Doc.12 Progress on the Implementation of the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019-2028

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WEAVING CONNECTIONS:
Celebrating Migration, Traditional Knowledge, and Innovation across our Flyway

12th Meeting of Partners of the
East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership

PARTNERSHIP for the EAST ASIAN - AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY
EAAFP

Update at 31 October 2025

- Three (3) additional Government reports received
- One (1) additional Non-government /intergovernmental report received

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Common Themes Across Objectives

PROGRESS

- Data on internationally important sites and species is expanding, supported by government portals, NGO research, and flyway-wide assessments.
- CEPA, capacity building, and management planning activities are increasingly integrated into national programmes and community initiatives.
- The Flyway Site Network (FSN) continues to grow with new nominations, stronger branding, and improved site-level partnerships.
- Policy engagement through regional and global frameworks has strengthened flyway governance.

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CHALLENGES

- Many countries face **capacity** limitations, especially for sustained site management, monitoring, and CEPA delivery.
- Several national **databases** remain incomplete or outdated; data sharing across sectors is fragmented.
- **Illegal hunting, habitat loss, and development** pressures persist, with enforcement gaps in multiple jurisdictions.
- Engagement of **Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and youth** is inconsistent across the Flyway.

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Opportunities

- **Site Network**: Prioritise FNS nominations, update management plans, and fund Sister Site exchanges, networks and regional coordination.

- **CEPA**: Build capacity of site managers and educators, develop multilingual tools, and embed CEPA in policy frameworks.

- **Data & Knowledge**: Harmonise databases, integrate citizen science, expand participation in CSR II and species reviews.

- **Capacity Building**: Establish standardised training modules with good practice, mentorship, support career pathways for conservation professionals. Map and coordinate existing capacity building across the Flyway.

- **Flyway wide and policy frameworks**: Align national laws with EAAFP objectives, support international cooperation, and address illegal hunting.

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Responses

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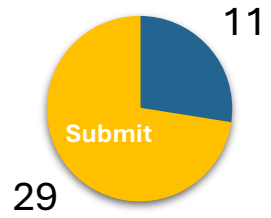

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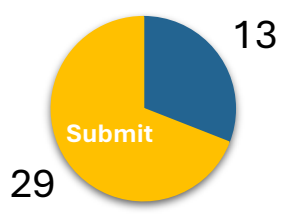

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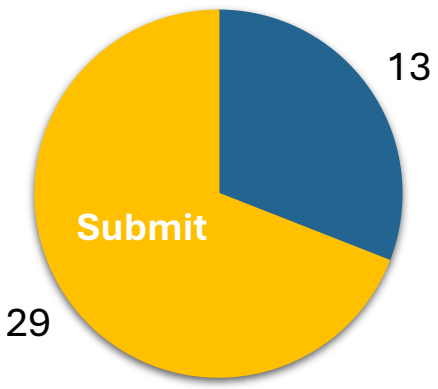

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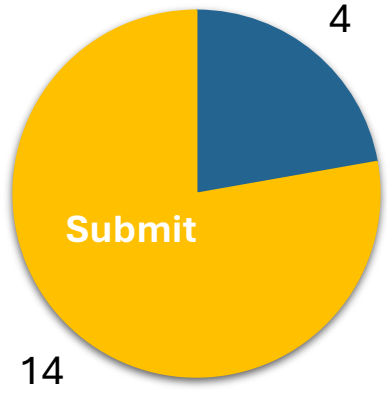

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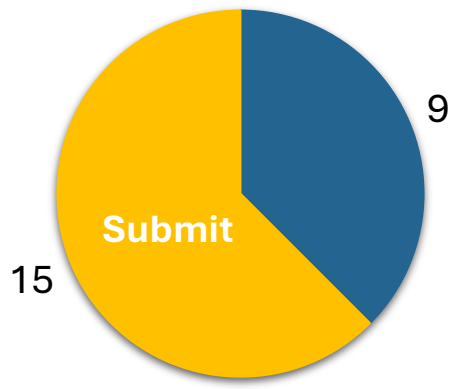

