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Status and Management of the EAAFP Flyway Site Network

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Summary

As of August 2025, 159 are designated as Flyway Network Sites (FNS), covering over 23,401,283.17 hectares. Seven new sites, two in Myanmar, one in the Republic of Korea, one in Thailand, and three in the Philippines have been added since MOP11. However, no updated Site Information Sheets (SISs) have been submitted since MOP11, and 66.7% of existing Flyway Network Sites have outdated or missing SISs.

The Sister Site Programme comprises 12 agreements involving 21 sites across seven countries, fostering collaboration between Flyway Network Sites. The Secretariat continues to promote such cooperation to improve site connectivity and strengthen the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats along the Flyway.

Background

1. Approximately 1,060 sites of international importance for migratory waterbirds have been identified along the East Asian–Australasian Flyway (EAAF) (Jaensch, 2013), of which about 159 (15%) had been designated as Flyway Network Sites (FNS) as of November 2025 (https://eaaflyway.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/FNS-List-November-2025-1.pdf).

2. At the 10th Meeting of Partners (MOP10) of the EAAFP in December 2018, Partners were requested to update their outdated or missing Site Information Sheets (SISs) and boundary maps. Thanks to the efforts of National Government Partners, several sites now have updated information; however, many SISs are now more than 10 years old. An SIS is currently considered "outdated" if more than 10 years have passed since its last revision. While further discussions may be needed to determine whether this timeframe is adequate—balancing the need for current

information with the resources required—for the purpose of this status update, the 10-year standard will be applied.

Status and Management of the Flyway Network Sites (FNS)

Newly Designated FNS

3. As of March 2025, 159 sites important for migratory waterbirds in the EAAF have been listed as Flyway Network Sites (FNS), covering a total of 23,401,283.17 hectares. Four sites have been designated between MOP11 and November 2025 (Table 1).

Country	Site Name	Site Code	Year
Myanmar	Paleik Lake	EAAF 154	2023
Myanmar	Pyu Lake	EAAF 155	2023
Republic of Korea	Yeoncheon Imjin River	EAAF 156	2024
Thailand	Bangpu Nature Education Center	EAAF 157	2025
Philippines	Lake Mainit	EAAF 158	2025
Philippines	Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary	EAAF 159	2025
Philippines	Sibugay Wetland Nature Reserve	EAAF 160	2025

Table 1. Flyway Network Sites designated between MOP11 (March 2023) and November 2025

Updating of FNS Information

4. Since MOP 11, no Site Information Sheets of existing Flyway Network Sites have been updated and submitted to the Secretariat. As of November 2025, Site Information Sheets of 106/159 (66.7%) Flyway Network Sites from 19 EAAF countries are outdated or missing, as shown in Annex 1.

Sister Site Programme

5. As of August 2025, there are twelve Sister Site Agreements under EAAFP covering 21 sites across seven countries. A detailed list can be found in Table 2 below and also on the EAAFP website: http://eaaflyway.net/about-us/the-flyway/flyway-site-network/sister-sites/

No.	Country	City / Management Authority	Site Name	Site Name	City / Management Authority	Country
1	China, People's Republic	Dandong City	**Yalujiang National Nature Reserve (EAAF043)**	**Firth of Thames (EAAF019)**	Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalist Trust	New Zealand

