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Title:

Report on the development of the East Asian Bird Monitoring Scheme

The proposal of establishing a land bird monitoring scheme in Asia was raised during the bilateral meeting on migratory bird conservation between Japan and South Korea in Niigata, November 2010. A workshop was held in Seoul in March 2012 but it did not reached any useful conclusion.

In 2013, BirdLife Asia Division secured funds from the Japan Fund for Global Environment on conservation of migratory land birds in Asia. One of the goals is to establish a land bird monitoring scheme, using the bilateral agreements on migratory birds between Russia, China, South Korea and Japan as the leverage. Meeting on methodology and consensus were held during the International Ornithological Congress in Tokyo (August 2014), the Conservation on Biological Diversity COP 12 in South Korea (October 2014) and at the bilateral agreement meeting between Japan, China and South Korea in China (November 2014). Finally the three countries agreed to establish a land bird monitoring scheme. Russia joined after the Russia-China bilateral meeting in Moscow in March 2015.

In March 2015 a meeting was held in Jeju, South Korea to form the East Asia Land Bird Monitoring Workshop.

At the initial stage this monitoring scheme will involve the following countries: the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and Japan. It is expected to cover other Asian countries in the future.

The main function of this monitoring scheme is to detect changes in populations of land bird species and their habitats for conservation purposes, in a scientifically robust fashion.

This monitoring scheme would also act as a platform for information exchange on land bird populations and their habitats.

Mr Simba Chan of BirdLife International is nominated by all four countries as a coordinator of the scheme at the initial stage, which will be further developed under the bilateral agreements/ meetings on protection of migratory birds between the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and Japan. A workshop has been proposed to be convened in Russia in early 2016.

Action requested:

- i. The Working Group is requested to take note of this report and provide comments if needed.