



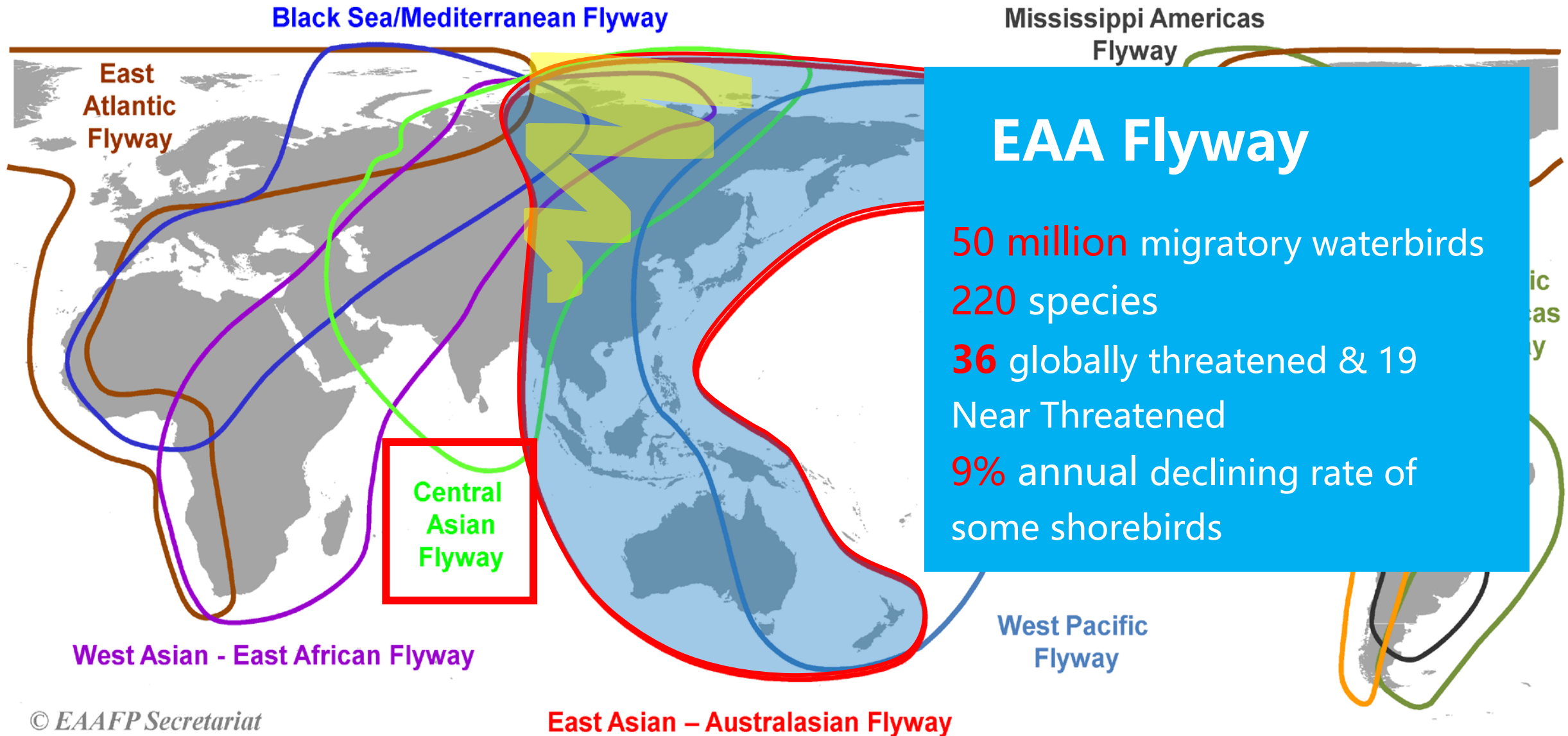
Introduction to the East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership

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9 Major Flyways in the World





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Our objectives



DEVELOP

the **Flyway Site Network** of international importance for the **conservation of migratory waterbirds**



