**Supplementary Material**

Discovery of an important wintering site of the Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Calidris pygmaea* in the Meghna Estuary, Bangladesh

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| **Species** | **Dec 2015** | **Feb 2016** | **1% of EAAF population** |
| **English name**  | **Scientific name**  |  |  |  |
| Bar-headed Goose | *Anser indicus* | 120 | 0 | 560 |
| Greylag Goose | *Anser anser* | 1,616 | 0 | 250 |
| Common Shelduck | *Tadorna tadorna* | 287 | 435 | 1,000 |
| Ruddy Shelduck | *Tadorna ferruginea* | 0 | 1 | 500 |
| Northern Shoveler | *Spatula clypeata* | 37 | 41 |  7,100 |
| Eurasian Wigeon | *Mareca penelope* | 75 | 25 | 2,500 |
| Northern Pintail | *Anas acuta* | 0 | 10 | 2,400 |
| **Black-headed Ibis *NT*** | *Threskiornis melanocephalus* | 137 | 36 | 100 |
| Indian Pond Heron | *Ardeola grayii* | 22 | 59 | - |
| Grey Heron | *Ardea cinerea* | 23 | 25 | 1,000 |
| Purple Heron | *Ardea purpurea* | 1 | 0 | 250 |
| Great Egret  | *Ardea alba* | 165 | 119 | - |
| Intermediate Egret | *Ardea intermedia* | 55 | 77 | 1,000 |
| Little Egret | *Egretta garzetta* | 0 | 54 | 1,400 |
| Pied Avocet | *Recurvirostra avosetta* | 17 | 7 | 1,000 |
| Grey Plover | *Pluvialis squatarola* | 23 | 29 | 1,040 |
| Pacific Golden Plover | *Pluvialis fulva* | 1220 | 30 | 1,000 |
| Kentish Plover | *Charadrius alexandrinus* | **1,120** | **460** | 1,000 |
| Lesser Sand Plover | *Charadrius mongolus* | **13,950** | **6,721** | 260 |
| Greater Sand Plover | *Charadrius leschenaultii* | **3,260** | **1,872** | 790 |
| Grey-headed Lapwing | *Vanellus cinereus* | 35 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Red-wattled Lapwing | *Vanellus indicus* | 0 | 1 | 500 |
| Whimbrel | *Numenius phaeopus* | 0 | 38 | 550 |
| **Eurasian Curlew *NT*** | *Numenius arquata* | 260 | 279 | 1,000 |
| **Bar-tailed Godwit *NT*** | *Limosa lapponica* | 5 | 15 | 1,460 |
| **Black-tailed Godwit *NT*** | *Limosa limosa* | 100 | 690 | 1,390 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | Arenaria interpres | 28 | 58 | 285 |
| **Great Knot *EN*** | *Calidris tenuirostris* | 15 | 40 | 2,900 |
| **Red Knot *NT*** | *Calidris canutus* | 12 | 5 |  |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper | *Calidris falcinellus* | **265** | **1,168** | 250 |
| **Curlew Sandpiper *NT*** | *Calidris ferruginea* | 780 | 1,202 | 1,350 |
| **Spoon-billed Sandpiper *CR*** | *Calidris pygmaea* | **39** | **48** | 3 |
| Sanderling | *Calidris alba* | 30 | 197 | 220 |
| Dunlin | *Calidris alpina* | 0 | 110 | 1,000 |
| **Little/Red-necked Stint** ***NT*** | *Calidris minuta /Calidris ruficollis* | 810 | 1,273 | 2,400/ 3,200 |
| **Asian Dowitcher *NT*** | *Limnodromus semipalmatus* | 67 | 71 | 230 |
| Terek Sandpiper | *Xenus cinereus* | 51 | **650** | 500 |
| Common Sandpiper | *Actitis hypoleucos* | 5 | 1 | 710 |
| Common Redshank | *Tringa totanus* | 85 | 365 | 1,000 |
| Common Greenshank | *Tringa nebularia* | 35 | 60 | 710 |
| Marsh Sandpiper | *Tringa stagnatilis* | 5 | 6 | 1,000 |
| **Spotted Greenshank *EN*** | *Tringa guttifer* | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Small Pratincole | *Glareola lactea* | 72 | 0 | - |
| Brown-headed Gull | *Larus brunnicephalus* | 170 | 560 | 1,400 |
| Pallas's Gull | *Larus ichthyaetus* | 60 | 277 | 1,000 |
| Little Tern | *Sternula albifrons* | 29 | 3 | - |
| Gull-billed Tern | *Gelochelidon nilotica* | 50 | 47 | 250 |
| Whiskered Tern | *Chlidonias hybrida* | 10 | 28 | 1,000 |
| White-winged Tern | *Chlidonias leucopterus* | 6 | 0 | 10,000 |
| **River Tern *NT*** | *Sterna aurantia* | 2 | 10 | 710 |
| Unidentified Shorebirds |  | 5,500 | 4,320 |  |
| Total Waterbirds |  | 30,656 | 21,524 |  |
| Total Shorebirds |  | 27,791 | 19,717 |  |
| Total Species  |  | 51 | 51 |  |
| Shorebird Species  |  | 29 | 29 |  |
| Other waterbirds  |  | 22 | 22 |  |