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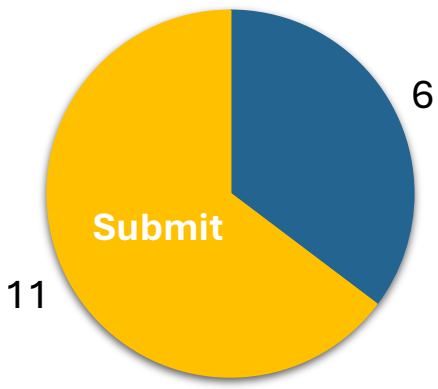
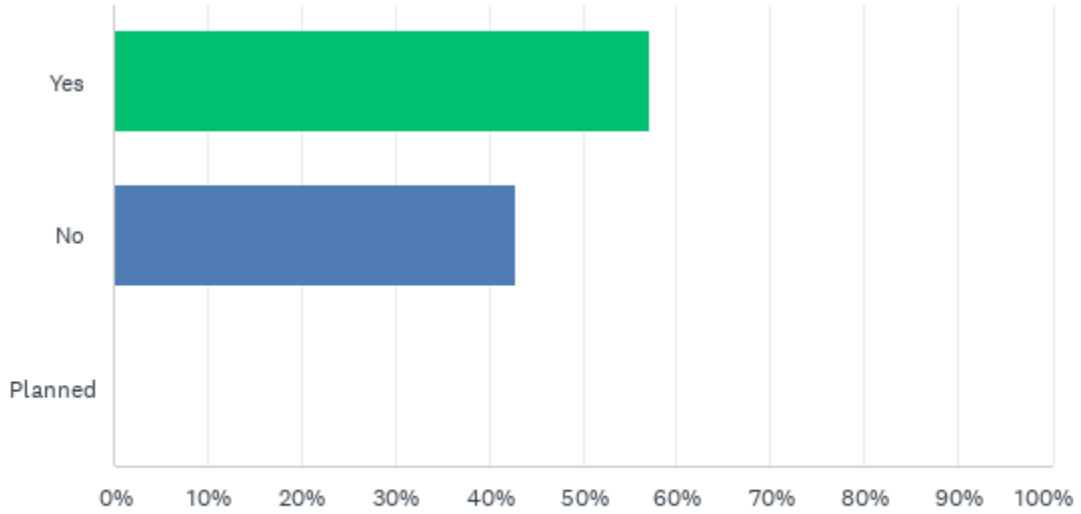


Flyway Network Sites

Q8 3.Have high-priority sites been identified for potential nomination to join the Flyway Site Network? If yes, please provide details on these sites. If not, would you like assistance from other Partners?



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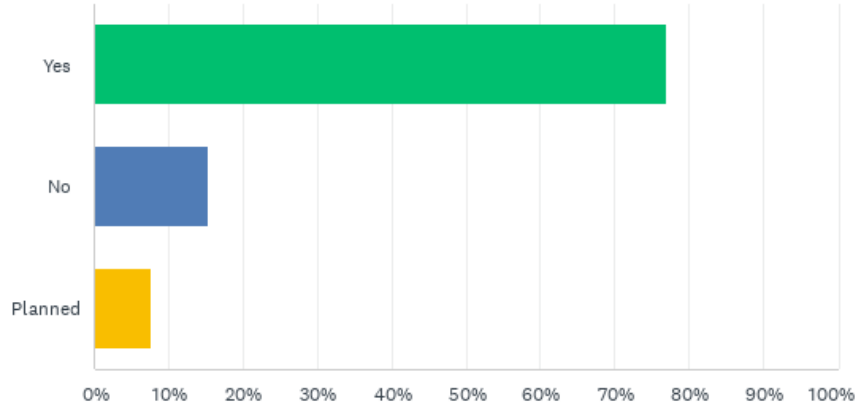
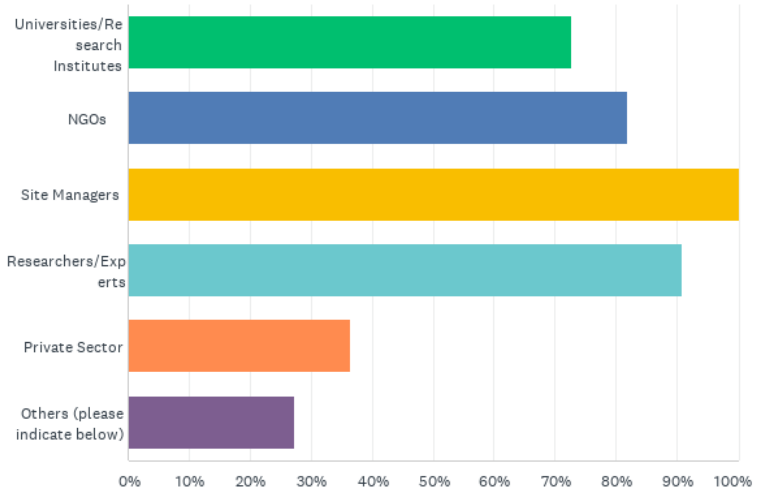
National Partnerships