ENHANCE

Communication, Education and Participation and Awareness (CEPA) of the values of migratory waterbirds and their habitats



ENHANCE

Flyway research and monitoring activities, build knowledge and promote **exchange of information** on waterbirds and their habitats



BUILD

Habitat and waterbird management capacity of **natural resource managers, decision makers and local stakeholders**



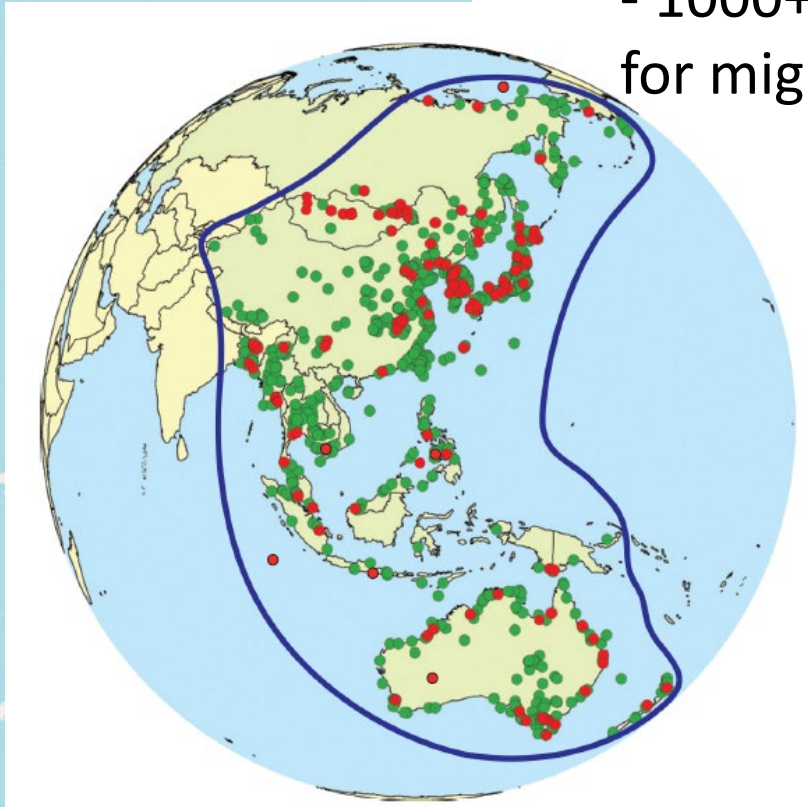
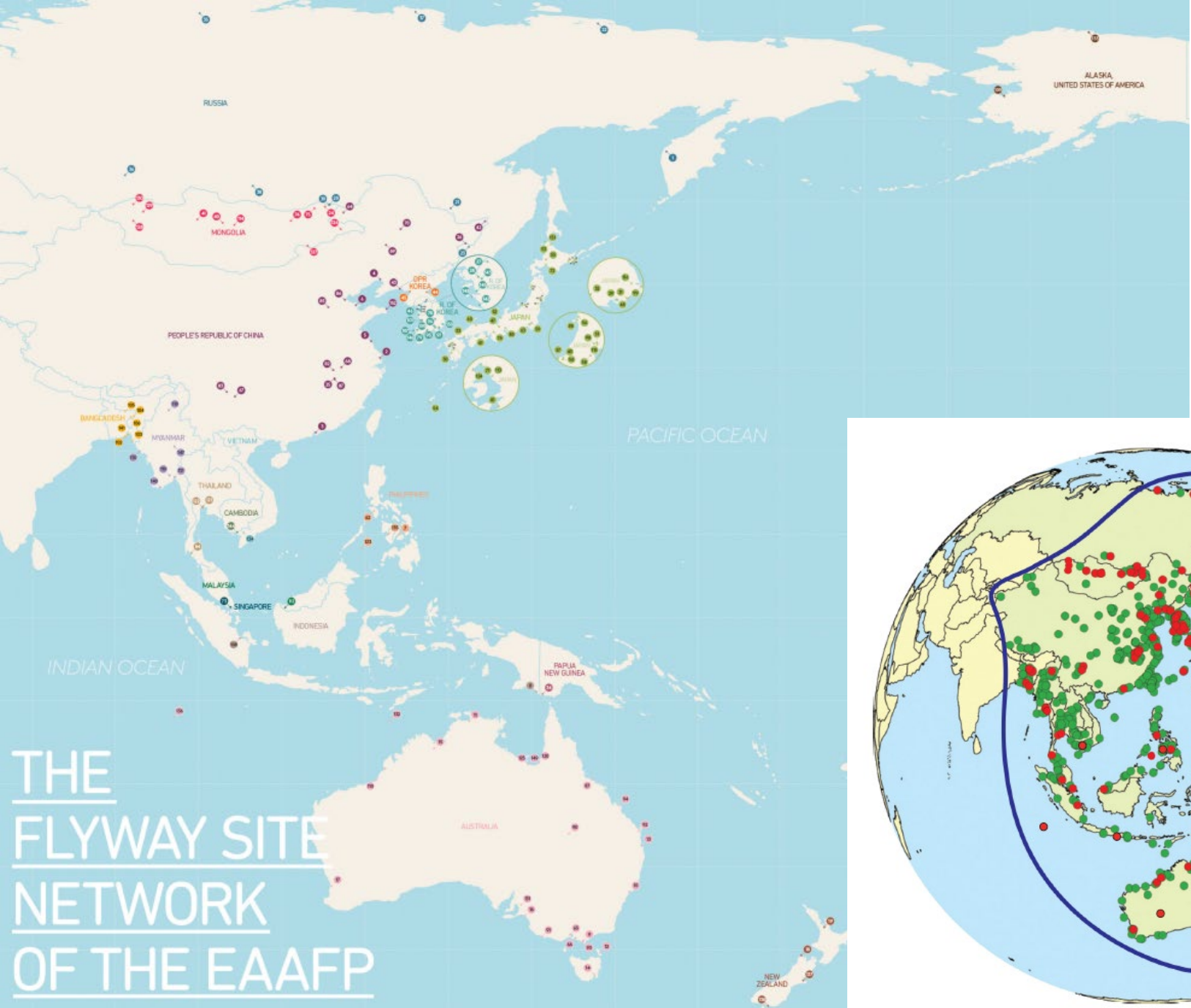
DEVELOP