2	Korea, Republic of	Changwon City	**Junam Reservoir (EAAF095)**	**Kejo-numa (EAAF098)**	Osaki City, Miyagi Prefecture	Japan
3	China, People's Republic	Qiqihar City	**Zhalong National Nature Reserve (EAAF070)**	**Janghang Wetland Protected area (EAAF143)**	Goyang City	Korea, Republic of
4	Australia	Brisbane City	**Moreton Bay, Boondall wetlands (EAAF013)**	**Yatsu-higata (EAAF059)**	Narashino City, Chiba prefecture	Japan
5	Australia	Newcastle City	**Hunter River Estuary Wetlands (EAAF010)**	**Kushiro Wetland (EAAF032)**	Kushiro City Hokkaido	Japan
6	Korea, Republic of	Suncheon City	**Suncheon Bay (EAAF079)**	**Izumi (formerly Arasaki) (EAAF030)**	Izumi City Kagoshima Prefecture	Japan
7	Japan	Nagoya City	**Fujimae Tidal Flat (EAAF080)**	**Swan Bay Tidal Flats**	Greater Geelong City	Australia
8	Korea, Republic of	Seocheon County	**Yubudo Tidal Flat (EAAF101)**	**Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (EAAF073)**	National Parks Board of Singapore	Singapore
9	China, People's Republic	Shanghai City	**Chongming Dongtan National Nature Reserve (EAAF002)**	**Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (EAAF073)**	National Parks Board of Singapore	Singapore
10	Korea, Republic of	Incheon Metropolitan City	**Incheon Songdo Tidal Flat (EAAF145)**	**Mai Po Inner Deep Bay (EAAF003)**	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	China, People's Republic
11	United States of America	Bureau of Land Management Alaska	**Qupałuk (EAAF133)**	**Higashiyoka-higata (EAAF124)**	Saga City, Saga Prefecture	Japan

12	China, People's Republic	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	**Mai Po Inner Deep Bay (EAAF003)**	**Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (EAAF073)**	National Parks Board of Singapore	Singapore

Table 2. Sister Site Arrangements under the EAAFP as of August 2025

6. With the adoption of the *Guidelines for the EAAFP Sister Site Programme* at MOP11, the Secretariat continues to facilitate and promote cooperation between existing or potential Flyway Network Sites along the EAAF.

7. For the next intersessional period, the EAAFP Secretariat recommends the following:

   a) Maintain Updated Site Information
   Partners are encouraged to keep Site Information Sheets for all Flyway Network Sites current, including the latest data on migratory waterbird populations, habitats, and their role in ecological connectivity across the Flyway.

   b) Promote and Use the Sister Site Mechanism
   Partners, particularly National Focal Points, are encouraged to strengthen ecological linkages for migratory waterbirds and foster social and institutional connections among site managers, communities, and stakeholders through the Sister Site mechanism.

   c) Expand and Strengthen Connectivity
   Partners are encouraged to establish new Sister Sites and participate in cooperative initiatives that enhance integrated connectivity, ecological, social, and institutional, and in this way support coordinated conservation outcomes across the Flyway.

Annex 1

List of Flyway Network Sites with Outdated or Not Available SIS (as of November 2025)

No.	Country	EAAF Site Code	Name of Site	Year SIS updated
Australia - Total FNS: 25 / SIS Not Available: 7 / SIS Outdated: 9				
1	Australia	EAAF010	Hunter Estuary Ramsar Site	Not available
2	Australia	EAAF011	Kakadu National Park	Not available
3	Australia	EAAF012	Logan Lagoon	Not available
4	Australia	EAAF013	Moreton Bay	Not available
5	Australia	EAAF014	Orielton Lagoon	Not available
6	Australia	EAAF016	The Coorong, Lake Alexandrina & Lake Albert	Not available
7	Australia	EAAF066	Western Port	Not available
8	Australia	EAAF089	Bowling Green Bay	2006, Outdated
9	Australia	EAAF090	Currawinya National Park	2005, Outdated
10	Australia	EAAF091	Discovery Bay Coastal Park	2004, Outdated
11	Australia	EAAF092	Great Sandy Strait	2005, Outdated
12	Australia	EAAF093	Shallow Inlet Marine and Coastal Park	2004, Outdated
13	Australia	EAAF094	Shoalwater Bay	2005, Outdated
14	Australia	EAAF110	Eighty-Mile Beach, Western Australia	2013, Outdated
15	Australia	EAAF111	Roebuck Bay, Western Australia	2013, Outdated
16	Australia	EAAF120	South-East Gulf of Carpentaria: Karumba-Smithburne (Delta Downs)	2016, Outdated
Bangladesh - Total FNS: 6 / SIS Not Available: 0 / SIS Outdated: 5				
17	Bangladesh	EAAF102	Nijhum Dweep National Park	2011, Outdated
18	Bangladesh	EAAF103	Sonadia	2011, Outdated
19	Bangladesh	EAAF104	Hakaluki Haor	2011, Outdated
20	Bangladesh	EAAF105	Tanguar Haor	2011, Outdated
21	Bangladesh	EAAF106	Hail Haor	2011, Outdated
China Total SIS: 20/ SIS Not Available: 10 / SIS Outdated: 9				
22	China	EAAF002	Chongming Dongtan Nature Reserve	Not available
23	China	EAAF003	Mai Po – Inner Deep Bay	Not available
24	China	EAAF004	Shuangtai Hekou National Nature Reserve	Not available
25	China	EAAF005	Yancheng National Nature Reserve	2007, Outdated
26	China	EAAF006	Yellow River Delta National Nature Reserve	Not available
27	China	EAAF025	Poyang Hu Nature Reserve	2006, Outdated
28	China	EAAF026	Xingkai Hu Nature Reserve	Not available
29	China	EAAF042	Sanjiang National Nature Reserve	Not available
30	China	EAAF043	YaluJiang National Nature Reserve	Not available
31	China	EAAF064	Dalai Hu National Nature Reserve	2000, Outdated
32	China	EAAF067	Cao Hai National Nature Reserve	Not available

