CENTRAL ASIAN CONSERVATION NETWORK

A regional platform for migratory bird and habitat conservation in the Central Asian Flyway

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Asian Conservation The Central Network (CACN) is a regional platform for enhancing coordinated conservation action in Central Asia and along the Central Asian Flyway. With its NGO and members. implements expert it transboundary research and conservation projects, facilitates collaboration, coordination, and data sharing. and supports capacity development for bird and biodiversity conservation. The network works at both grassroots and policy levelsemphasizing practical. field-based solutions while also engaging in influence strategic dialogues to conservation policies.

Central Asian Flyway

The Central Asian Flyway (CAF) is a major migratory bird route spanning over 30 countries, from the Arctic to the Indian Ocean, supporting more than 600 migratory bird species, including many globally threatened waterbirds. These birds depend on a chain of critical habitats such as wetlands, forests, and grasslands for breeding, feeding, and resting during their journeys. These habitats serve as vital stepping stones along the birds' migratory paths but are increasingly threatened by habitat loss and climate change.

Recognizing their critical importance, CACN works to strengthen and sustainable protection management of key sites, enhance transboundary ecological connectivity, and contribute to global efforts for habitat migratory bird and conservation.

CACN Flagship species



Curlew Sandpiper Calidris ferruginea



Bar headed Goose *Anser indicus*



Demoiselle crane Anthropoides virgo



Egyptian Vulture Neophron percnopterus



Yellow-breasted Bunting Emberiza aureola

Key areas of work

Key site network in the CAF: Aims to develop a network of critical habitats for migratory birds across the CAF by identifying key sites and promoting community-led conservation, ecological connectivity, and sustainable local livelihoods.

Regional CAF database: Aims to create a multilingual, open-access digital hub to centralize data, support cross-border collaboration, and amplify conservation, education, and community engagement efforts across the flyway.

Green energy working group: Aims to mitigate the impact of renewable energy infrastructures on migratory birds by promoting data sharing, tools like AVISTEP, capacity building, and integrating bird-friendly practices into energy policies.

Ringing and tagging working group: Strengthens regional capacity for bird migration research by enhancing ringing and tagging infrastructure, training, standardized protocols, and coordinated data sharing across the CAF.

Species-specific working groups: Promote transboundary collaboration for conservation of cranes, waders, geese, landbirds, the Endangered Pallas' Fish Eagle, and their wetland habitats.

Internship & Volunteering Programme: Supports the capacity development of young conservationists and enthusiasts via international internship and volunteer placements.

CACN Members

The CACN welcomes all organisations, conservation practioners and experts working in conservation in Central Asia and along the Central Asian Flyway. The network is currently hosted by the Youth Group for Protection of Environment (Tajikistan) and the Nature Foundation (Kyrgyzstan).











































