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REGIONAL FLYWAY INITIATIVE TRAINING SERIES:

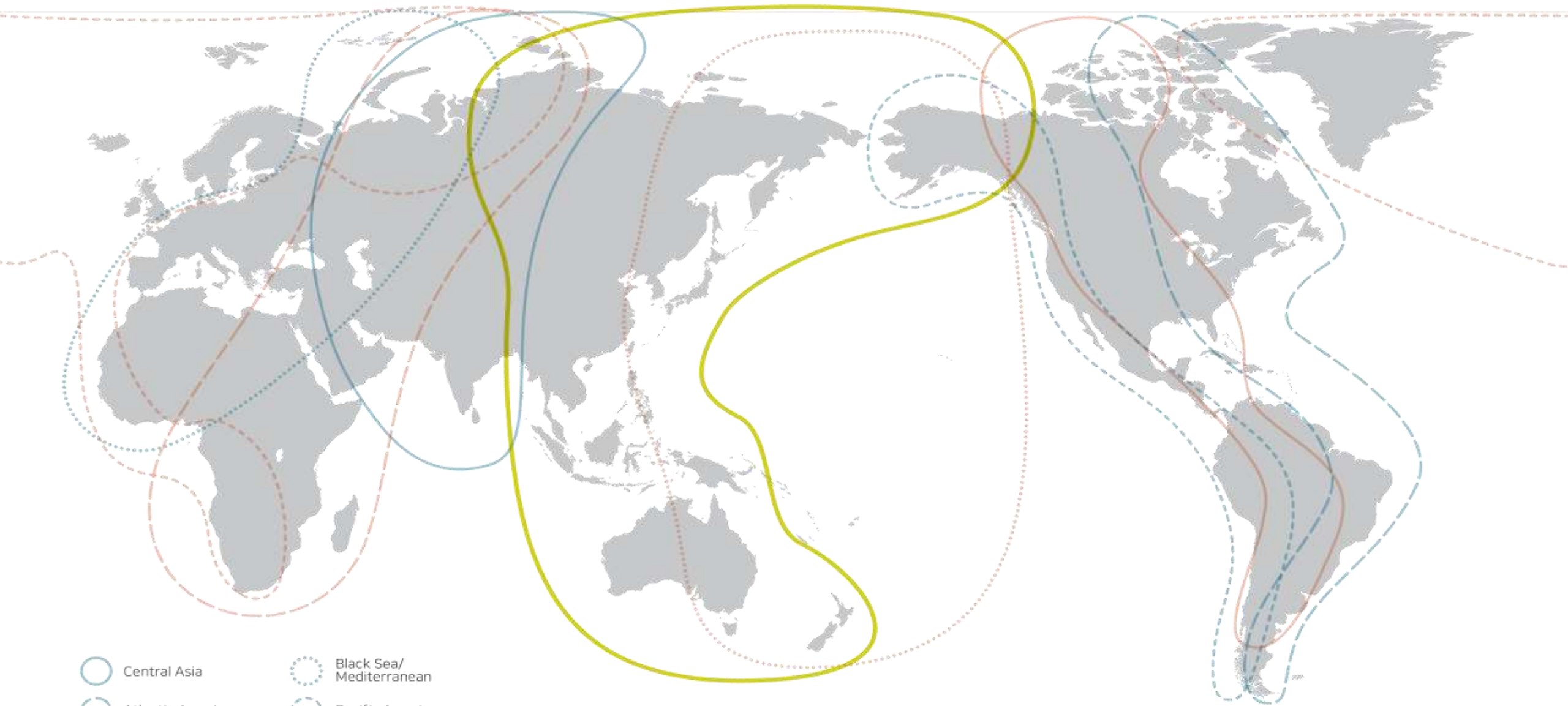
Workshop on Wetland Ecosystem Services and Nature-based Solutions

MONGOLIA 28–29 November 2024

Introduction to the Work and Framework of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership

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|  Central Asia |  Black Sea/
Mediterranean | |
|  Atlantic Americas |  Pacific Americas | |
|  Mississippi Americas |  West Pacific | |
|  West Asian-
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40 Partners of EAAFP

National Governments (18)



Inter-Governmental Organisations (6)



International Organisation (1)

