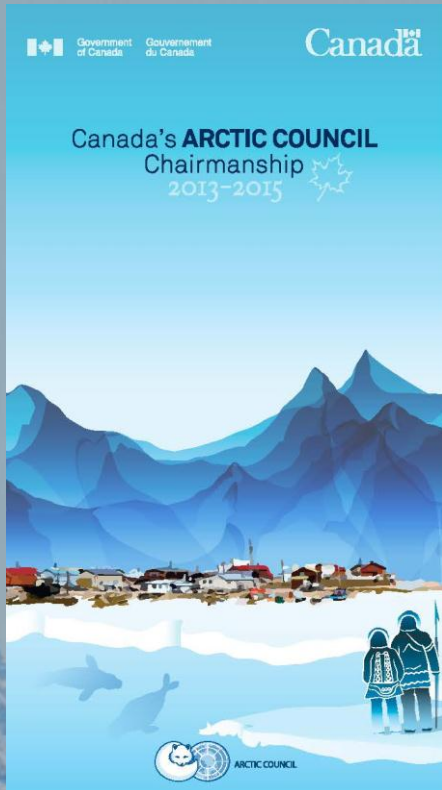


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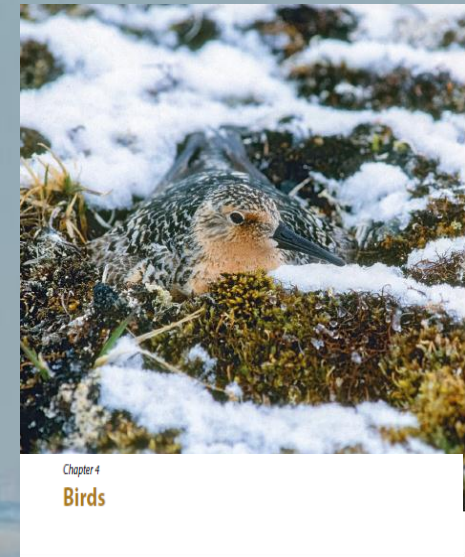


WHERE DID AMBI COME FROM?

1. Priority Project of Canadian Chair- Arctic Council



2. Arctic Biodiversity Assessment



Project Purpose

To improve the conservation status and secure the long term sustainability of arctic breeding migratory bird populations.

CAFF country leads: Canada, Russia, Norway



PROJECT OUTCOMES

1. Seabird and shorebird* conservation and protection among:

- Arctic Council countries
- Arctic Council observer countries/organizations and those seeking observer status
- non-Arctic countries

2. Four flyway-based action plans to protect Arctic breeding birds throughout their life cycle

- starting with priority species

* And occasionally other species



Photo: Carsten Egevang

WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE

1. Organize AMBI

- Project Oversight: steering committee with Canada, US, Russia, Norway, BirdLife International
- Working units at the flyway level
 - East Asian-Australasian
 - Eurasian-African
 - Americas
 - Circumpolar



2. Identify priorities

- Species/groups of species or habitats prioritized based on the urgency of the conservation need or the benefits to multiple species.



