

# CONSERVING MIGRATORY SHOREBIRDS

FULLER LAB



University of Queensland project update  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2013  
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9am – 1pm  
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Millions of migratory shorebirds migrate from Arctic Russia and Alaska to Australia and New Zealand. We have discovered widespread population declines of staggering severity and rapidity, with some migratory shorebird populations crashing by 80% in 20 years. Many migratory species are declining while residents are not, suggesting the causes may lie outside Australasia. We have documented rapid loss of intertidal wetlands in eastern Asia, a region known to be of critical importance as stopover habitat for many migratory shorebirds.

- 9.00 Welcome and Introductions
- 9.30 Shorebird population collapse
- 10.00 Tidal flat loss in East Asia
- 10.30 Morning tea
- 11.00 Sea-level rise
- 11.30 What can we do? Conservation solutions
- 12.00 Panel discussion
- 12.30 Close, then light refreshments and birding