33	China	EAAF068	Shengjin Hu National Nature Reserve	2005, Outdated
34	China	EAAF069	Xiang Hai National Nature Reserve	Not available
35	China	EAAF070	Zhalong National Nature Reserve	2005, Outdated
36	China	EAAF082	Anqing Yangtze Riverine Wetland Nature Reserve	2004, Outdated
37	China	EAAF083	Dashanbao Black-necked Crane National Nature Reserve	Not available
38	China	EAAF085	Hengshui Lake National Nature Reserve	2006, Outdated
39	China	EAAF086	Nandagang Wetland Nature Reserve	2006, Outdated
40	China	EAAF087	Nanjishan Wetland Nature Reserve	2006, Outdated
Democratic People's Republic of Korea – Total FNS:2 / SIS Not Available: 2 / SIS Outdated: 0				
41	DPR Korea	EAAF044	Kumya Wetland Reserve	Not available
42	DPR Korea	EAAF045	Mundok Wetland	Not available
Indonesia – Total FNS: 2 / SIS Not Available: 0 / SIS Outdated: 2				
43	Indonesia	EAAF008	Wasur National Park	2014, Outdated
44	Indonesia	EAAF108	Sembilang National Park	2012, Outdated
Japan – Total FNS: 34/ SIS Not Available: 5 / SIS Outdated: 26				
45	Japan	EAAF029	Akkeshi-ko & Bekambeushi-shitsugen	1999, Outdated
46	Japan	EAAF031	Kiritappu Marsh	Not available
47	Japan	EAAF032	Kushiro-shitsugen	1999, Outdated
48	Japan	EAAF033	Yashiro	Not available
49	Japan	EAAF047	Biwa-ko	1999, Outdated
50	Japan	EAAF048	Biwase-wan	1999, Outdated
51	Japan	EAAF049	Fukushimagata	1999, Outdated
52	Japan	EAAF050	Hyouko-suikin-koen	1999, Outdated
53	Japan	EAAF051	Kabukuri-numa	1999, Outdated
54	Japan	EAAF052	Katano Kamoike	1999, Outdated
55	Japan	EAAF053	Kutcharo-ko	1999, Outdated
56	Japan	EAAF054	Manko Tidal Flats	1999, Outdated
57	Japan	EAAF055	Miyajima-numa	1999, Outdated
58	Japan	EAAF056	Otomo-numa	1999, Outdated
59	Japan	EAAF057	Sakata	1999, Outdated
60	Japan	EAAF058	Shiroishi-gawa	1999, Outdated
61	Japan	EAAF059	Yatsu Tidal Flats	Not available
62	Japan	EAAF060	Yonago-Mizudori-koen	1999, Outdated
63	Japan	EAAF061	Yoshino Estuary	Not available
64	Japan	EAAF063	Tokyo Port Wild Bird Park	2000, Outdated*
65	Japan	EAAF071	Kashima Shingomori	2001, Outdated
66	Japan	EAAF072	Utonai-ko	Not available
67	Japan	EAAF076	Osaka Nankou Bird Sanctuary	2003, Outdated
68	Japan	EAAF080	Fujimae-Higata	2004, Outdated
69	Japan	EAAF081	Kumagawa Estuary	2004, Outdated
70	Japan	EAAF088	Hachirogata-Kantakuchi	2006, Outdated
71	Japan	EAAF098	Kejo-numa	2009, Outdated
72	Japan	EAAF099	Furen-ko and Shunkuni-tai	2010, Outdated