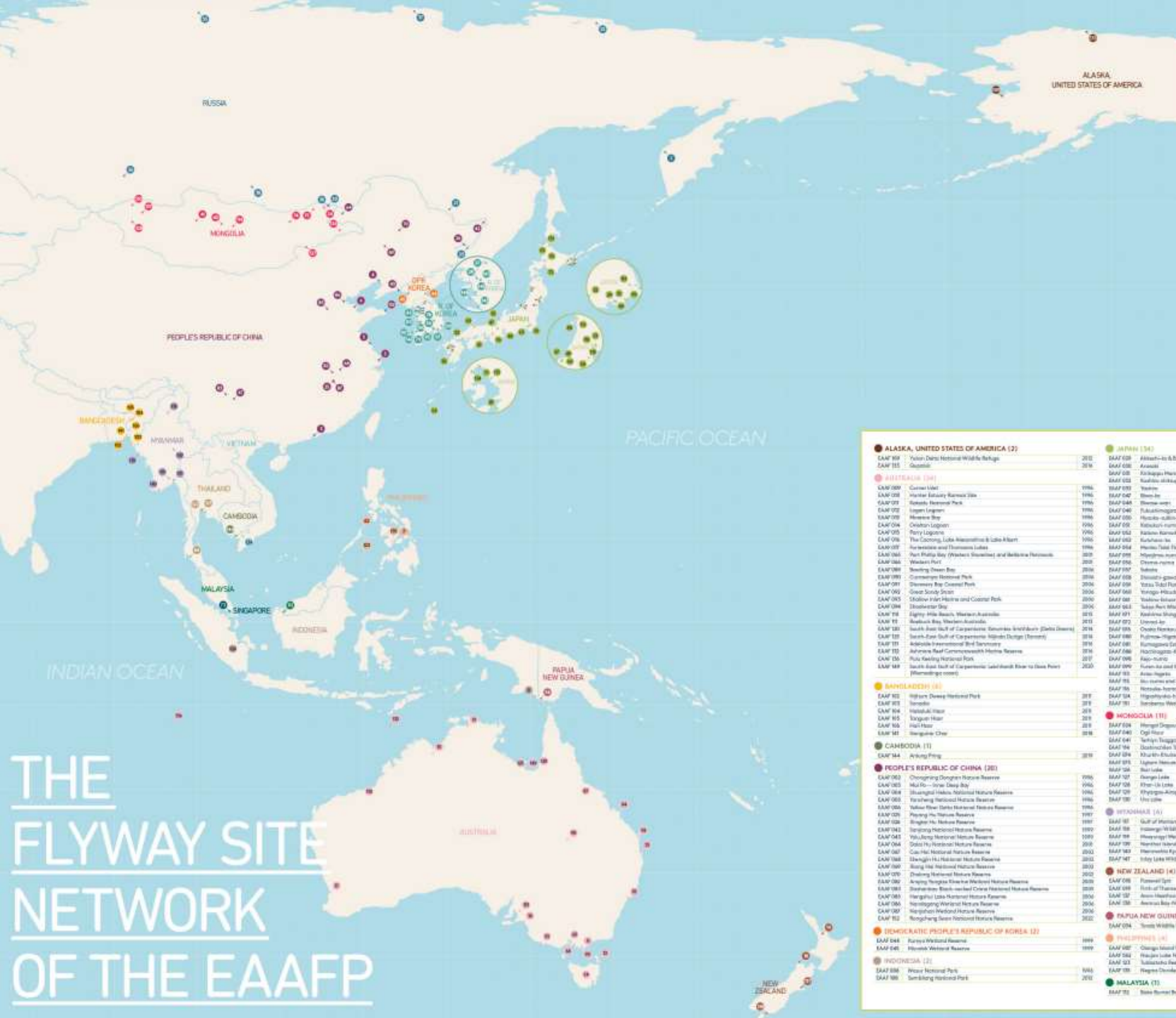


International Non-Government Organisations (14)



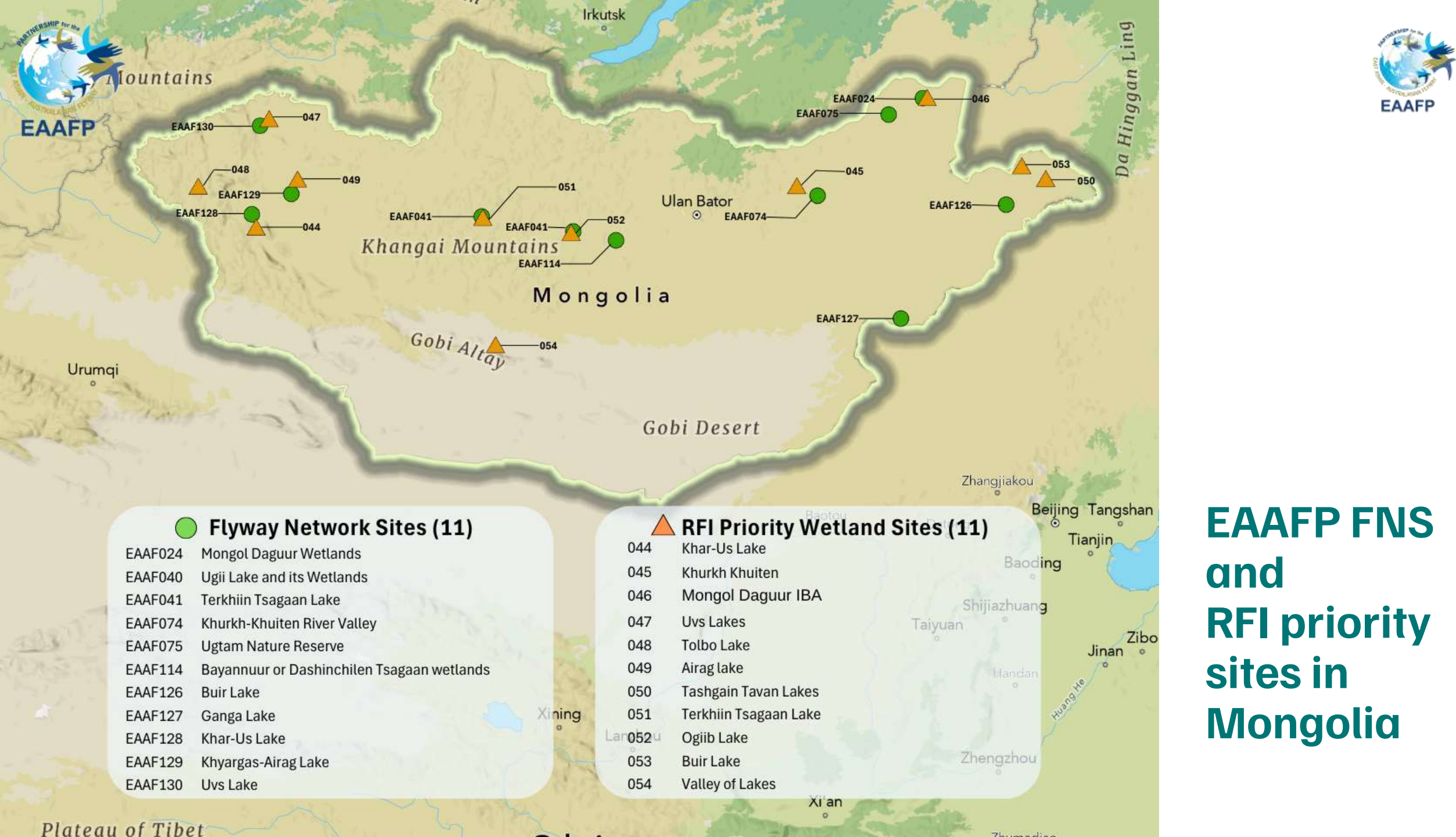
International Private Enterprise (1)

RioTinto



156 Flyway Network Sites
19 countries with FNS
1000+ Important sites for migratory waterbirds

- **The most vulnerable**
- **50 million migratory waterbirds**
- **More than 210 species**
- **200 million people** rely on these sites for food, medicine, fuel, livelihood, climate resilience, and other economic benefits.