- Montreal workshop identified three priority issues

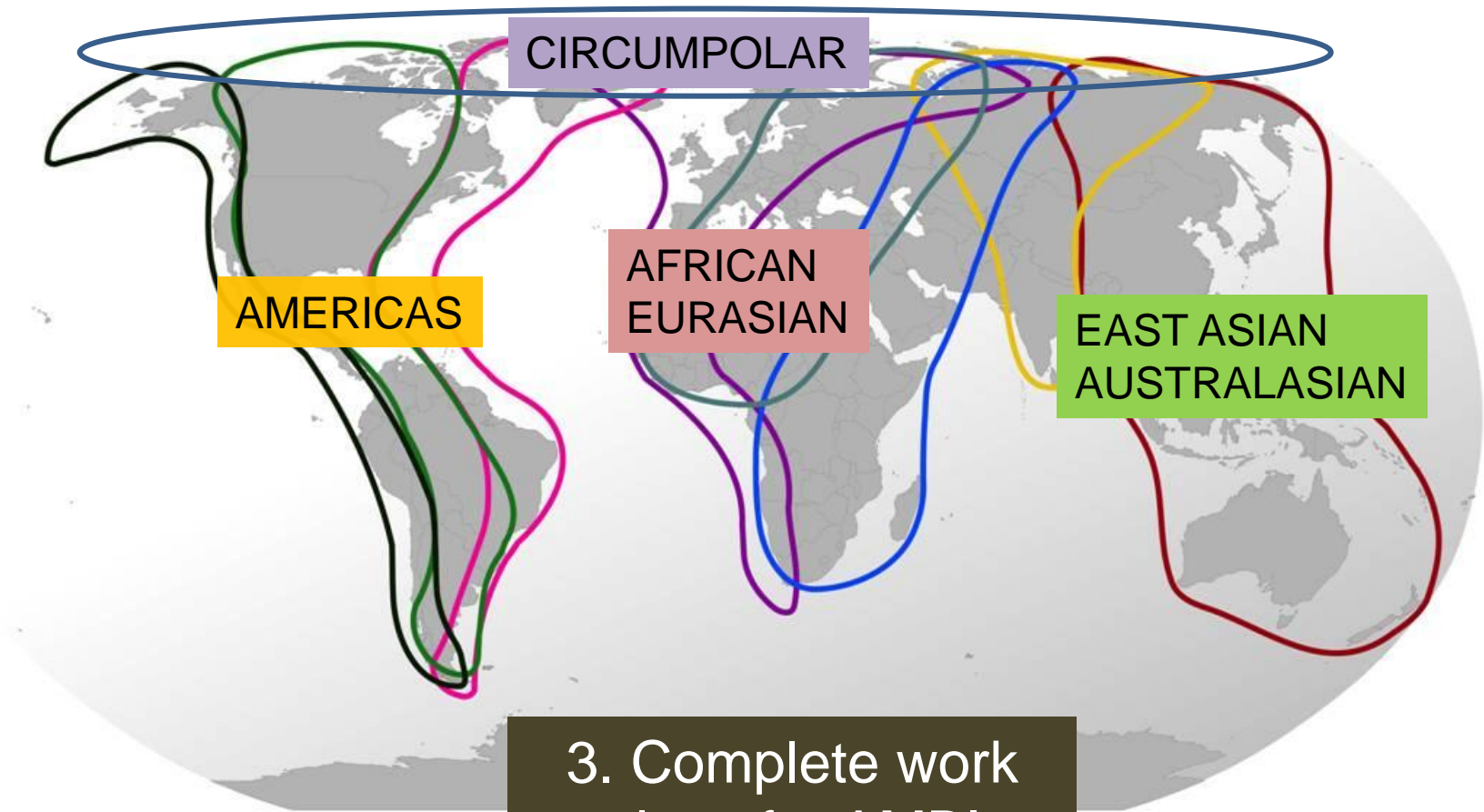
- Habitat destruction/degradation
- Unsustainable harvest
- By-catch

- Identified two species with global concerns, across subspecies

- Red Knot
- Dunlin
- Semi-palmated sandpiper also identified as priority by US, Canadian participants



WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE



3. Complete work plans for AMBI 'Flyways'

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SESSION

Objective 1: To introduce the *Arctic Migratory Birds Initiative* and its draft flyway work plans to session participants

Objective 2: To obtain feedback and guidance from workshop participants regarding

- the implications of the plan action items to livelihoods and activities
- better ways to address identified conservation issues
- other groups or individuals who should be involved in plan implementation

Objective 3: To identify future collaborators in plan implementation.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THIS SESSION?

- AMBI workshop- December 5th
- Detailed planning of implementation items- winter 2015
- Final work plans presented to CAFF board – February 2015
- Arctic Council ministerial approvals- April 2015
- *Implementation to begin Spring 2015 (some items before that)*



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