



Managing the Ramsar site, Sandi Wetland in Uttar Pradesh, Northern India? The new Portal immediately illustrates that it is within the range of the Northern Pintail South Asian population. This interactive overview can be overlaid for each species occurring in the region, allowing you to determine a population's relevance to your management goals.

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POPULATIONS OF NORTHERN PINTAIL



NORTHERN PINTAIL Anas acuta



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POPULATION PORTAL

WHAT? WHY? WHAT'S NEW?

What:

The Waterbird Population Portal is an online platform that makes available the most recent data on the status and range of waterbird **populations.** The data is collated from a range of sources, including the International Waterbird Census.

Most importantly, the Portal provides the latest size estimates and trends of the various populations of waterbird species and gives the latest 1% threshold of each population. These are vital for effective conservation action.

Why?

According to the Ramsar Convention (criterion 6) "A wetland should be considered internationally important if it regularly supports 1% of the individuals in a biogeographic population of one species or subspecies of waterbird."

To identify a Ramsar or Flyway Network Site and to monitor its management it is important for you to know the status of relevant populations in your site and region.

The current Waterbird Population estimates and trends urgently

need updating. One in four size assessments are unknown or more than 20 years out of date. Up-to-date information on waterbird populations is essential for international conventions e.g. the Ramsar Convention, Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and Regional conventions e.g. African Eurasian Waterbird Agreement, East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership, Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network.

What's new?

The new and improved Waterbird Population Portal provides a clearer visual interactive interface. Maps of waterbird populations are available, showing which populations are in a site or country. The taxonomy has been updated to the latest standards followed by CMS, IUCN and others. Flyway specific overviews are easily accessible. Experts can identify knowledge gaps and contribute information for future updates.

How it helps you:

- Protect and manage your internationally important wetlands.
- Identify your Key Biodiversity Areas.
- Monitor the effectiveness of species conservation plans.
- Update IUCN Red Lists.
- · Access historical and current regional and global assessments.

THE NEW **WATERBIRD POPULATION** PORTAL **INTERFACE**



Concept desian of the new and improved Waterbird Population Portal



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How can you help?

Everyone can help to improve and maintain this important information portal. Your involvement and support is needed to:

Fund further development of the Portal:

- Translation of the Portal in major languages
- Development of Summary Report highlighting main issues

Support information updates:

- 2020 review of migratory and resident waterbird population estimates, trends and definitions of the Central Asian Flyway, East Asian Australasian Flyway, N and S America and African residents.
- Development of periodic reviews for future updates of species, including Threatened Species.
- Improve estimates of colonial waterbird populations poorly covered by standard monitoring programmes.
- Support ongoing monitoring programmes such as the International Waterbird Census.

You can help by contributing much needed funds to this vital work or providing new information for updates.

See Waterbird.Fund

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