Engagements of Mongolia with EAAFP

EAAFP Partnership

- Member since 2011
- Flyway Network Sites: 11

Dalmatian Pelican Task Force

- Chair: Dr. Nyambayar Batbayar, Wildlife Science and Conservation Center of Mongolia

Key Workshops and Initiatives

- Celebration of World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) – EAAFP small grant fund
- Mongolian Bird Ringing Program
- Mongolian national wetland and Flyway manager training workshop in Ulaanbaatar in October 2015
- Building capacity for shorebird research and conservation in Mongolia – workshop and expedition, 2012



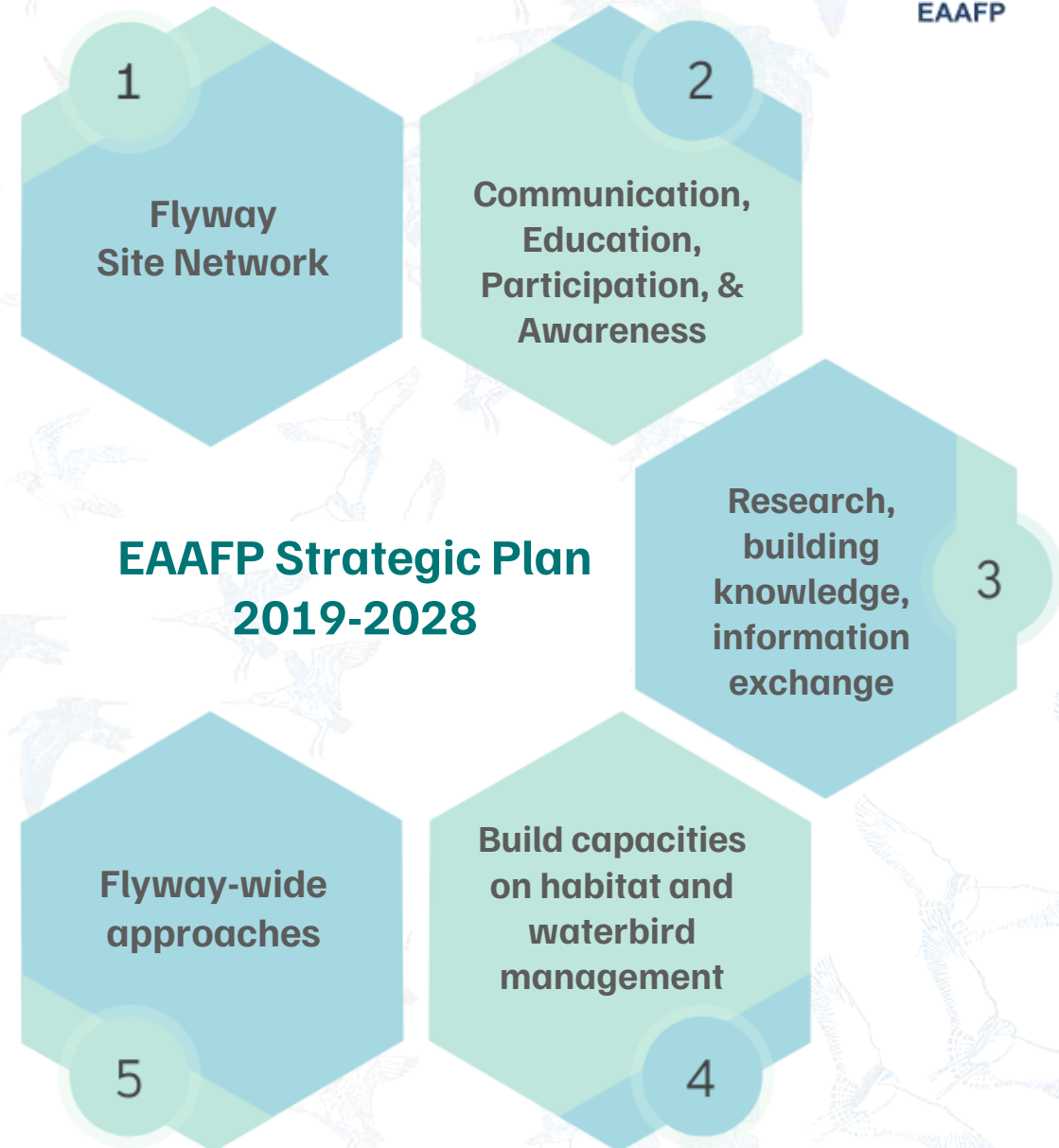
Field trip to Dashinchilen Tsagaan wetlands 2015 [EAAF114]
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EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day(WMBD) Small Grant Fund

