

# Assessing regional capacity needs for wetland conservation

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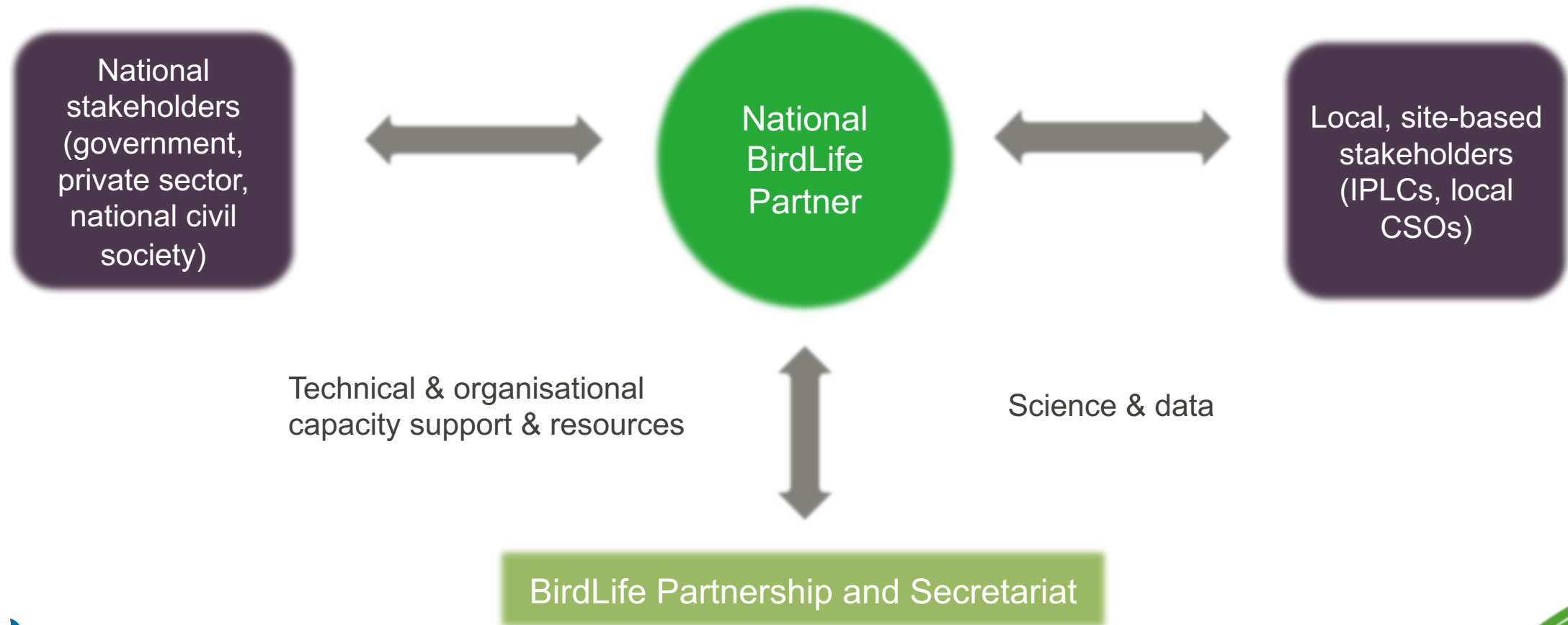


# Why assess capacity at a flyway-scale

- Capacity building is priority for EEAF (Global Coastal Forum, EAFFP Strategic Plan 2019-2028)
- Necessary to understand strengths & needs
- Allows integration of capacity development activities into conservation action
- Leads to efficient & effective conservation
- Sustainability of actions
- Needs to take account of:
  - Different scales – regional, national, local, site-based
  - Different actors – government, civil society, IPLCs, private sector
  - Different local and national governance contexts
  - Status/designation of priority sites (PA, OECM, undesignated etc.)



# BirdLife's Partnership approach



# BirdLife's capacity building approach



## Accelerating

### BirdLife's impact

We help develop new, independent civil society organisations and hatch successful BirdLife Partners to accelerate and sustain conservation impact where it matters most.

We provide customised support to existing BirdLife Partners around the world. We consolidate resources and expertise from the Partnership to encourage mutual exchange and peer support.



## Developing

### conservation leaders

We inspire children to care for the natural world and build their knowledge and understanding of the environmental challenges facing our planet and develop the skills needed to address them.