Especially for **priority species** and habitats, flyway wide approaches to enhance the **conservation status of migratory waterbirds**

Flyway Site Network

- Flyway Network Sites: **152** from 19 countries
- 1000+ Important sites for migratory waterbirds

- **Aim:** To make sure the sites are sustainably managed to support the survival of migratory waterbirds
- Meeting criteria of a Ramsar Site
- Designated by Government



**THE
FLYWAY SITE
NETWORK
OF THE EAAFP**

PARTNERS OF EAAFP (39)



GOVERNMENT PARTNERS (18)



INTERNATIONAL NGOs (13)



INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (6)



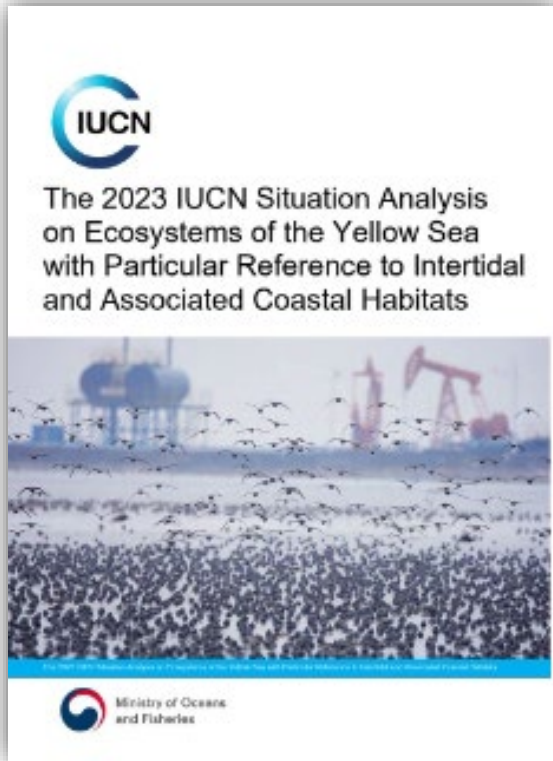
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION (1)