Event	Location	Co-organizer / cooperate with	Activities
2024 WMBD Small Grant	Ulaanbaatar	Wildlife Science and Conservation Center	Khurkh Bird Ringing Station, Ugii Wetland Center, and Khovd Bird Ringing Station
2024 WMBD Small Grant	Institute of Biology, MAS, Songino Khaikhan Mountain, and Swan Lake	Institute of Biology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences	World Migratory Bird Day celebration 2024
2023 WMBD Small Grant Fund	Bayandelger Soum in Tuv Province	Saraana Nature Conservation Foundation (SNCF)	Discovering local wetlands: the vital habitat of migratory birds - Education, Raising awareness, and birdwatching
2022 WMBD Small Grant Fund	Western, Eastern and Southern Mongolia	Wildlife Science and Conservation Center (WSCC) / WWF Mongolia, Oyu Tolgoi LLC, high schools in Western, Eastern, and Southern Mongolia	Bird research education, conservation awareness about light pollution; reached 910+ participants
2021 WMBD Small Grant Fund	Chukh Bird Research Station (CBRS), Eastern Mongolia	Chukh Bird Research Station (CBRS), Mongolian Bird Conservation Center of Mongolia (MBCC)	Migratory shorebirds monitoring presentation, birdwatching at Chukh lake
2020 WMBD Small Grant Fund	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolian Ornithological Society, Ministry of Environment and Tourism Mongolian, National University of Mongolia, The Education art office of Ulaanbaatar along with its 9 districts, administrations of 21 provinces, MNB TV and Motherland LLC.	Public outreach, titled “Birds Connect Our World.”
2017 WMBD Small Grant Fund	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolian Ornithological Society	Birdwatching and public awareness campaigns with the slogan “Their Future is Our Future.”
2012 WMBD Small Grant Fund	Ulaanbaatar	Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia and Natural History Museum of Mongolia,, UNEP/CMS Secretariat and Steppe Forward	World Migratory Bird Day 2012 in Ulaanbaatar Public events, museum exhibitions, and educational outreach on migratory bird conservation.

Understanding the Flyway Partnership

safeguarding ecological connectivity across EAAF



Levels of Cooperation

Global Level

- World Migratory Bird Day
- African – Eurasian Waterbird Agreement
- Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network
 - Central Asian Flyway
 - Wetland Link International
- Multilateral Environmental Agreements
 - World Coastal Forum

National Level

- National Partnership
- Site Partnership

Subregional Level

- NEASPEC
- ASEAN Flyway Network
- Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative
- Ramsar Regional Center - East Asia
- Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative
- Yellow Sea Region(PRC,ROK,DPRK)
 - Regional Flyway Initiative

Flyway Level

- Flyway Site Network
- EAAFP Meetings of Partners
- Working Groups and Task Forces
 - Sister Sites Partnership



Convention on
Biological Diversity



Convention on Wetlands
Convention sur les zones humides
Convención sobre los Humedales