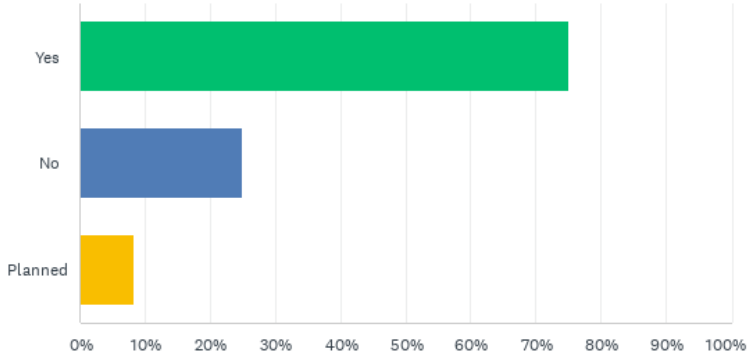
Q11 6. Have you supported a national meeting of your existing and potential Flyway Network Site managers? If yes, please indicate the number of meetings you held since MOP11 below.



Q12 7.Please indicate the stakeholders involved in the national meetings.



Q13 8.Have the Site Managers reported to the national meeting on their work plans related to the EAAFP Strategic Objectives?



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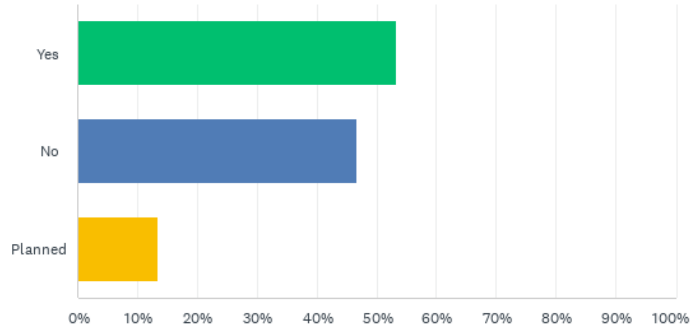
Q9 3. Has your organisation supported national meetings of Flyway Network Site managers? If yes, please describe the support your organisation has provided (e.g. organising meetings, funding, etc.)



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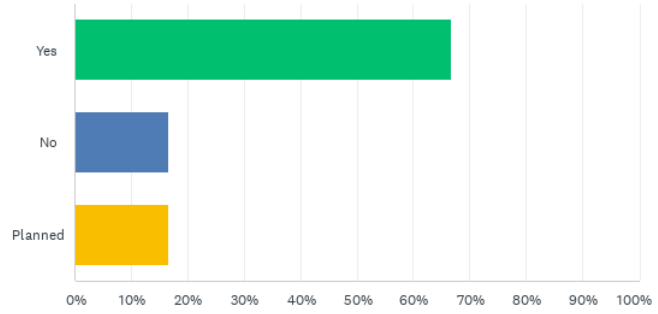

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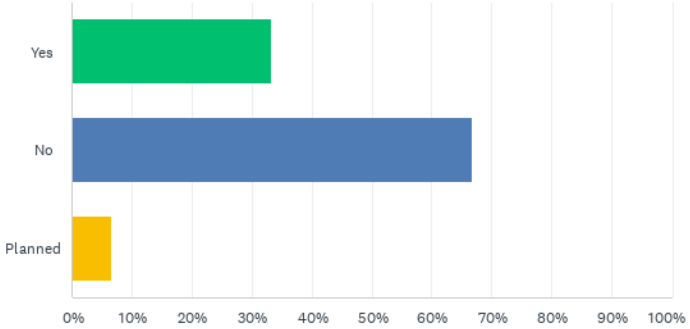
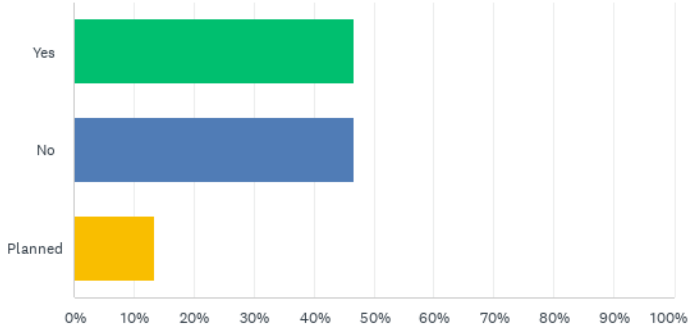
Site Partnerships

