approve the proposed amendments to the guidelines for establishing Single Species Task Forces and developing Single Species Action Plans.