7 Working Groups and 10 Task Forces

Working Groups



ANATIDAE
WORKING GROUP



AVIAN DISEASE
WORKING GROUP



BLACK-FACED SPOONBILL
WORKING GROUP



CEPA
WORKING GROUP



CRANE WORKING
GROUP



SEABIRD
WORKING GROUP



SHOREBIRD
WORKING GROUP



AMUR-HEILONG BASIN
TASK FORCE



BAER'S POCHARD
TASK FORCE



FAR EASTERN CURLEW
TASK FORCE



MONITORING OF WATERBIRD
POPULATIONS & SITES
TASK FORCE



SCALY-SIDED MERGANSER
TASK FORCE



SPOON-BILLED SANDPIPER
TASK FORCE



YELLOW SEA ECOREGION
TASK FORCE



DALMATIAN PELICAN
TASK FORCE

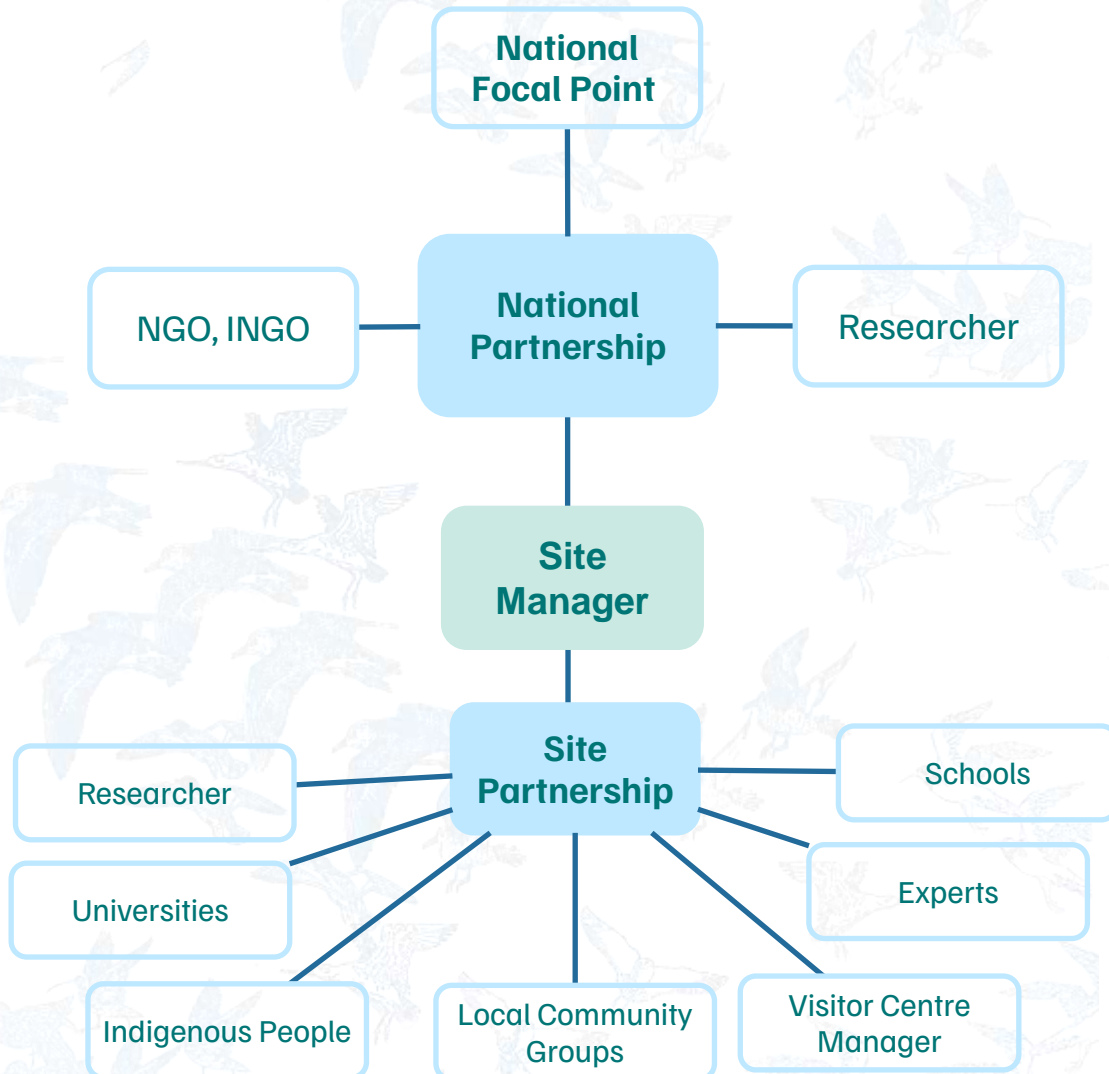


ILLEGAL HUNTING, TAKING &
TRADE OF MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS
TASK FORCE



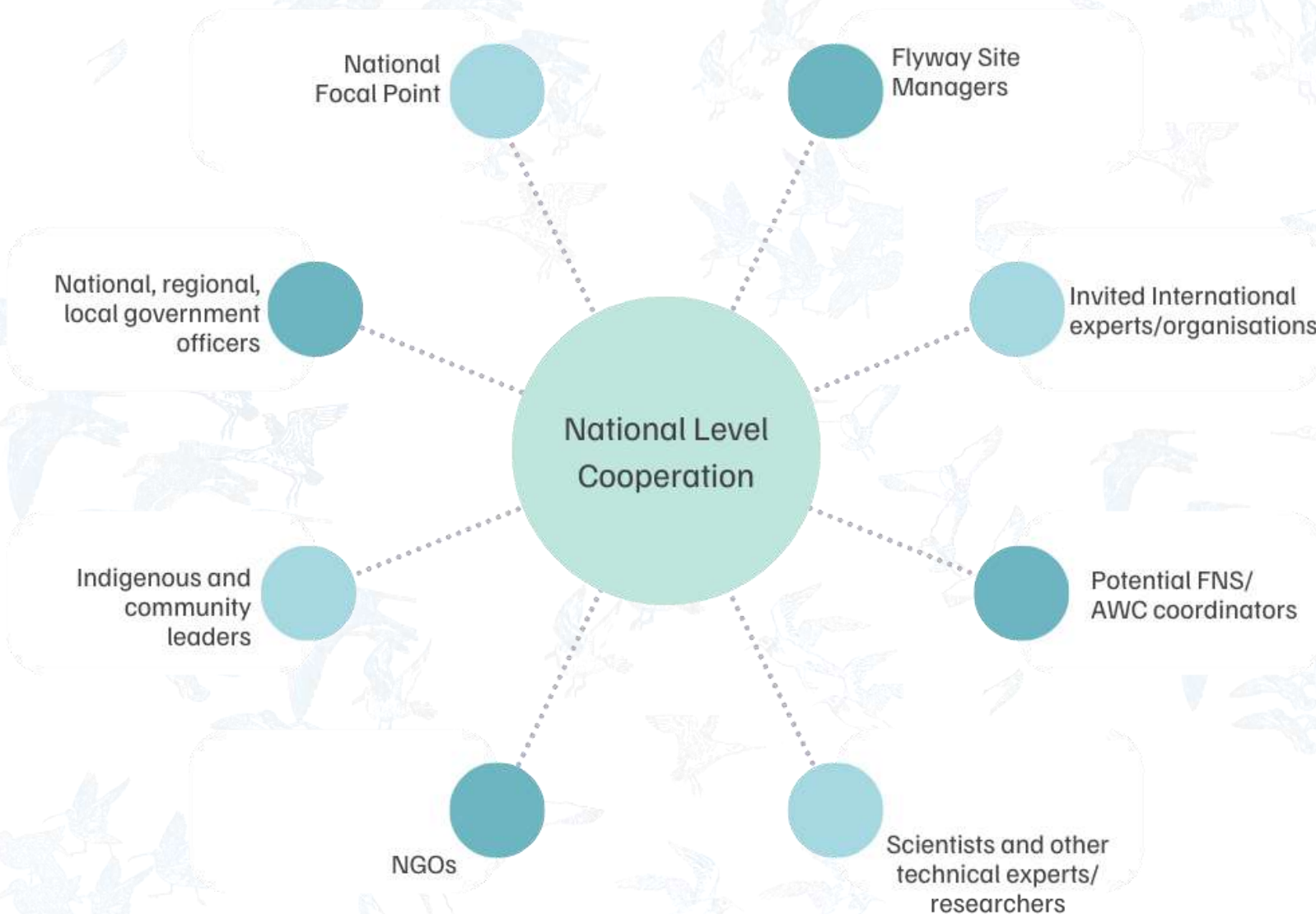
YOUTH
TASK FORCE

National Partnership & Site Partnership



- [EAAFP Partnership Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)
- [EAAFP National Partnership Guideline \(PDF\)](#)
- [EAAFP Site Partnership Guideline \(PDF\)](#)
- [Guidelines for Sister Site Program](#)

