



Biodiversity and Ecosystems Management: **The contribution of migratory shorebirds to sustainable livelihoods and thriving communities.**

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Why protect Coastal Wetlands?

- Sustain **large and growing populations** in Asia.
- Important as **Green Infrastructure** for Coastal Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation.
- **Blue Carbon** – coastal wetlands sequester carbon.
- **Aquaculture** (fish and crustacean breeding) and **Fisheries**.
- **Agriculture** including the production of salt.
- **Sustainable timber harvesting**.
- Important **ecosystem** for birds and other wildlife – and **eco tourism**.

Conservation of interconnected sites used by threatened migratory birds.

... **protect birds** along the world's threatened flyways.

... **support livelihoods** including agriculture and aquaculture and ecotourism at working wetlands.

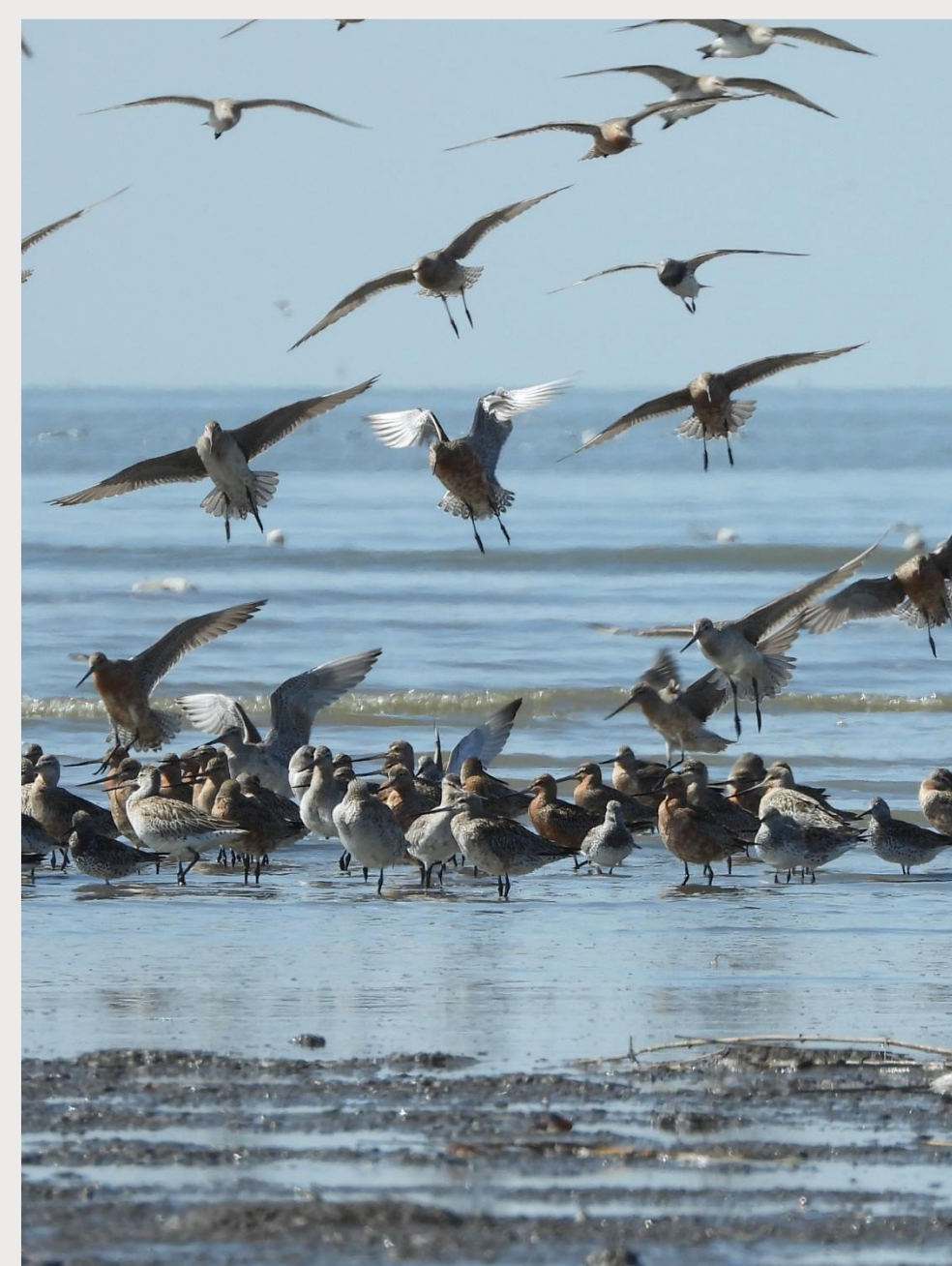
... **address the climate emergency** through carbon sequestration and climate resilience.

... deliver **conservation impact** through wetland conservation, restoration and management.

... **help civil society enable and support investments** in wetlands by governments and development banks.

... **bring people and cultures together** around a shared conservation agenda.

... achieve **conservation at scale** by protecting connected sites that form a single ecological landscape.





The role of civil society in coastal protection

Advocacy to protect coastal ecosystems.

The use of data in delivering scientific and technical support – Identification of biodiversity and ecosystem values.

Ground truthing of solutions through presence on the ground.

Understanding **local circumstances, challenges and** opportunities in the design of interventions and addressing risks.

Understanding the **needs of local people and local buy in** addressing conservation.

Building **local capacity and understanding** which is critical for large initiatives.

Providing **complementarity** – parallel interventions by governments and civil society.

Regional Flyway Initiative: Partnership with ADB to help mobilize funding to protect wetlands.

- Identifying the most important sites along the EAAF.
- Identifying ecosystem values at the most important sites.
- Developing the capacity of governments.
- Developing investment concepts to identify interventions.
- Supporting civil society action to protect the flyway.



Thank You

