

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**This AGREEMENT is made on this date of August 2018 strengthening links between the Oriental Bird Club and BirdLife International for the benefit of bird conservation**

### **1. General**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is developed between BirdLife International, through the BirdLife Secretariat, (hereafter referred to as "BirdLife"); and the Oriental Bird Club, (hereafter referred to as OBC).

BirdLife International, the world's largest network of national Civil Society Organizations working for nature conservation and sustainable development, is formed of a growing partnership of about 120 NGOs (hereafter referred to as "Partners") representing 2.7 million members. In Asia, the BirdLife Asia Partnership is a growing network of 13 such organizations, with a combined total of about 500 staff and 47,000 members. These Partners are located in Bhutan, Chinese Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The BirdLife Secretariat is registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee in the United Kingdom (No: 298 5746) and Charity in the United Kingdom (No: 104 2125).

Birdlife also has a country programme in Cambodia and also works in China, South Korea and Vietnam. The Partnership is supported by a Secretariat, which has its global headquarters in Cambridge, UK, and six Regional BirdLife Coordination Offices throughout the world. The BirdLife offices relevant to this MoU are Cambridge and Singapore.

BirdLife's mission is to enhance the conservation of birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources. In Asia key (current) priorities include:

- a) addressing threats along the East Asian Australasian and Central Asian Flyways – including habitat loss and those posed by energy infrastructure - especially in relation to waterbirds;
- b) the illegal killing and trade in birds;
- c) the conservation of forest habitats;
- d) addressing threats faced by key species including Shorebirds, Asia Vultures, Cambodian Ibises, Asian Cranes and Indian grassland birds;
- e) developing the capacity of BirdLife Partners and young conservationists; and
- f) the monitoring and updating of information in relation to Important Bird Areas (IBAs) and Key Bio-Diversity Areas (KBAs) and undertaking/supporting advocacy and conservation action to address threats faced by them.

BirdLife also aims, through advocacy and corporate engagement, to mainstream bird conservation into development activities and political and corporate decision making.

The Oriental Bird Club is a UK registered charity (No.297242), which is managed on a voluntary basis by a Council of trustees. The Club was formed in 1984 following a proposal by a number of people with a common interest in the ornithology of the Oriental region.

The Club covers the ornithology of the following geographic region:

- South-East Asia – Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia.
- Indonesia
- Indian sub-continent (India, Nepal, Bhutan and as far west as the Indus valley in Pakistan)
- China, Mongolia, Eastern Russia and Lydekkers

The aims of the Club are to:

- Promote an interest in the birds of the Oriental Region and their conservation
- Liaise with, and promote the work of, existing regional organizations
- Collate and publish material on Oriental birds

OBC is a membership based organization with approximately 1800 members, and for a small subscription, is open to all with an interest in bird conservation across our region. The journal '*Birding Asia*' is published twice per year along with an annual scientific publication '*Forktail*'.

Across the OBC region (Annex 1) the BirdLife Partnership currently comprises 13 "Partners". BirdLife Partners are all membership-based conservation NGOs, with democratic governance structures. BirdLife Partners implement nine conservation programs (Preventing Extinctions; Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas; Flyways; Marine and Seabirds; Forests of Hope; Climate Change; Invasive Alien Species, Local Empowerment and Capacity Development) based on four pillars of species, sites and habitats, ecological sustainability and empowering people. To date OBC and BirdLife have collaborated informally to assess suitability of projects for funding and to review output. The collaboration between the two organizations has been productive. This MoU will build on these efforts and look to expand co-operation where appropriate.

## **2. Purpose**

The goal of this MoU is to collaborate in bird and habitat conservation, awareness-raising and capacity-building initiatives across the region.

## **3. Implementation**

General issues

With prior discussion and agreement:

1. The parties will support each other's bird conservation and related initiatives through the use of social media, organizational web sites and printed materials.
2. The parties will support each other in fundraising initiatives and applications for bird research, conservation, awareness-raising and capacity-building projects within the OBC region where it is mutually beneficial to do so.
3. The parties will support Flyway initiatives across the region to further enhance conservation efforts, understanding, education and capacity building along the East

Africa – East Asia, Central Asia and East-Asia – Pacific Flyways. Critically the same co-operation will apply to conservation efforts in KBAs and IBAs within the Oriental region and with a strong focus on IUCN red list species which dwell in, or pass through, the Oriental region.

4. The parties, represented by their respective Contact Persons (as defined below) or their appointed representatives, will meet annually to evaluate the performance of this MoU and explore further areas for mutual collaboration and of interest.
5. There is an open invitation for a member of the BirdLife Secretariat and/or a Birdlife Partner from the Oriental region to attend one OBC Council meeting per year to discuss areas of mutual interest and opportunities for collaboration. For the purposes of this provision, the BirdLife Contact Person (as defined below) shall be the single point of contact for the Oriental Region.
6. The parties will collaborate on other events or meetings where we find a mutual interest.
7. The parties will employ dialogue to resolve any issues that could arise in the implementation of their respective roles under this MoU.