National Partnerships



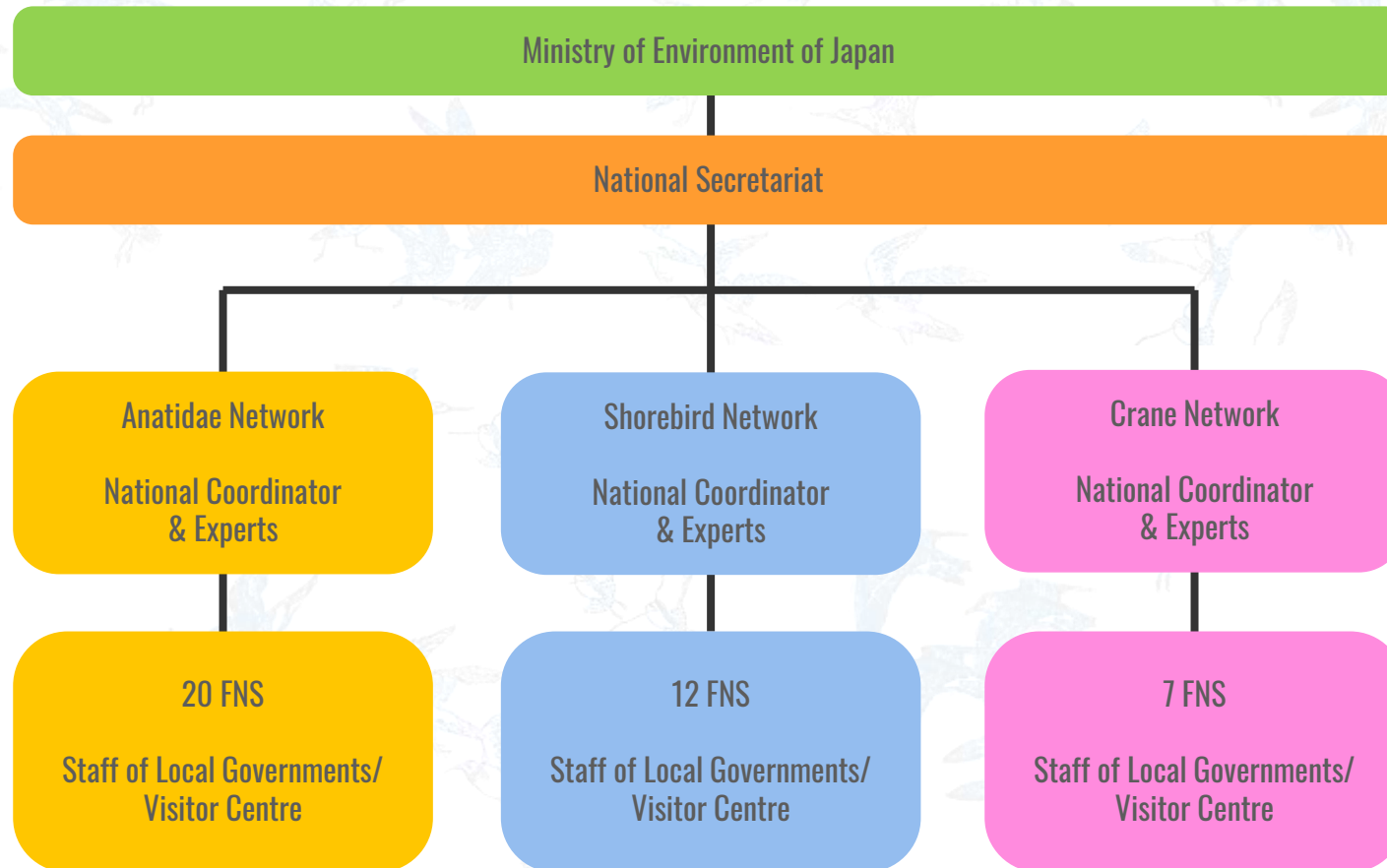
Who are the stakeholders?

How to involve them?

What is the structure?



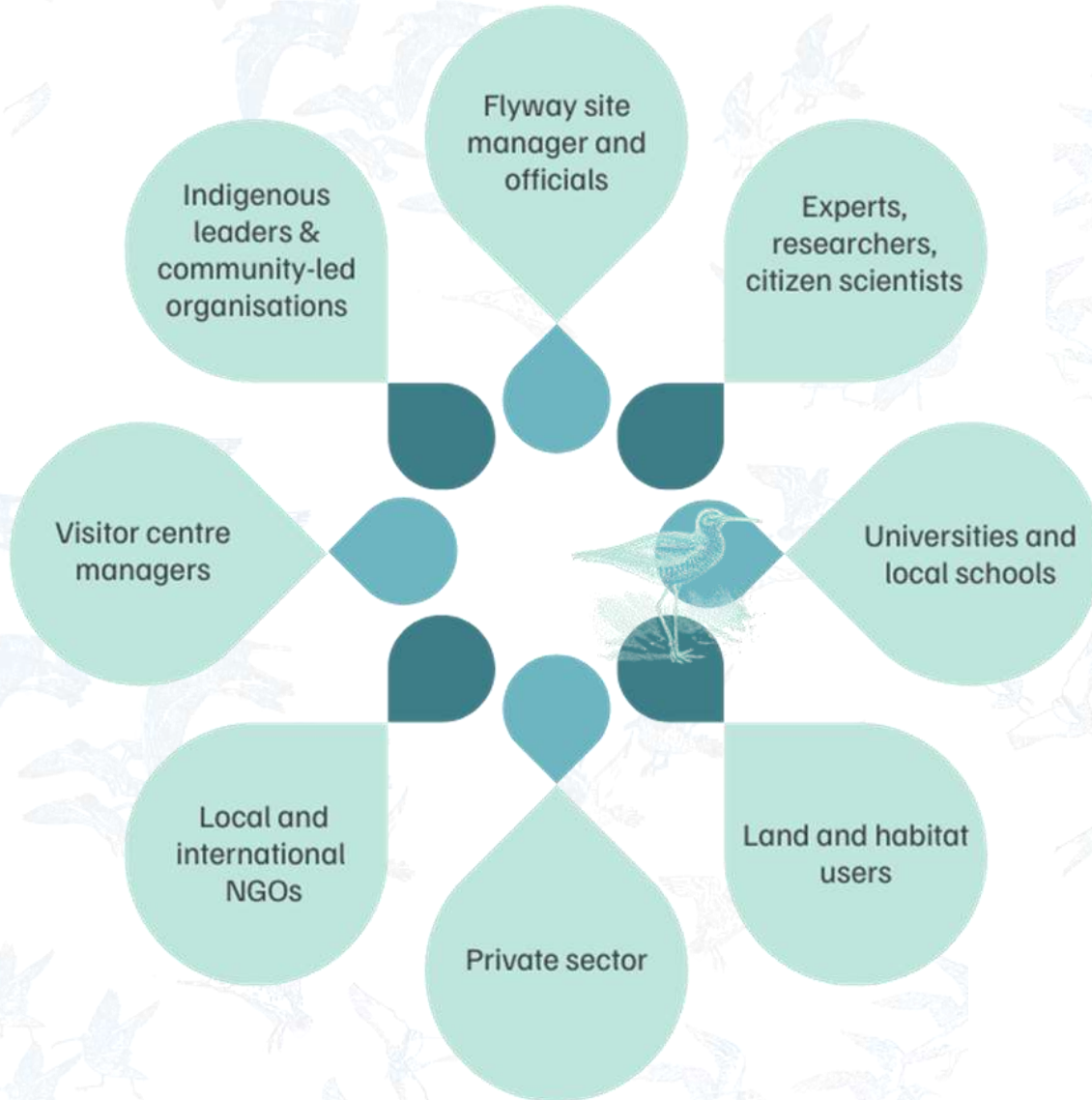
Structure of National Partnership – example of Japan