73	Japan	EAAF113	Arao-higata	2013, Outdated
74	Japan	EAAF115	Izu-numa and Uchi-numa	2014, Outdated
75	Japan	EAAF116	Notsuke-hanto and Notsuke-wan	2014, Outdated
Malaysia – Total FNS 1 / SIS not Available: 0 / SIS Outdated: 1				
76	Malaysia	EAAF112	Bako Buntal Bay	2013, Outdated
Mongolia – Total FNS: 11 / SIS Not available: 1 / SIS Outdated: 1				
77	Mongolia	EAAF075	Ugtam Nature Reserve	Not available
78	Mongolia	EAAF114	Dashinchilen Tsagaan wetlands	2014, Outdated
New Zealand – Total FNS: 4 / SIS Not Available: 0 / Outdated: 2				
79	New Zealand	EAAF018	Farewell Spit	2014, Outdated
80	New Zealand	EAAF019	Firth of Thames	2014, Outdated
Papua New Guinea – Total FNS: 1 / SIS Not Available: 1 / Outdated: 0				
81	Papua New Guinea	EAAF034	Tonda Wildlife Reserve	Not available
Philippines – Total FNS: 7 / SIS Not Available: 2 / SIS Outdated: 1				
82	Philippines	EAAF007	Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary	Not available
83	Philippines	EAAF062	Naujan Lake National Park	Not available
84	Philippines	EAAF123	Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park	2014, Outdated
Republic of Korea – Total FNS: 19/ SIS Not Available: 3 / SIS Outdated: 4				
85	RO Korea	EAAF027	Cheorwon Basin	Not available
86	RO Korea	EAAF028	Han River Estuary	Not available
87	RO Korea	EAAF078	Gumi Haepyung wetland	Not available
88	RO Korea	EAAF095	Junam Reservoir	2008, Outdated
90	RO Korea	EAAF100	Geum River Estuary	2010, Outdated
91	RO Korea	EAAF101	Yubu-do Tidal Flat	2011, Outdated
92	RO Korea	EAAF107	Chilbaldo Islet	2010, Outdated
Russia – Total FNS: 10 / SIS Not Available: 9 / SIS Outdated: 0				
93	Russia	EAAF020	Daursky Nature Reserve	Not available
94	Russia	EAAF021	Khingansky Nature Reserve and Ganukan Game Reserve	Not available
95	Russia	EAAF022	Kytalyk Nature Reserve	Not available
96	Russia	EAAF023	Lake Khanka Nature Reserve	Not available
97	Russia	EAAF035	Biosphere Reserve and Zapovednik “Taimyrski”	Not available
98	Russia	EAAF036	Ulug-kol in Khakaskiy Zapovednik	Not available
99	Russia	EAAF037	Lena Delta	Not available
100	Russia	EAAF038	Selenga Delta in Lake Baikal	Not available
101	Russia	EAAF039	Torey Lakes	Not available
Thailand – Total FNS: 4 / SIS Not Available: 0 / SIS Outdated: 3				
102	Thailand	EAAF084	Krabi Estuary and Bay	2005, Outdated
103	Thailand	EAAF121	Pak Thale – Laem Phak Bia	2014, Outdated
104	Thailand	EAAF122	Khok Kham	2014, Outdated
USA – Total FNS: 2/ Not Available: 0/ Outdated: 1				
105	USA	EAAF109	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	

Viet Nam – Total FNS: 1 / SIS Not Available: 0 / SIS Outdated: 0				
106	Viet Nam	EAAF134	Tram Chim National Park	2016, Outdated*

***Notes**:*

- For Tokyo Port Wild Bird Park, the English version of the *Information Sheet for Nomination as a Shorebird Network Site* is available in the Secretariat's internal filing system.
- For Tram Chim National Park, both the Vietnamese SIS and its English translation are available.

As these documents are not posted on the website, their accuracy will need to be verified.