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

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FsC - Key Highlights since MOP11

- 8 intersessional meetings held since 2023 to date
- Reviewed and provided advice on Secretariat annual workplan and budget for 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026-2027
- Reviewed and progressed the EAAFP Resourcing Plan and its way forward
- Supported the EAAFP Voluntary Contribution mechanism
- Corporate engagement including due diligence for new corporate sponsors

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Proposal on the EAAFP Resourcing Plan

- To be updated alongside the revision of the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019–2028.
- To be **led by the Management Committee**, with active consultation and involvement of the Finance sub-Committee.
- Proposed timeline and activities to be agreed with MC
- Shift from cost estimation to the identification of **funding opportunities** aligned with the objectives and Key Result Areas (KRAs) of the EAAFP Strategic Plan.

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Governance Harmonisation

FsC formally requests the following actions:

- Formal recognition of the FsC as a standing committee.
- Full membership for the FsC Chair on the Management Committee.
- Authority to co-opt external financial experts to strengthen deliberations and reconsideration of membership restrictions to ensure access to adequate financial expertise.

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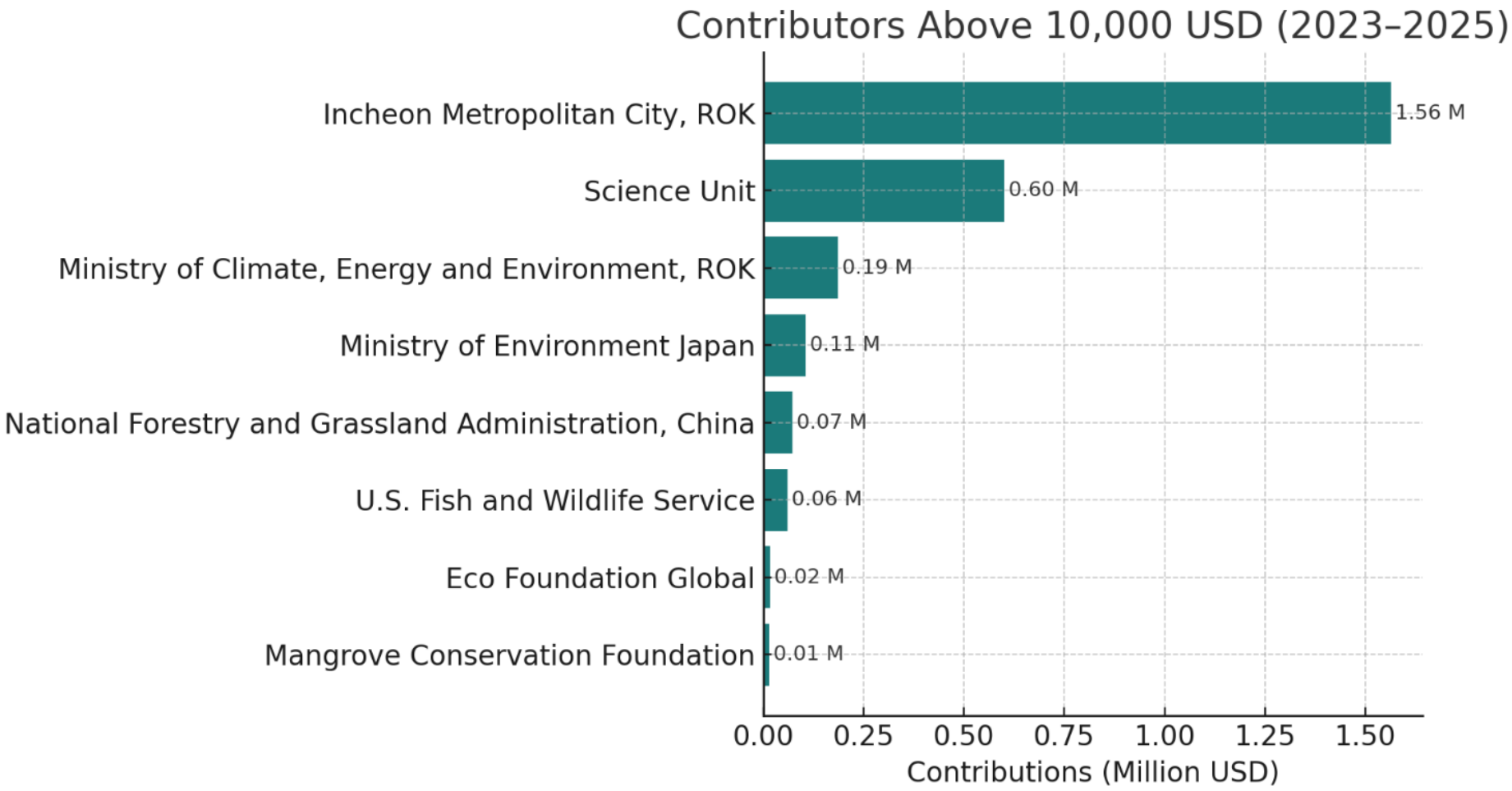