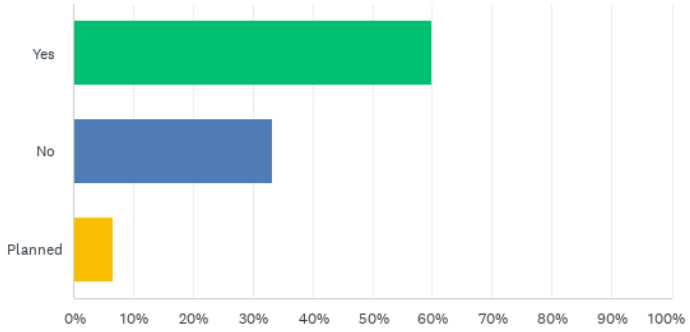
Q10 4. Has your organisation supported Flyway Network Site managers in developing work plans related to EAAFP Strategic Objectives?If yes, please describe the support your organisation has provided (e.g. technical support, funding, etc.)



Q11 5. Has your organisation supported developing or updating Management Plans of Flyway Network Sites?If yes, please describe the support your organisation has provided (e.g. technical support, funding, etc.)



Q12 6.Has your organisation supported the promotion of the "Flyway Site Network" brand (e.g. information boards, advertising, etc.)?*Please provide weblinks if available online or references for relevant publications.



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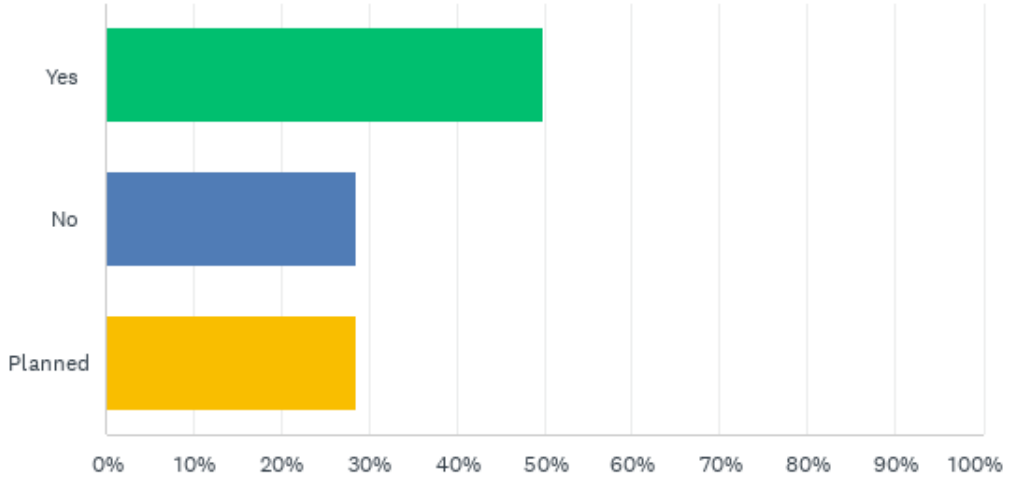
Sister Sites

Q22 17.Is your country interested in establishing relationships and/or formal Sister Site Partnerships with Flyway Network Sites in other countries? If applicable, what challenges are you facing in trying to connect with and/or establish a formal partnership with other Flyway Network Sites?



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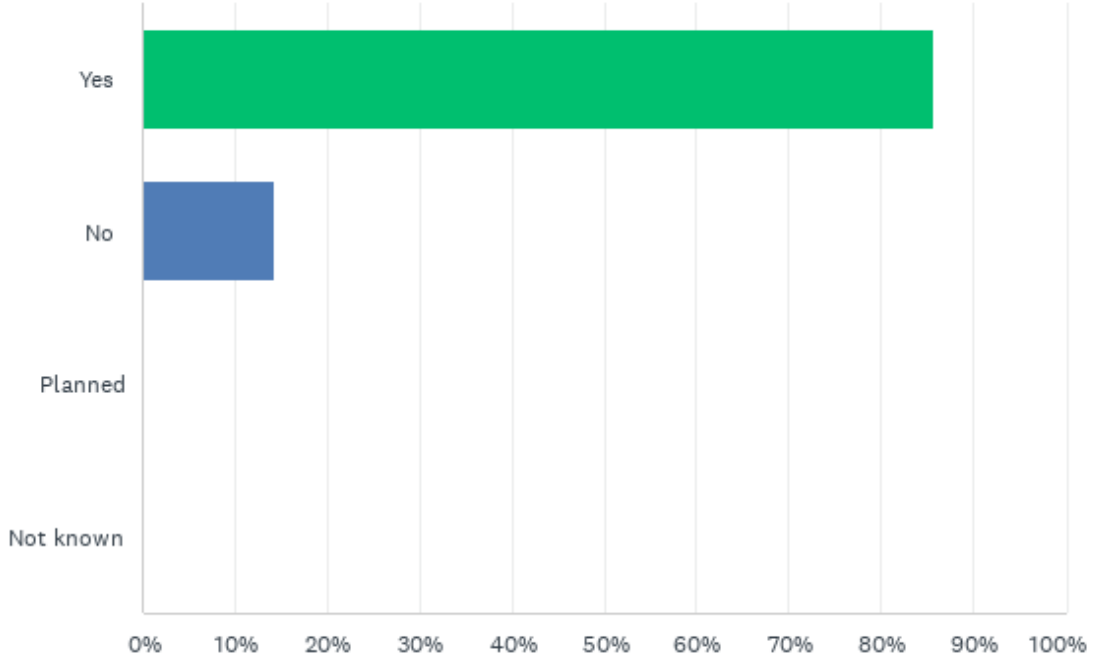
Livelihoods

