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Wetlands as Ecological Connections in the Central Asian Flyway



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Ecologically dependent on wetlands, migratory waterbirds connect continents, hemispheres, cultures and societies through their seasonal movements. India is at the heart of Central Asian Flyway (CAF), which spans 30 countries and covers 279 populations of 182 migratory waterbird species. In 2018, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change adopted the National Action Plan for Conservation of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats along the CAF. As the current President of Conference of Contracting Parties of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), India is committed to developing an institutional mechanism for CAF.

While protected areas have been cornerstones of securing wetland habitats of high ornithological value in several parts of world including India, several such wetlands are located outside protected area networks, and within a high development setting. Governance for conserving such wetlands need to have people as part of the solutions, and put in place governance mechanisms that enable collaboration between a range of conservation and development sector actors.

This webinar aims to [discuss pathways for conserving high ornithological value coastal and inland wetlands using an ecological network approach](#). The panel will discuss the following questions:

- What opportunities exist for collaborative governance of wetlands along the CAF?
- What mechanisms of capacity development will enable broadening of skills sets of wetland managers to deliver of multiple conservation and development objectives?
- What enhancements in monitoring systems will generate systematic information on the health of migrating birds and wetland ecosystems on which they depend?
- How can we transition from communication and education to achieve behavioural change within stakeholders in favour of birds and wetland ecosystem health?

