



## Our plans

BirdLife Partners and other non-governmental nature conservation organisations from throughout the Central Asian Flyway work together in the **Central Asian Flyway Initiative (CAFI)**. We are dedicated to addressing the urgent threats faced by the birds.

### The CAFI partnership will:

- Improve the understanding of bird migration, including a review of present and emerging threats to migratory birds and the identification of appropriate conservation actions to counter them;
- Support international and national action plans for protecting migratory birds along the flyway and advocate for their effective implementation;
- Strengthen organisations and institutions along the flyway to deliver conservation actions.

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# The Central Asian Flyway Initiative

## THE FLYWAY

The annual migrations of birds are among the most spectacular marvels of the natural world. Over 300 species of bird use the Central Asian Flyway (CAF). This migration super-highway spans over 30 countries, connecting breeding grounds as far north as the Siberian Arctic to non-breeding grounds in the tropical south. It crosses over the highest mountain range in the world, the Himalayas. It also includes the world's most densely populated countries, all of them very different and facing many developmental challenges. Human pressure is increasingly putting the survival of migratory birds using the CAF at risk.

## THREATS TO MIGRATORY BIRDS

Migration is a flight for survival for birds that use the CAF. Along their exhausting journey, they are threatened by illegal hunting and trade, electrocution, poisoning, habitat loss or degradation, unregulated development and the impacts of climate change.

## BIRDLIFE PARTNERSHIP

Through our local-to-global approach, the BirdLife Partnership is uniquely placed to support year-round conservation action for migratory birds along this fantastic and diverse flyway.

BirdLife's actions are based on scientific insight. Our research enables us to identify priority sites and habitats for conservation (Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas) and species of conservation concern (the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species). National BirdLife Partners are experts in achieving strong conservation impact through collaboration with local communities and national governments.

Through international agreements such as the Convention on Migratory Species, we support governments to end the illegal killing of birds, minimize the impact of energy infrastructure on birds, and conserve a network of coastal and inland wetlands: with a particular focus on raptors and waterbirds.

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