Q20 15. In your country, are there examples of local communities at Flyway Network Sites that are dependent on the Site's natural resources to support subsistence livelihoods? If yes, please provide details on the site/s and the use of natural resources.



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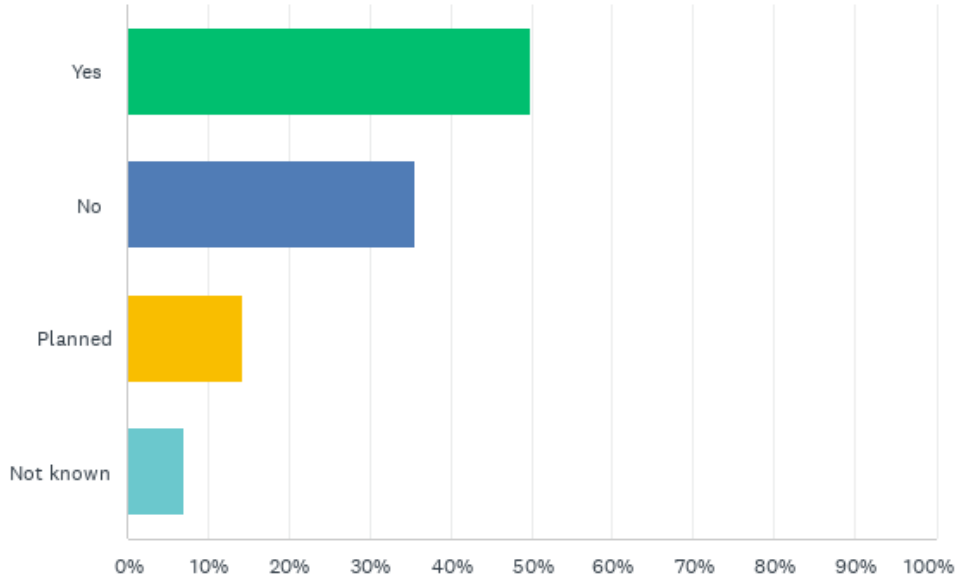
Livelihoods

Q15 9. Has your organisation worked with and/or supported local communities in your Flyway Network Sites that are dependent on the Site's natural resources to support subsistence livelihoods? If yes, please indicate details on the kind of support you have provided.



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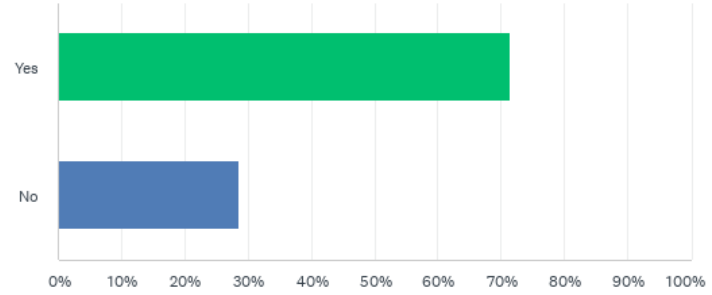
Development Threats

Q21 16.Are you aware of any Flyway Network Sites or other sites of international importance for migratory waterbirds that are under threat?If yes, please provide details about those threats and what response have you or your local stakeholders undertaken.



