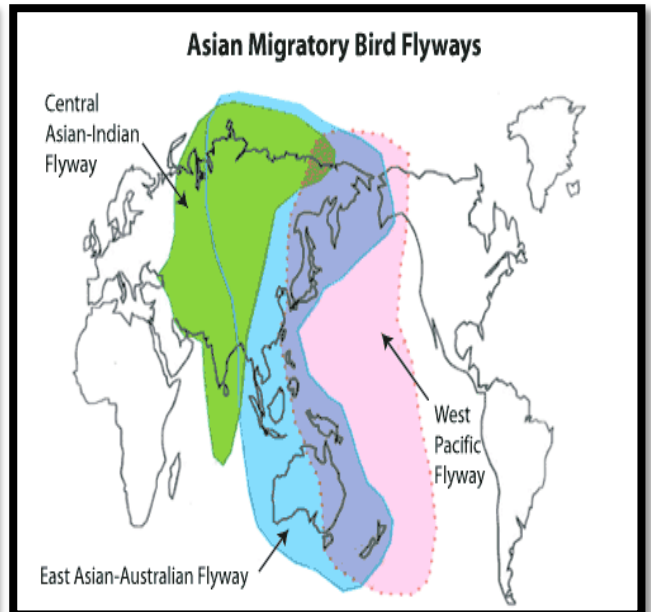


Gangalidda and Garawa Shorebird Training

From the 15 to 19 February 2016 the Gangalidda and Garawa Rangers participated in migratory shore bird training with Roger Jaensch, of Jaensch Ornithology and Conservation. Ten Rangers completed this round of shorebird training, which also saw a survey conducted between Leichhardt and Albert River mouths. Data and photos were collected to determine the number and species of shore birds that roost and feed on our coastline, before they migrate back to their breeding ground which is about 10,000km north!



Above: A flock of over 5,000 migratory shorebirds



Above: Established flyway paths across Asia

Most locations of where the shorebirds feed and roost along our coastline are only accessible by boat or helicopter. Certain times of the year when the saltpan is dry we are able to access areas by vehicles, quad bikes or even small aircraft.



Above: Rangers use various methods to travel to the survey sites depending on their location and time of year

CLCAC has also submitted a nomination for the Tarrant section of the Nijinda Durlga IPA to become a recognised site within the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. The nomination is first assessed by the State Government, then the Commonwealth Government before being considered by the Flyway Partnership.

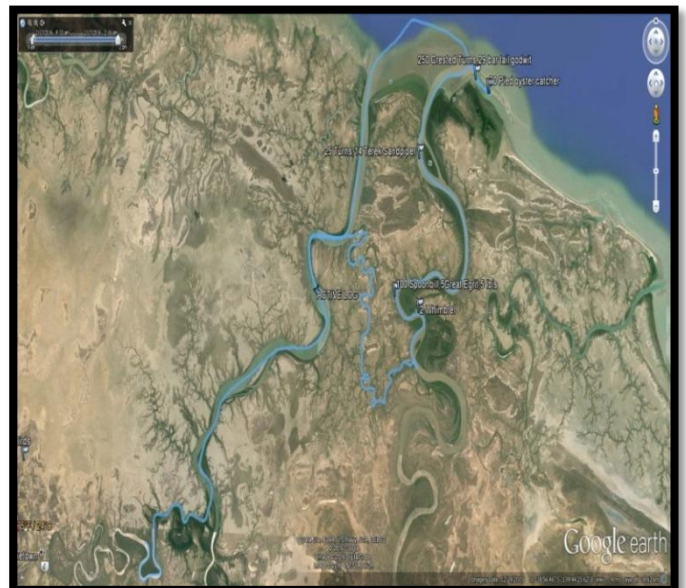
The training provided by Roger assists the development of such nominations and the associated data collection provides validity for their inclusion within the network. Though it will be several months before the fate of the nomination is known, we endeavour to keep you all updated with its progress.



Above: Rangers collecting data and honing their identification skills



Above: Great Knots and Red Knots (both migratory) spotted within the vicinity of Burketown



Above: GPS track of recently surveyed area

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