



# Regional: Scaling Up the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Initiative

Project Name	Scaling Up the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Initiative																
Project Number	55056-001																
Country / Economy	Regional Bangladesh Cambodia Indonesia Malaysia Mongolia Philippines Papua New Guinea China, People's Republic of Thailand Viet Nam																
Project Status	Active																
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance																
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"><tr><td colspan="2">TA 6746-REG: Scaling Up the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Initiative</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 200,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund</td><td>US\$ 800,000.00</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">TA 6746-REG: Scaling Up the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Initiative</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 100,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund</td><td>US\$ 400,000.00</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">TA 6746-REG: Scaling Up the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Initiative</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 200,000.00</td></tr></table>	TA 6746-REG: Scaling Up the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Initiative		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 200,000.00	Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund	US\$ 800,000.00	TA 6746-REG: Scaling Up the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Initiative		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 100,000.00	Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund	US\$ 400,000.00	TA 6746-REG: Scaling Up the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Initiative		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 200,000.00
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Operational Priorities	OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability OP5: Promoting rural development and food security OP7: Fostering regional cooperation and integration																
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Land-based natural resources management - Water-based natural resources management																
Gender	Some gender elements																
Description	The technical assistance (TA) seeks to strengthen institutional capacity, identify and create investment proposals for priority sites and develop a financing mechanism to support the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF) in the long-term. The TA will establish a framework to identify sites of highest priority within the EAAF. The TA will engage with participating developing member countries to strengthen protection and sustainable use of these sites. A subsequent investment framework will be completed where investment proposals are developed for each site maximizing biodiversity gains as well as co-benefits and improvements to local livelihoods. The TA will then establish a financing mechanism to generate financial resources particularly from EAAF Partnership members that are Asian Development Bank (ADB) donor countries, to maintain both priority sites and regional flyway initiatives in the long-term.																
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The EAAF is the most vulnerable of the eight major migratory flyways. It covers East and Southeast Asia and Australasia, extending across 22 countries from the Arctic Circle in the north to New Zealand in the south. Thousands of wetlands are present in the EAAF, which support over 50 million migratory waterbirds from more than 210 species, of which 20% are globally threatened. The wetlands are vital for bird species, which make return migrations each year between breeding and wintering grounds and their globe-spanning nature means they are important "sentinels" of regional and global environmental change.</p> <p>The wetlands that make up the EAAF provide food, medicine, fuel, income, and other benefits for nearly 200 million people in the Asia-Pacific region as well as maintaining essential ecosystem services such as flood regulation and carbon sequestration. Despite this extensive loss and degradation of coastal and inland wetlands continues, largely due to conversion and drainage for agriculture and due to climate change. Hunting of waterbirds and other wetland fauna is a major threat in many sites. Existing and successful efforts by the EAAFP and other development partners to protect migratory waterbirds and wetlands in the EAAF are in urgent need of scaling up existing support and providing an opportunity for nature-positive investments at a regional scale. Constraints to existing efforts are: (i) limited institutional capacity, data and related information gaps on valuation of wetland ecosystem services; (ii) inadequate support for sustainable wetlands management; and (iii) lack of sustainable livelihood options and financing.</p> <p>Of the countries across which the flyway extends, 10 are ADB DMCs and all of these are signatories to the Strategic Plan of the EAAF Partnership as well as the Ramsar Convention. The TA will support the delivery of the EAAFP Strategic Plan and DMC obligations under the Ramsar Convention, and will contribute to support of regional public goods, supporting measures for biodiversity protection and sustainable resource management and use of the EAAF wetlands which form a transboundary network of key importance for waterbird species.</p>																
Impact	Effective protection and sustainable use of a network of wetland sites in the EAAF bolstered, benefitting wetland biodiversity and people.																
<b>Project Outcome</b>																	
Description of Outcome	Wetland management in the EAAF improved																
Progress Toward Outcome																	
<b>Implementation Progress</b>																	
Description of Project Outputs	Institutional capacity for understanding of EAAF wetland values enhanced regionally RFI investment framework for priority EAAF sites prepared RFI financing mechanism developed																

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location	Bangladesh - Nation-wide; Cambodia - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Indonesia - Nation-wide; Malaysia - Nation-wide; Mongolia - Nation-wide; Papua New Guinea - Nation-wide; Philippines - Nation-wide; Thailand - Nation-wide; Viet Nam - Nation-wide
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Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation
During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	Individuals and Firm
Procurement	ADB will engage consultants and carry out procurement following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

Responsible ADB Officer	Lang, Duncan
Responsible ADB Department	Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department
Responsible ADB Division	Climate Change, Resilience, and Environment Cluster (CCRE)
Executing Agencies	<a href="#">Asian Development Bank</a>

Timetable

Concept Clearance	27 Apr 2021
Fact Finding	26 Jan 2021 to 26 Jan 2021
MRM	-
Approval	14 Jul 2021
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	14 Jul 2021

## TA 6746-REG

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
14 Jul 2021	-	14 Jul 2021	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2025	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,700,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700,000.00	26 Sep 2023	391,277.10

Project Page	<a href="https://www.adb.org/projects/55056-001/main">https://www.adb.org/projects/55056-001/main</a>
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