Template for a National Partnership Work Plan

Objectives from the EAAFP Strategic Plan	Activities that you might include – with time frames – to implement each Objective over the coming year
Objective 1 Development of the Network of Sites	Examples of activities may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for activities at Flyway Network Sites. Develop proposals for new Flyway Network Sites. Hold the annual National Partnership meeting. Develop an agreed National Work Plan with national partners.
Objective 2 CEPA	Examples of activities may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">
Objective 3 Research and Monitoring	Examples of activities may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">
Objective 4 Capacity Building	Examples of activities may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">
Objective 5 Flyway-wide Approaches	Examples of activities may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">

Site Partnerships



“it’s on the ground, at the habitats, that people are inspired to act”

Site Partnership – Site Activity or Work Plan

The Activity or Work Plan:

- ✓ Involves all stakeholders
- ✓ Incorporates the EAAFP Strategic Plan (and National Partnership Plan if existing)
- ✓ Agrees on actions by the Site Partnership for the upcoming year
- ✓ Finds ways to celebrate

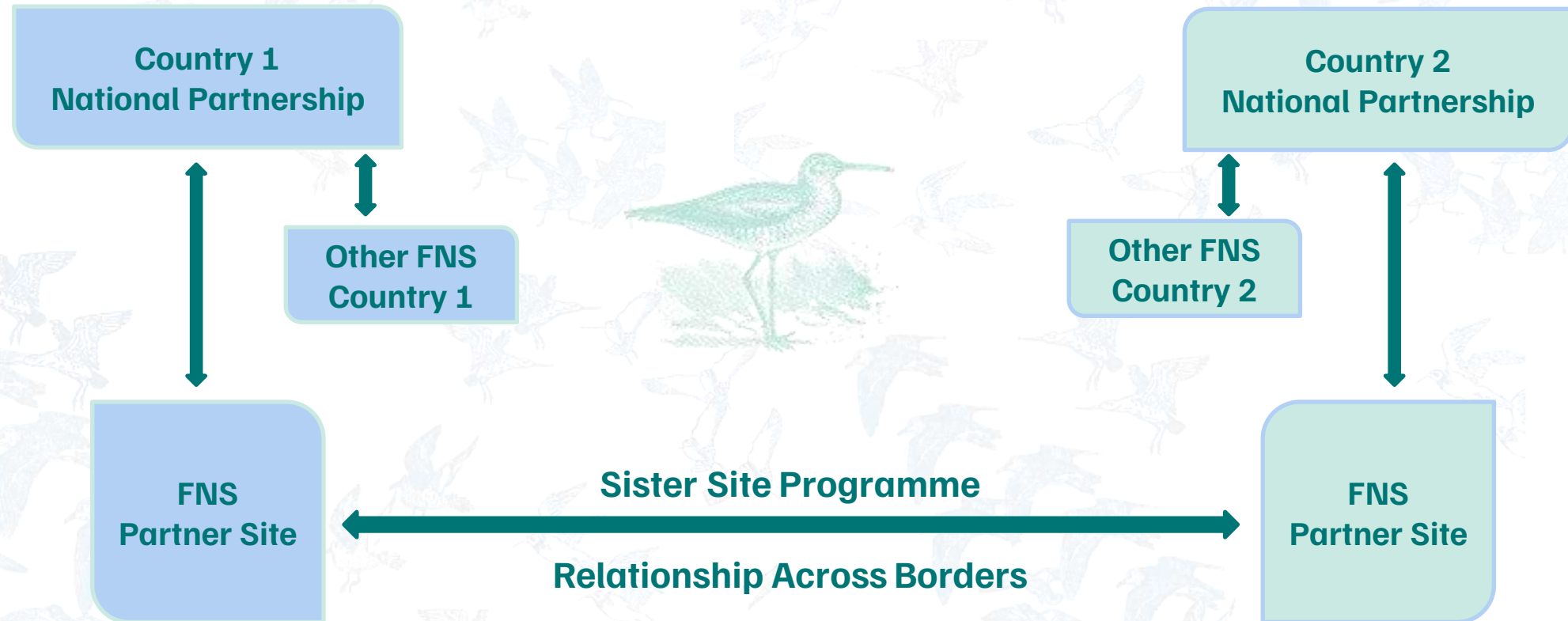


Example - Site Activity and Work Plan Framework

Objectives from the EAAFP Strategic Plan	Activities your Site plans to undertake over the coming year
Objective 1 Development of the Network of Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Site Partnership • Hold a meeting to create a Work Plan
Objective 2 CEPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a festival to celebrate migratory birds returning to breed in Spring, gather teachers together to understand the value of wetlands so they can teach their students
Objective 3 Research and Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with a local university to analyse the results of citizen monitoring results • Connect with another FNS
Objective 4 Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the Secretariat to recommend an expert to hold a workshop on monitoring for the Asian Waterbird Census
Objective 5 Flyway-wide Approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify which species your site would like to monitor in its migration to other sites on the Flyway. Ask the Secretariat to assist with contacting relevant sites