PRIVATE SECTOR (1)



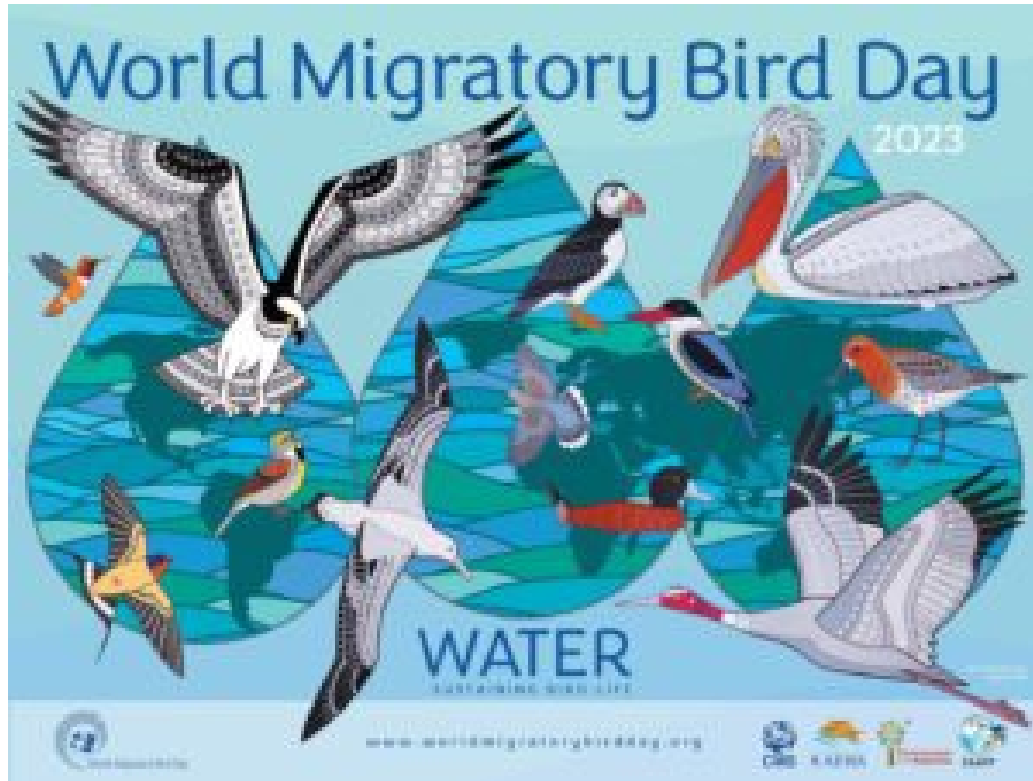
EAAFP Core Activities and Strengths



Regional Cooperation

Monitoring waterbirds and wetlands (Asian Waterbird Census)

EAAFP Core Activities and Strengths




**Communication,
Education, Participation
and Awareness (CEPA)**

EAAFP's 9 Task Forces

- Baer's Pochard
- Dalmatian Pelican
- Far Eastern Curlew
- Scaly-sided Merganser
- Spoon-billed Sandpiper
- Amur-Heilong Basin
- Yellow Sea Ecoregion
- Monitoring of waterbird populations and sites
- Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Waterbirds

EAAFP's 7 Working Groups

- Anatidae (ducks, geese and swans)
- Avian Influenza
- Black-faced Spoonbill 
- CEPA (Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness)
- Crane
- Seabird
- Shorebird

**Experts Group Network
(Working Group, Task Forces)**

EAAFP way forward: Regional Flyway Initiative (RFI)

RFI Long-term Vision and Delivery Timeframe

Will deliver 50+ flyway sites under Protection / Sustainable Management providing a coherent network of priority sites for 10 EAAF countries with favorable conservation status with species numbers maintained or enhanced on the EAAF.