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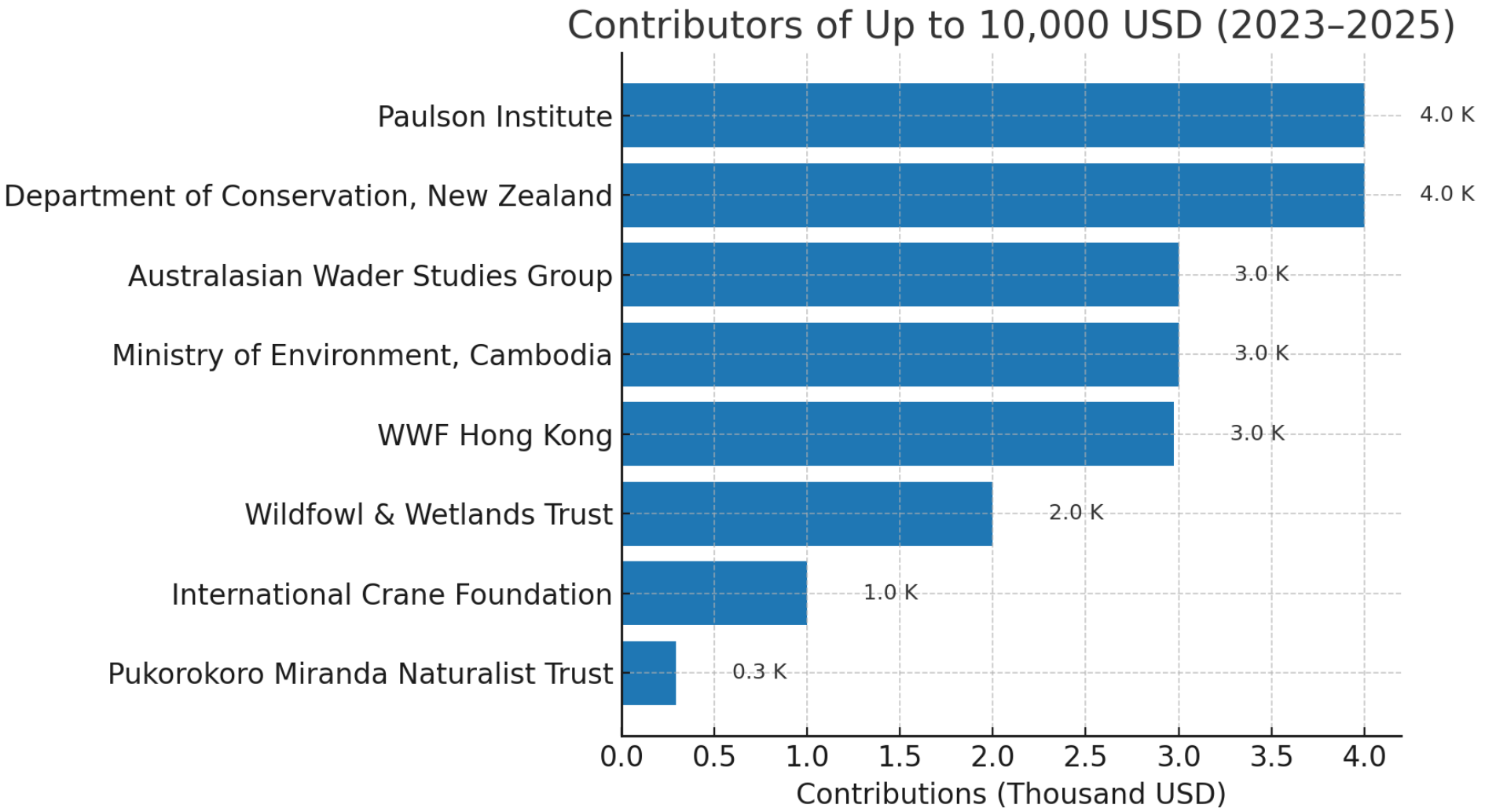
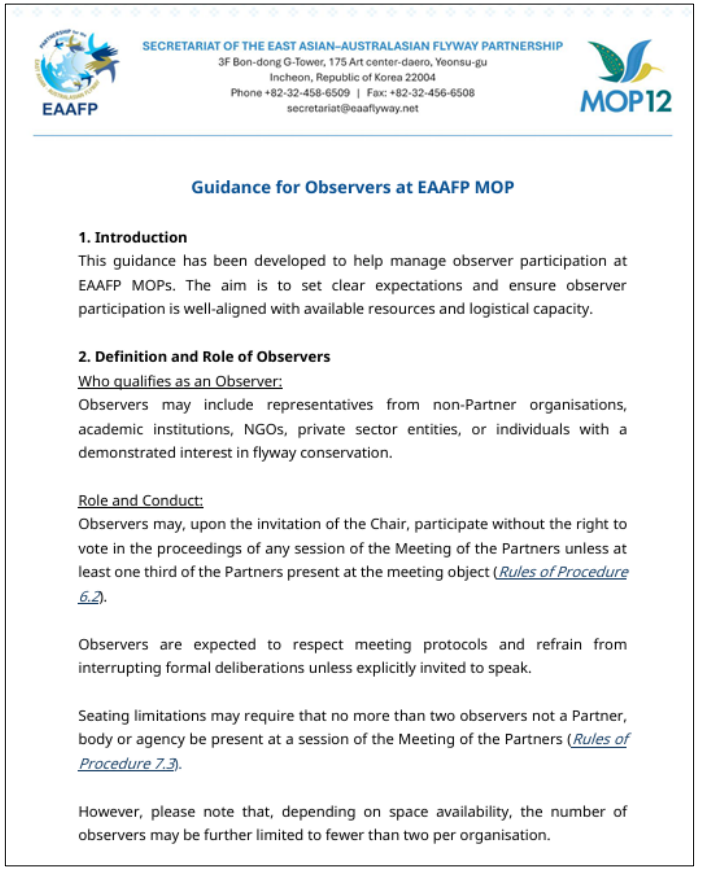


