

## International Cooperation

The international working group "**Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force**", which belongs to the "East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership" (EAAFP), is coordinated by the foundation Manfred-Hermsen-Stiftung. The members consist of government partners from important countries (Russian Federation, Japan, People's Republic of China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh and India) and international Nature conservation organizations (BirdLife International, Fauna & Flora International etc.).

BirdLife International is increasingly dedicated to protecting the Spoon-billed Sandpiper and has included this species in its Preventing Extinction Programme. An ambitious project by Birds Russia and Save Our Species succeeded in 2012 in breeding 9 offspring from 11 eggs, flying eggs from the nests to Europe and nine offspring back to the wild.