Partnership

Asian Development Bank
EAAFP
BirdLife International (BLI)



Delivery Timeframe

Comprising of 2 stages:

i) DEVELOPMENT STAGE

Grant finance
2021 – 2023 (2yrs)
\$1 million secured

ii) INVESTMENT STAGE

Loan / Grant Blend
2023 onwards (10+yrs)
\$3 billion target



Development Stage Delivery

Implemented by consortium led by BLI with an international team including EAAFP, Wetlands International, Paulson Institute, NUS, & others



Stakeholder Group

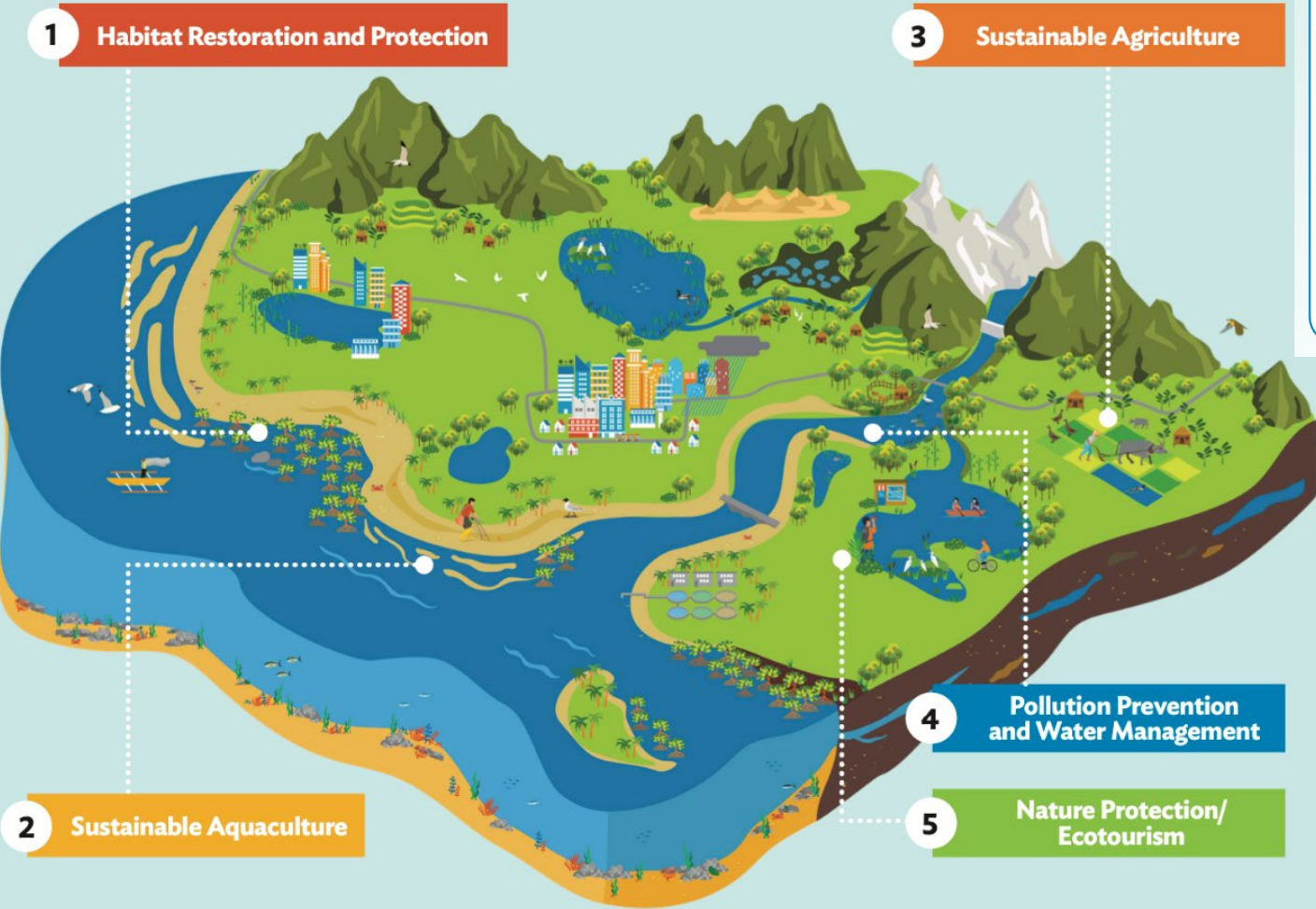
Established including WWF, UNEP, ICF, IUCN, Wetlands International, USAID, AFD amongst others.



