Doc.8 Report of the Technical Sub-committee

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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

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A short history of the EAAFP TSc

- **MOP9 (2017) Decision 7**
  - established Technical Sub-committee of 10 members
  - 8 interim TSc members appointed in March 2018; Chair (Prof Nick Davidson) appointed in August 2018

- **MOP10 (2018) Decision 4**
  - Formally established the TSc
  - Extended the terms of members and Chair to MOP11
  - Agreed TSc Rules of Procedure and Terms of Reference
  - Members can serve two consecutive two-year terms of office

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- **MOP11 (2023) Decision 3** (adjustments to TSc ToR and ROP) and **Decision 4** (TSc appointments)
  - 8 members appointed
  - Chair Prof Nick Davidson; Vice-chair Prof Taej Mundkur
  - 2 further members appointed intersessionally, plus invited expert and observers
- **MOP12 (2025) DD4** Revised TSc TOR & **Document 19 rev1** TSc appointments

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TSc members & observers 2023–2025

Members

Prof Nick Davidson (Chair)

Prof Taej Mundkur (Vice-chair)

Dr Chang-yong Choi

Mr Bena Smith

Dr Sayam Chowdhury

Mr Casey Burns

Mr David Melville

Mr Spike Millington

Prof Cao Lei

Prof Dewi Prawiradilaga

Invited expert

Dr Naya Brangenberg

Observers

Dr Rob Clay (WHSRN)

Dr Beom-Sik Yoo (Ramsar)

Mr Sergey Dereliev (AEWA)

Mr Phil Straw (AWSG)

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TSc Work Plan 2023-2025 (MOP12 DOC.8)

- Almost no financial support to TSc work
  - Most work delivered *pro bono* by TSc members, as volunteers
  - Thanks to SU/Beijing Forestry University for cost-coverage of TSc meetings in Beijing October 2024
- Large number of tasks requested of TSc by Partners
  - 31 tasks in TSc Work Plan 2023-2025
  - 10 High Priority tasks approved by Management Committee
    - ✓ Most of these delivered

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TSc Work Plan 2023-2025 delivery of High Priority tasks

TSc High Priority task	Delivery
A2. TSc participation in Management Committee processes	✓. TSc Chair participation and reporting to MC meetings
B1. Secretariat Science Unit work plan & its implementation	[✓] Partly done. Some advice on SU work plan provided
C1. proposals for new sites to be included in the Flyway Site Network	✓. Partner submissions of Site Information Sheets (SISs) for new FNSs reviewed and advised on
C3. Improving the FNS Site Information Sheet (SIS) – structure, content and guidance	✓. Revised SIS and guidance provided in MOP12 DD9
D1. Draft decisions and recommendations submitted to MOP12	✓ and ongoing. MOP12 draft decisions being reviewed, with review reported to MOP12
E2. EAAFP Advice on *Conservation Status Review* for waterbird populations	✓ Advice provided to Management Committee, Secretariat and Wetlands International
G1. Review and recommendations on Working Groups and Task Force operations	✓ Survey of WG/TF operations conducted and assessed in 2024. Recommendations provided in MOP12 DD11
G2. Scientific and technical proposals from WGs/TFs	✓ Advice provided on Masked Finfoot TF establishment and work plan, Spoon- billed Sandpiper TF work plan and Far Eastern Curlew TF action plan
H2. WG/TF Small Grant Fund proposals	✓ Annual SGF proposals assessed and funding recommendations provided
I1. Technical Sub-committee meetings	✓ Most TSc meetings held virtually (lack of funding); face-to-face meetings in Beijing October 2024

Recommendations for TSc next intersessional period

- Continue prioritization of TSc work plan activities, with Management Committee
- Continue to meet regularly intersessionally (virtually; or face to face resources permitting
- Empower TSc to make technical decisions to strengthen implementation of Partnership work
- Continue to advise annually on Small Grant Fund (SGF) proposals
- Further strengthen TSc relationship with Secretariat and its Science Unit
- Support Secretariat/SU in developing central clearing house for all migratory waterbird colour-marking schemes
- Advise on updating the *Conservation Status Review*, including for seabird populations
- Provide technical advice on draft EAAFP Science Strategy

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