Guidance for Observers at MOP

Objective

- To establish clear eligibility criteria, participation modalities, and financial responsibilities for observers,
- To manage expectations, ensure fairness, and support for the effective organization of future MoPs.
- The guidance also clarifies that observer status does not imply financial support from the Secretariat, and introduces the possibility of a nominal participation fee, subject to further review.
- See ***Appendix 1.*** Guidance for Attendance by Observers at MOP



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Guidance for Observers at EAAFP MOP

1. Introduction

This guidance has been developed to help manage observer participation at EAAFP MOPs. The aim is to set clear expectations and ensure observer participation is well-aligned with available resources and logistical capacity.

2. Definition and Role of Observers

Who qualifies as an Observer:

Observers may include representatives from non-Partner organisations, academic institutions, NGOs, private sector entities, or individuals with a demonstrated interest in flyway conservation.

Role and Conduct:

Observers may, upon the invitation of the Chair, participate without the right to vote in the proceedings of any session of the Meeting of the Partners unless at least one third of the Partners present at the meeting object (*Rules of Procedure 6.2*).

Observers are expected to respect meeting protocols and refrain from interrupting formal deliberations unless explicitly invited to speak.

Seating limitations may require that no more than two observers not a Partner, body or agency be present at a session of the Meeting of the Partners (*Rules of Procedure 7.3*).

However, please note that, depending on space availability, the number of observers may be further limited to fewer than two per organisation.

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Recommendations

- Re-affirm the EAAFP Voluntary Fee Contribution system and encourage Partners to make voluntary payments.
- Recognize the Finance Sub-Committee as a standing committee of the Partnership.
- Grant full membership on the Management Committee to the Chair of the Finance sub-Committee.
- Endorse the “Guidance for Attendance by Observers at MOP” at Appendix 1.

Current FsC Members – ver. MOP11

	Position	Name	Nominated by	History of the FsC	Standing down
1	Chair	Martin Spray	WWT	MOP9-MOP11	Yes
2	Member	Alison Russell-French	AWSG	MOP9-MOP11	Yes
3	Member	Spike Millington	ICF	MOP9-MOP11	Yes
4	Member	Ward Hagemeijer	Wetlands International	MOP9-MOP11	Yes
5	Member	Nheden Amiel D. Sarne	ACB	MOP10-MOP11	
6	Member	Kaoru Sakai	Japan	MOP9-MOP11	
7	Member	Cheolsoo Kim	Incheon Metropolitan City	MOP10-MOP11	