RFI Concepts, Financing

Regional Flyway Initiative Projects: Investment Concepts

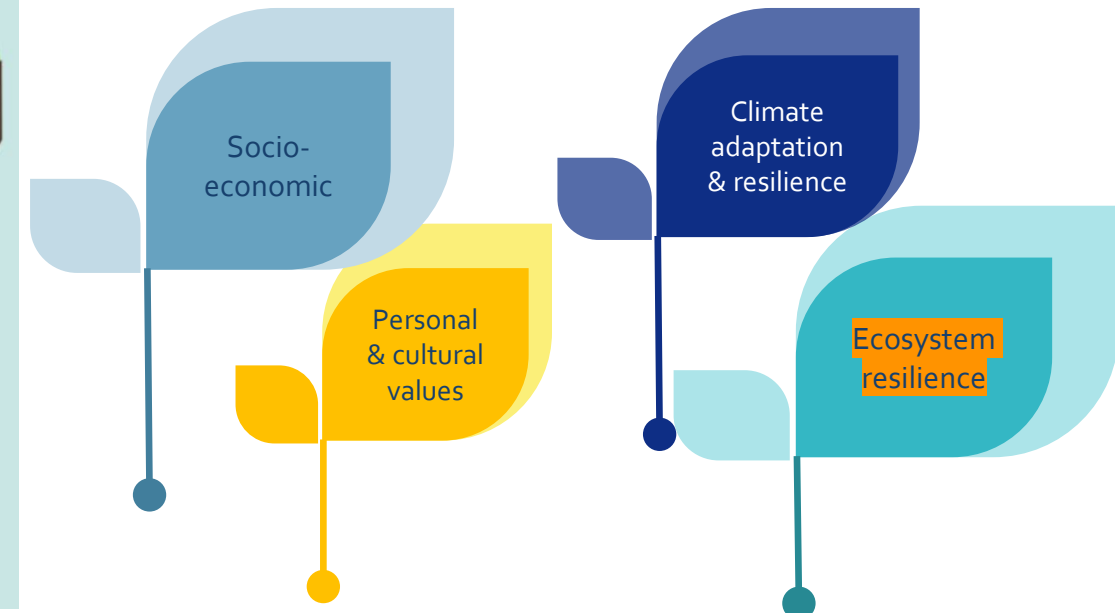
As an initial guide, ADB presents five broad conceptual investment models for wetland sites:



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND CO-BENEFITS IN WETLANDS

Socio-economic development	Personal and cultural values	Climate adaptation and resilience	Ecosystem resilience
Food security	Cultural and spiritual connection	Air quality regulation	Species habitat
Raw materials	Recreation	Climate regulation	Nutrient cycling
Medicinal security	Community building	Water regulation	Photosynthesis
Water security	Aesthetic values	Erosion regulation	Soil formation/Soil integrity
Livelihoods	Health and wellness	Water purification	Disease and pest regulation
		Moderation of extreme events	Pollination

Source: ADB Regional Flyway Initiative (adapted from TEEB Europe).





Thank you!