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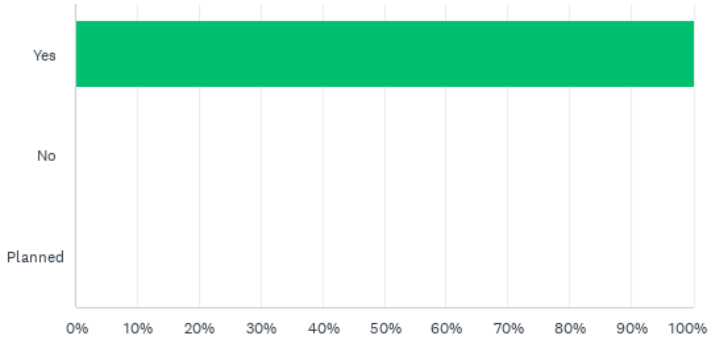
Q42 36.Has your organisation been involved in taking actions to reduce threats to migratory waterbirds?If yes, please provide some examples of measures taken (e.g. addressing negative impacts of renewable energy, habitat restoration, etc.)



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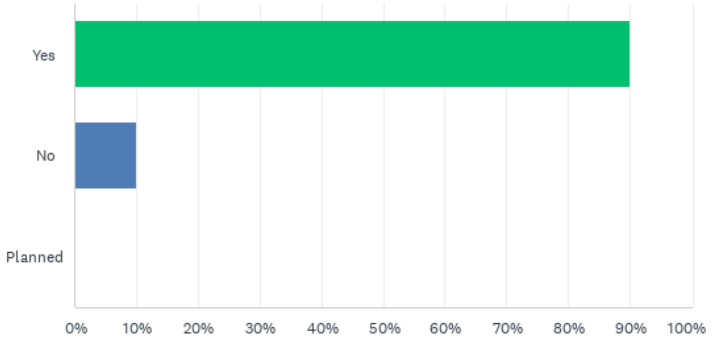

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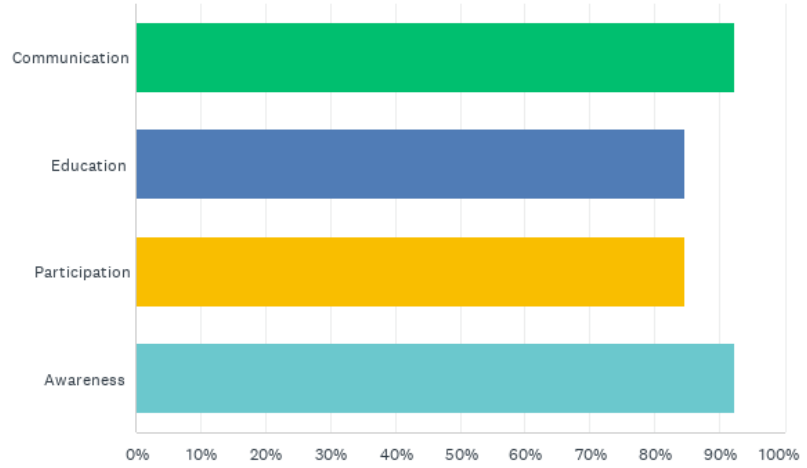
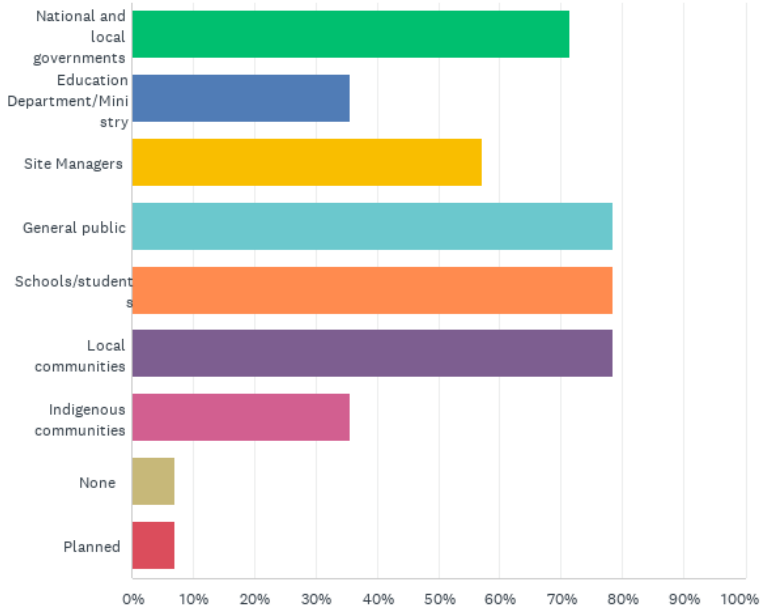


Q27 22.Has your country developed, and/or been implementing awareness-raising programmes, particularly at Flyway Network Sites, with the following groups (check all that apply)?