We identify and develop networks of conservation leaders who can rise to the challenge of a rapidly changing world and champion a sustainable future.



## Mobilising

### grassroots civil society

We harness the knowledge, enthusiasm and potential of local conservation champions and support community and site-based organisations committed to conservation and sustainable development.

Through our work with the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund, we are tackling threats to the world's biodiversity hotspots by investing in local grassroots organisations to protect nature.

# BirdLife's capacity assessment approach & tools

## Quality Assurance System



- Programmatic and organisational effectiveness indicators
- Completed every 3 years by all Partners
- Results inform capacity development support (grants, technical support etc.)
- Training tools: governance, strategic planning, HR, project management, mainstreaming biodiversity (conventions, policy processes and sector-specific advice) etc.



# Working with national governments



# Site-level capacity

INTEGRATING RIGHTS AND

# SOCIAL ISSUES IN CONSERVATION

- Gender and conservation
- Introduction to governance
- Equity, participation and power
- Rights-based approaches to conservation
- Conflict management
- Sustainable livelihoods



[Cambridgeconservation.org/resource/intrinsic-integrating-rights-and-social-issues-in-conservation-a-trainers-guide](https://cambridgeconservation.org/resource/intrinsic-integrating-rights-and-social-issues-in-conservation-a-trainers-guide)

# Local and national civil society

## Self-led organisational development

Conservation organisations today face urgent and complex challenges. There is a growing recognition that capacity for conservation should be scaled up quickly in high biodiversity countries to help conservation organisations become more effective.

This website is a free online resource that can help conservation organisations to develop themselves to be stronger, more resilient and able to deliver enduring conservation impacts.

[Assess your organisation >](#)





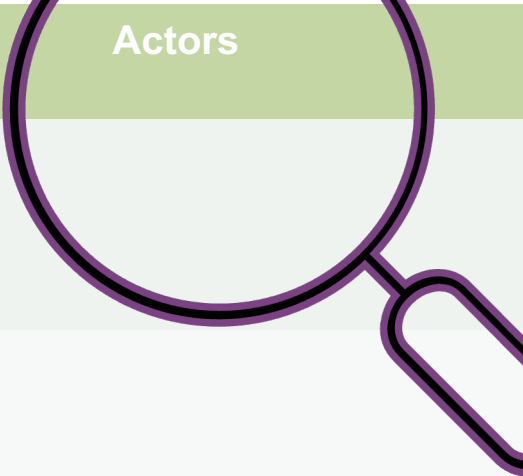
# Embedding in the EAAFP strategy 2019-2028

## EAAFP Partnership Objective 4

**Build the habitat and waterbird management capacity of natural resource managers, decision makers and local stakeholders:**

- Building of skills in the Flyway is recognised as a priority. Partners and the Secretariat have provided necessary training tools and assistance to **site managers, resource managers, decision makers and local stakeholders.**
- A sound understanding of **migratory waterbird conservation, wetland management issues, sustainable management of sites and local livelihood issues** have been accepted as an integral part of effective skills building. Partners share successful and innovative skills building experiences and tools.

# Stakeholder mapping

General roles	Governance levels/ organisations	Responsibilities (examples)	Actors
Policy/planning	National government	Specialised sectoral data and expertise Funding assistance Input into relevant global & regional coastal programmes	
	Line ministries	Detailed understanding of constraints and limitations of 'on the ground' problems Support of site user groups and local communities	
Implementation of activities	Government institutions	As above	
	NGOs	Project management Technical support Capacity building	
	Site user groups		
	Academia, private sector Etc.		

# Developing a needs assessment framework

- Building on previous experience and existing regional expertise – catalogue ongoing activities and identify potential partner institutions (desk - based review)
- Identify national institutional capacity gaps for wetland management and protection in areas such as: governance (mandate, leadership), information & knowledge (access to information, quality of information, capacity to monitor etc.), planning (processes, procedures, tools, strategies), resources (budgets, human resources, infrastructure), implementation (actions, services/goods, stakeholders & beneficiaries), MEL and knowledge management (monitoring, feedback from stakeholders)
- Identify local capacity gaps – at site level (once prioritised)
- Using surveys, workshops, interviews etc.
- Develop a framework for increasing wetland management and protection capacity for EAAF

# Learning from you

Thank you!



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