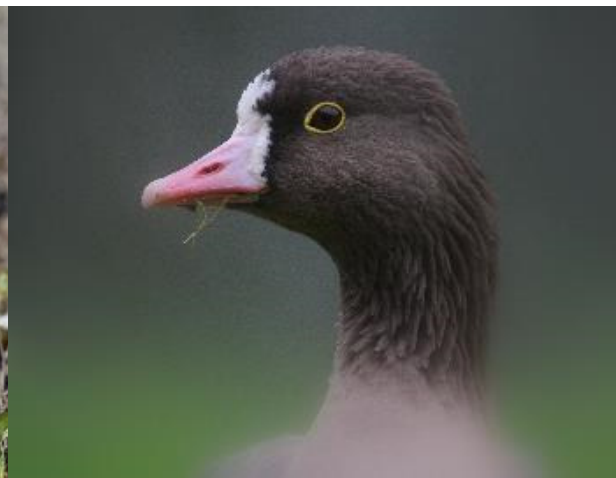


# CAFF's Arctic Migratory Birds Initiative

## East Asian – Australasian Flyway



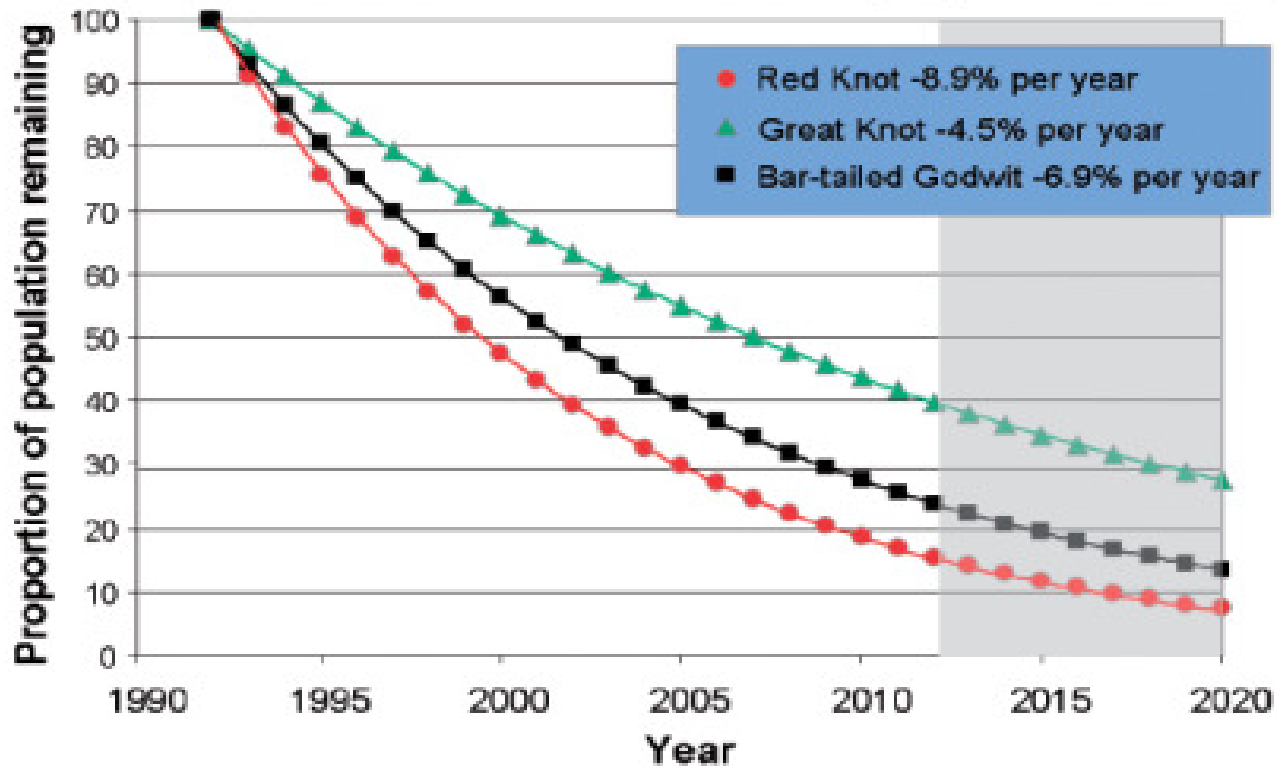
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# East Asian – Australasian Flyway declines of arctic breeding migratory waterbirds

Projected population losses in three shorebird species given current rates of decline of 5-9% per year



Projected trajectories if no further conservation measures are taken (modified from Amano et al. 2010 and Wilson et al. 2011).



# Existing Flyway Framework – EAAF Partnership

Developed in 2002 as a World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) Type II initiative.

Voluntary Initiative

Ramsar Regional Initiative

Partners:

National Governments (18)

Intergovernmental Organisations (7)

International NGO's (11)

International Corporate (1)



## AMBI - Arctic Council links to EAAF States



### Arctic Council Member states

- Russian Federation
- United States of America

### Arctic Council Observer states

- China
- Korea, Ro
- Japan
- Singapore
- India

### Engagement

- Environment Agency / Foreign Affairs

## How its starting to work

1. Working with the two AC Member Countries and the five AC Observer Countries to develop and deliver stronger in-country outcomes and flyway collaborations for Arctic breeding waterbirds.

### ASEAN Regional Flyway Capacity Building Project

- Major funding from Japan to the ASEAN Biodiversity Center, implementation lead by Singapore.
- Building the capacity of the 10 South-east Asian Countries to better conserve over-wintering migratory waterbirds.

Hosting and supporting the AMBI EAAF Coordinator (Singapore)



2. Assisting India with the development of a conservation framework in Central Asia.

# AMBI Workshop Hainan, China

December 5th – 8th

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- Share success stories for the conservation of Arctic breeding birds, with a particular focus on the tidal mudflats of the Yellow Sea
- Strengthening international collaboration to improve the status and long-term sustainability of declining Arctic breeding migratory birds.
- Report and plan for the ongoing program to restore a healthy population of the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper

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