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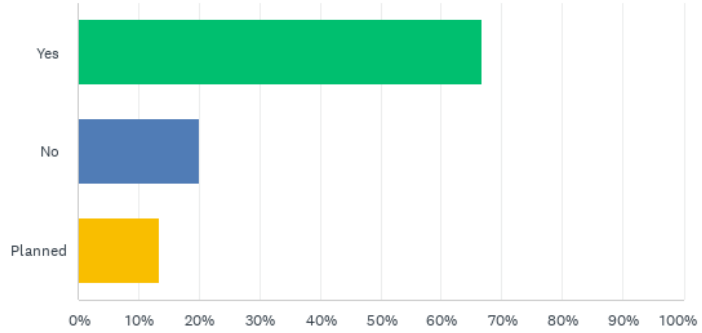
Q19 13.Does your organisation have a CEPA Programme addressing migratory waterbirds and internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds?If yes, please provide brief details of the programme.



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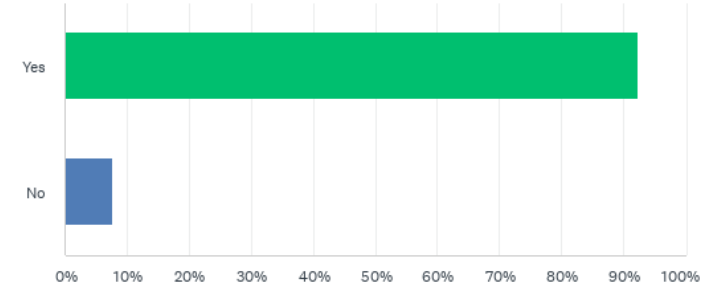
Q8 2.Has your Working Group or Task Force incorporated elements of the CEPA Action Plan in your work plan? (e.g. encourage academic institutions to conduct monitoring activities at Flyway Network Sites, and identify and encourage experts to share their expertise in migratory waterbird conservation)



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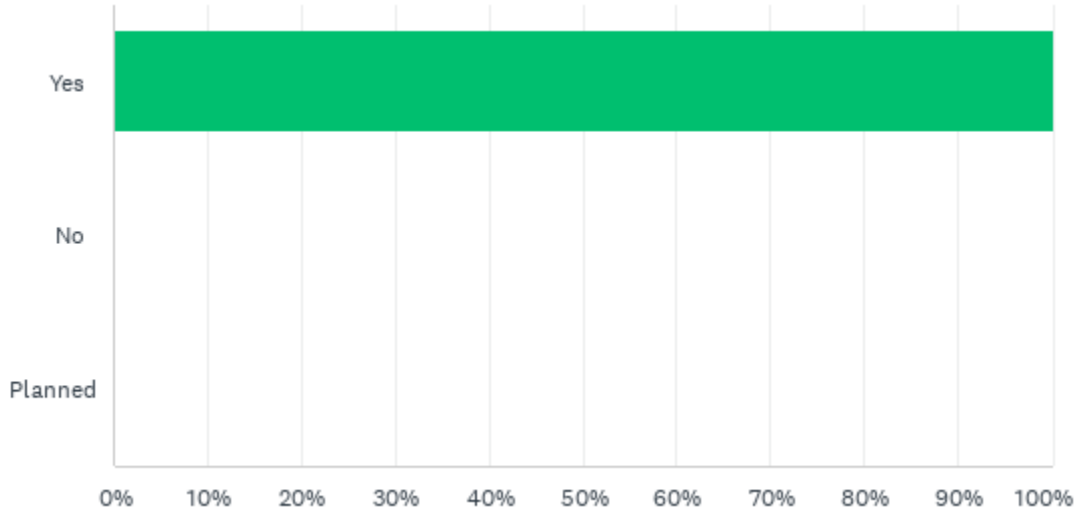
Monitoring

Q30 25.Is there a programme in your country to monitor migratory waterbird numbers? If yes, please provide details on the programme, the role of volunteer counters and the monitoring efforts since MOP11 (March 2023).



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Capacity Building

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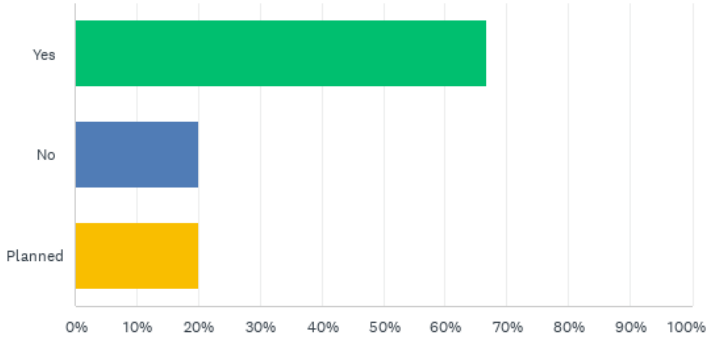