#### **4. Specifics**

##### **4.1 The activities of BirdLife will include:**

- 4.1.1 Publicise OBC activities across the BirdLife network
- 4.1.2 Promote engagement with OBC to BirdLife partners across the region
- 4.1.3 Consider joint projects that are mutually beneficial to both parties.
- 4.1.4 Update OBC on key Flyway, KBA, IBA and other campaigns where there is an opportunity for collaboration, information sharing and partnership working.
- 4.1.5 Recommend suitable initiatives which could be funded through the OBC Conservation Fund.
- 4.1.6 Promote the OBC journal '*BirdingASIA*' and the scientific publication '*Forktail*' to BirdLife partners and encourage the submission of papers where appropriate.
- 4.1.7 Selectively support OBC Conservation Committee in deciding the appropriateness of projects for funding, helping review output from projects and ensuring no duplication of effort.
- 4.1.8 Support OBC in disseminating Project reports to interested Birdlife Partners and installing in Birdlife library.

##### **4.2 The activities of OBC will include:**

- 4.2.1 Funding good quality OBC Conservation Award applications from BirdLife Partners which are aligned to the OBC Constitution and when resources allow.
- 4.2.2 Assist and form partnerships with the BirdLife network, on key Flyway, KBA, IBA and other campaigns across the Oriental Region.
- 4.2.3 Include links from the OBC web-site to BirdLife and all Birdlife partners' home-pages as applicable in the Oriental region.
- 4.2.4 Include the BirdLife logo and some short text on the inside cover of *Birding Asia* and *Forktail*.
- 4.2.5 Publicise the BirdLife Partnership, its programmes and work and conservation initiatives, activities and successes across OBC's network.

4.2.6 Promote engagement with BirdLife to OBC contacts across the region.

4.2.7 Consider joint projects that are mutually beneficial to both parties.

We anticipate that more specific projects and initiatives will be jointly developed over time, encouraged by the dialogue arising from the signing of this MoU.

## **5. Reporting**

The parties will provide a report (verbal or written) on an annual basis of the major activities implemented in line with this MoU. This report will form the basis for joint review of implementation of the MoU and planning for the next annual period.

## **6. Acknowledgements**

OBC and BirdLife will be acknowledged for all products and initiatives that arise directly out of the implementation of this MoU, through attaching logos of the two organizations and, where appropriate, individual BirdLife Partner logos.

## **7. Notices**

All notices and other communications relating to this MoU shall be made in writing and in English for delivery to the premises of the parties, by registered mail and/or electronic mail. All communications shall be addressed to the following contact persons (herein referred to as Contact Person) at the addresses below.

### **BirdLife International**

Mr. Vinayagan Dharmarajah, Regional Director (Asia)

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### **Oriental Bird Club**

Dr. Mike P Edgecombe, Chair

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## **8. Statement of Care**

Each of the parties shall conduct the business relating to this MOU with all due care and diligence and shall cultivate and maintain good relations with those on whom the work depends. Neither party shall make any representations or engage in any conduct that might result in prejudice to the good name or work of the other.

Nothing in this MOU (unless as provided herein) shall give to the other party any rights in respect of any trade names or trademarks used by the other party, or of the goodwill associated with such names or trademarks. The parties shall also respect the confidentiality of any information of a confidential nature provided by the other and the intellectual property (including copyright) of the other. The parties shall also respect all laws in relation to the use

of personal information and data.

### 9. Amendment, Duration and Termination

This MoU will be in force for a five-year period starting from the date of the last signature, unless otherwise extended or terminated by either party. The specific activities outlined in section 4 will be reviewed annually.

A party wishing to extend or terminate this agreement will give 30 days written notice to the other. Such termination shall not affect any supplemental agreements in effect at the time of termination. Termination of the supplemental agreements shall be governed by those agreements.

This MoU can be amended, with the approval of both parties, by means of exchange of letters through the authorized officials at each institution. Either party may initiate the exchange of letters.

### 10. Law and Jurisdiction

This MOU is governed by English law with the jurisdiction of the English Courts applying.

Nothing in this MOU is intended to create a legally binding obligation on either party but is intended to facilitate co-operation and working together between BirdLife and OBC in the furtherance of their respective objectives.

Signed:

For:

**BirdLife International**

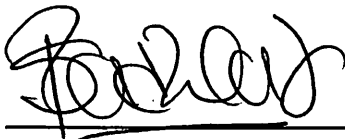
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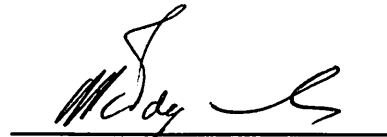
**Patricia Zurita, Chief Executive Officer**

**Dr. Mike P Edgecombe, Chair**

Signature:



Patricia Zurita



Dr. Mike P Edgecombe

Date:

17/8/18

17th August 2018

Annex 1 Map of the Oriental region.

