

ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF MIST NETS ON MIGRATORY BIRDS WORKSHOP

Bangkok, Thailand, 20 - 21 November 2026

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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The workshop is addressed to governments of Range States of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF). IGO, NGO partners, and other relevant stakeholders will attend to provide their subject matter expertise on combatting illegal taking of birds. Participants will reflect on existing actions and policies as it pertains to mist nets and their impact on wild bird populations. There will be group discussions to share effective guidance and approaches and to determine where potential regional collaborations may occur to curb the sale and use of mist nets. During the workshop, there will be a session to provide guidance on the scoreboard as a self-assessment tool and a mock assessment will be conducted by participants, with the support of colleagues from BirdLife International (Asia).

Objectives of the Workshop

- Raise awareness of mist nets as a conservation priority for migratory birds in the EAAF;
- Facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences among government representatives, IGOs, and other stakeholders involved in the development and implementation of actions to mitigate harm from mist nets on migratory birds;
- Discuss and share effective approaches at a variety of budget levels for
 - Developing and implementing actions for mitigating the impact of mist nets;
 - Engaging and coordinating relevant stakeholders;
 - Improving the understanding of hotspots and trends in mist net usage and impact on migratory birds;
- Provide guidance on use of national scoreboard for improving self-monitoring of progress on addressing ITB and improve prioritization of needed actions to protect migratory birds;
- Advance implementation of the Programme of Work of the ITTEA.

Language of the meeting

English will be the official language of the meeting.



Australia was recognized as Champion Plus for their generous support and commitment towards addressing Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Asia-Pacific for the period of 2021-2025.



Venue

The meeting will be held at the [Pullman Hotel](#). There are many other hotels located conveniently nearby suitable for a variety of budget levels.

Pullman Bangkok Hotel G
188 Silom Road, Bangrak, 10500 Bangkok
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The workshop will start at 9:00 AM and will end around 16:30 PM on Day 1 and 16:00 on Day 2. There will be a sign-in sheet where participants will be asked to provide a signature for each day of attendance.

Coffee breaks and lunch will be provided.

Visa

Nationals from most countries in the Asia Pacific region are visa-exempt and do not need a pre-arranged visa for short-term visits to Thailand. Of the countries covered by the ITTEA, only Bangladesh and Papua New Guinea would require an [e-Visa](#) or embassy-issued visa prior to travel.

Visa cost is not covered by the Secretariat and will be of exclusive responsibility of the meeting participant.

All foreign passengers **must** complete the free [Thailand Digital Arrival Card](#) three days before arrival.

Please note that it is the responsibility of each participant to check the applicable visa regulations. The CMS Secretariat does not guarantee the accuracy of the information or any changes to visa regulations at the time of application or travel.

Flights to Bangkok

Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK) is the main international airport in Bangkok and is served by the widest range of airlines of any airport in the world. Thai Airways and Bangkok Airways are based in BKK, so they offer the widest range of regional connections within Southeast Asia. Low-cost carriers to BKK include, but are not limited to: Thai AirAsia, Thai Vietjet Air, Cebu Pacific, and Scoot. Various other low-cost carriers schedule flights into BKK, though many also use the secondary **Don Mueang International Airport (DMK)**.

Local Transportation from Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK)

The most direct way to travel from the airport to your hotel is by taxi or ride-share apps (Grab/Bolt), taking the expressway. This takes approximately 30-45 minutes outside of rush hour, but can stretch to 60-90 minutes during peak traffic (around 7:00-9:00 AM and 16:00-20:00 PM). Metered taxis queue at designated ranks outside the arrivals hall; fares run 300-500 THB including the 50 THB airport surcharge and expressway tolls.

By train: Taking the Airport Rail Link from Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) (boarding on level B1, reached by escalator from the arrivals hall) to Phaya Thai station near the city center would be around 30 minutes, with trains arriving every 10-15 minutes and tickets from 15-45 THB. To travel to the Pullman Hotel, transfer from Phaya Thai to the BTS Skytrain Silom Line and ride to Chong Nonsi station around 15 minutes. The hotel is a 5-minute walk from the Chong Nonsi station. The total time needed to complete this route should be about an hour.

Local Transportation from Don Mueang International Airport (DMK)

A metered taxi from Don Mueang to the city center of Bangkok takes about 45-60 minutes depending on traffic, and costs approximately 300-400 THB, including the airport surcharge and any expressway tolls. Taxi ranks are on the 1st floor at Terminal 1, Gate 8.

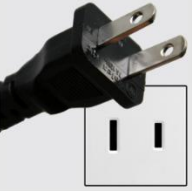
By train: The SRT rail station sits directly opposite the airport terminal. Trains run approximately every 30 minutes to Krung Thep Aphiwat Central Terminal or Bang Sue, taking around 35-40 minutes. To travel to the Pullman Hotel, transfer from Krung Thep to the MRT Blue Line towards Silom or Lumpini station. The hotel is a 10-15 minute walk from the station. The total time needed to complete this route should be about 1-1.5 hours, including transfers.

For live schedules and tickets on the Airport Rail Link and Thailand's national rail network, check the [State Railway of Thailand](#) and [Airports of Thailand](#) websites.

Power Plugs

In Thailand, electricity operates at **220 V to 230 V** at a frequency of **50 Hz**. Modern buildings have multi-standard sockets that can accommodate **Type A, Type B, Type C, and Type O**.



 Type O - used exclusively in Thailand 3 pins - grounded 16 A 220 – 240 V - socket compatible with plug types C & O (partial and unsafe compatibility with E & F)	 Type C - commonly used in Europe, South America & Asia 2 pins - not grounded 2.5 A, 10 A & 16 A - almost always 220 – 240 V - socket compatible with plug type C	 Type A - mainly used in the USA, Canada, Mexico & Japan 2 pins - not grounded 15 A - almost always 100 – 127 V - socket compatible with plug type A	 Type B - mainly used in the USA, Canada & Mexico 3 pins - grounded 15 A - almost always 100 – 127 V - socket compatible with plug types A & B
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Weather in Thailand

In late November, Bangkok experiences warm, dry weather that is generally comfortable. Daytime highs reach around 32°C to 33°C, and overnight lows drop to around 23°C to 24°C. As this would be during the transition from the end of the rainy season to the dry season, rainfall is minimal by and humidity will noticeably lower.

Lightweight, breathable clothing is suggested, with a light jacket for cooler evenings or while inside heavily air-conditioned buildings.

Currency

The official currency of Thailand is the Thai Baht, which is subdivided into 100 satang. Its currency code is THB and its currency symbol is ฿.

Card payments are widely accepted at hotels, malls, and larger restaurants, but not everywhere. It is advisable to get some baht as soon as you can after arrival, as street vendors, markets, and taxis often expect cash.

You can exchange money at the airport, ATMs, exchange booths (look for licensed operators), and banks. Airport and mall exchange counters generally offer better rates than banks. Avoid unlicensed street money-changers.

1 EUR is approximately 38 THB. The exchange rate can fluctuate daily, it is advised to check current rates before you travel. Example: one bottle of water costs between 7 and 15 THB. A metered taxi from BKK Airport to Bangkok city center costs approximately 300-500 THB including surcharges and tolls, and takes 30-60 minutes depending on traffic.

Emergency numbers

Police / general emergency: 191

Tourist Police (English-speaking): 1155

Ambulance / medical emergency: 1669 (or 1724 for ambulance dispatch within Bangkok)

Fire brigade: 199

Highway police: 1193

Country calling code: +66