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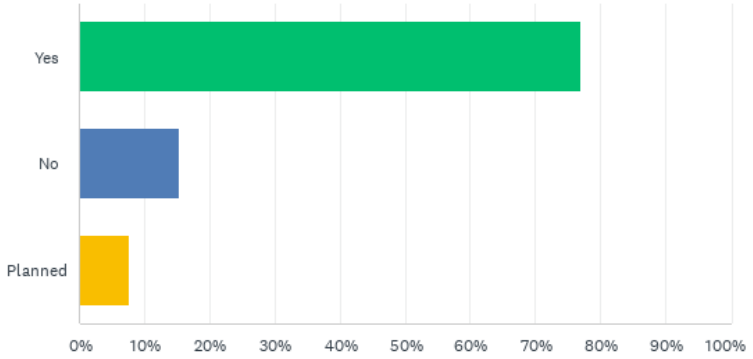

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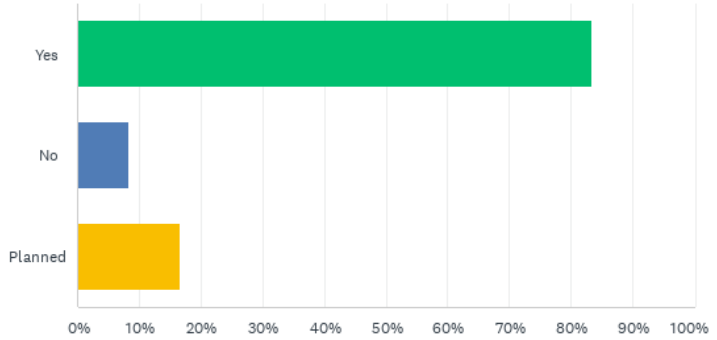

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Flyway Wide Collaboration

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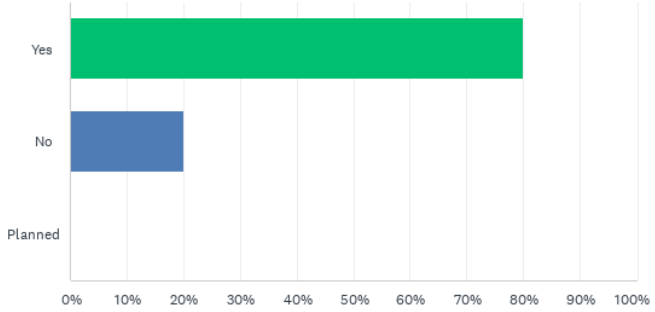

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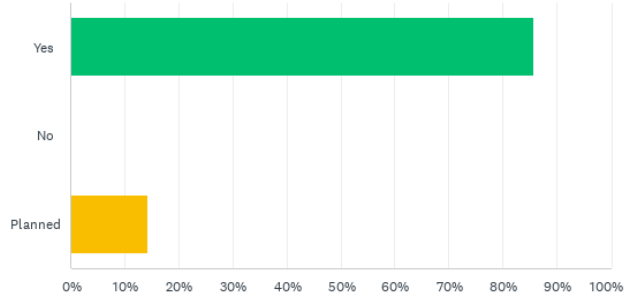

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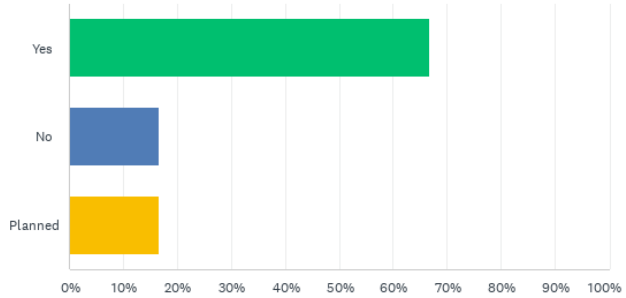

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Innovations

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- Annual national flyway meeting,
- Capacity building across jurisdictions,
- Connecting with other biologists in other countries
- Regional participation in planning, monitoring
- Involvement international agencies and projects
- GPS tracking
- NGO pioneers – training young researchers
- Emerging bird ringing and research stations across country
- AFN – Phase II

NGO

- Involving IP at breeding grounds
- Species based sister wetlands networks
- Joint CMS-EAAFP initiative on Illegal taking
- Innovative financial tools
- Research into connectivity between crucial life-cycle stage sites

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Summary

- Reports are foundation for Strategic Plan Review
- FNS and collaborations developing
- CEPA is a highlight
- Regional mechanisms make an impact
- Innovation is happening
- Still work to be done

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