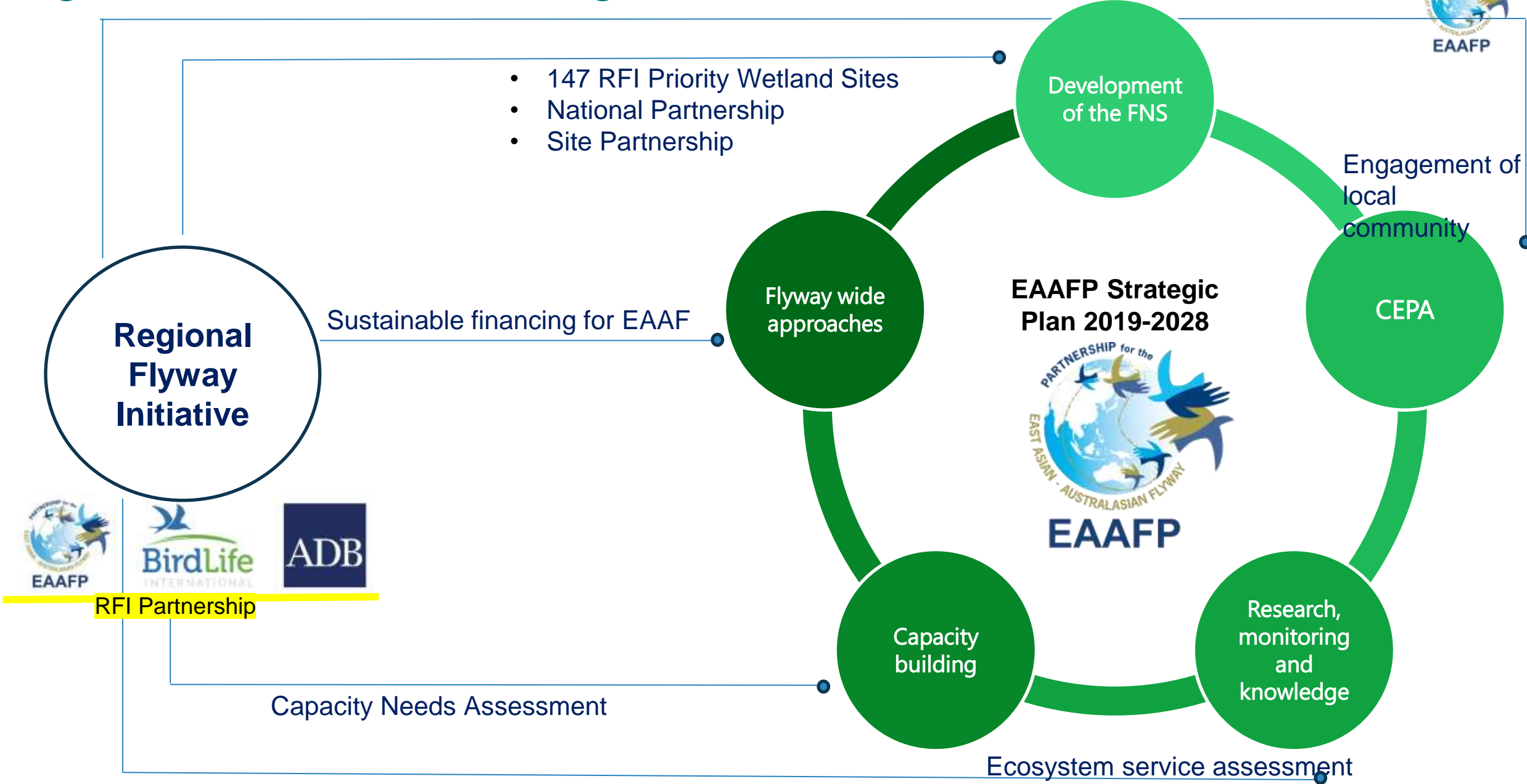
Framework to mobilise communities to become more involved with migratory waterbirds and habitat conservation

EAAFP Sister Site Partnerships – relationships between Sites through the migration network



12 EAAFP Sister Sites (as of November 2024)

Alignment with EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019-2028



EAAFP Science Symposium (16-18 October 2024, Beijing)



1. Migratory Waterbird Population Dynamics and Conservation Biology
2. EAAF Habitat Evolution and Conservation Gaps
3. Indigenous Peoples, Communities, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge
4. Impact of Climate Change on flyways and mitigation
5. Avian Diseases and Human Health
6. Scientific Monitoring, Data Platforms, and Sharing

Flyway University Alliance

- ❑ 2023 WCF's call for action to establish the Alliance of Universities in EAAF
- ❑ **Objective:** Support early-career researchers, promote conservation actions, and foster collaboration on scientific, technological, and nature-based solutions to address the challenges facing the flyway.
- ❑ **Collaborations:** Joint research, Capacity Building, Research and Monitoring, Global Think Tank
- ❑ **FUA Secretariat hosted by the Beijing Forestry University**

Kick-off meeting on 16 October 2024

Countries represented	China, Mongolia, Cambodia, Thailand, New Zealand, Australia, Russia, ROK, Japan, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka,
Number of participating universities	18 (on-site)





Philippines | 8-14 November 2025

Theme: Weaving Connections: Celebrating Migration, Traditional Knowledge, and Innovation across our Flyway.

East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)



THE 12TH MEETING OF PARTNERS

HOST

Department of
Environment and
Natural Resources
(DENR) of the
Philippines

