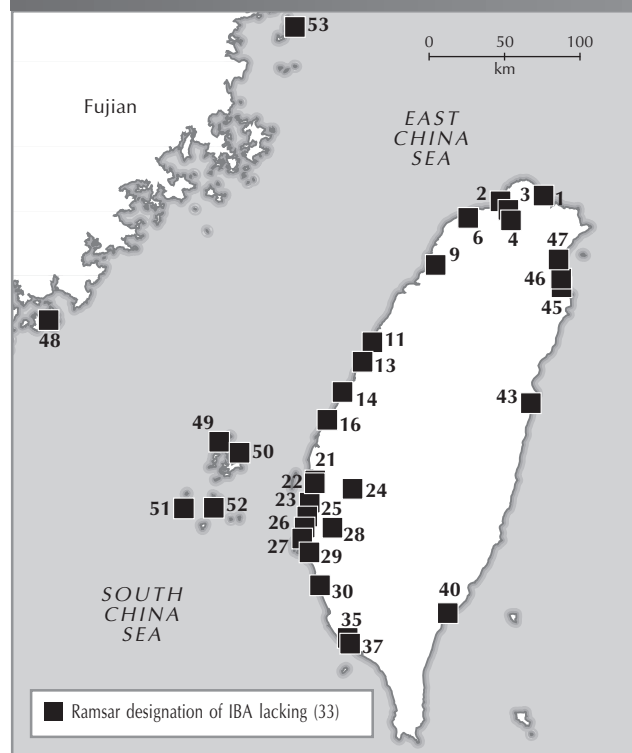


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There are many coastal and freshwater wetlands in the lowlands of Taiwan, especially on the western coastal plains, where more than half of the global population of the threatened Black-faced Spoonbill *Platalea minor* and large numbers of Saunders’s Gull *Larus saundersi* winter. Most of the wetlands are under development pressure but some of the most important sites are formally protected, and public awareness of wetland conservation is high in Taiwan. For instance, the annual waterbird fair held at Kuantu Nature Park in Taipei draws tens of thousands of visitors, and Black-faced Spoonbill has become a very popular symbol for conservation around Chiku and Sitsao, its main wintering sites. Thirty-three potential Ramsar Sites have been identified in Taiwan, including coastal and freshwater wetlands and several offshore islands with breeding colonies of seabirds.

Location of Important Bird Areas in Taiwan that contain areas that qualify as Ramsar Sites.



Summary of Important Bird Areas that contain areas that qualify as Ramsar Sites in Taiwan.

Ramsar designation of IBA lacking (33 IBAs)

IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
			2	4	5	6
1	Yieliu	55	✓	✓		✓
2	Watzuwei Nature Reserve	197	✓	✓		✓
3	Kuantu	162			✓	✓
4	Taipei City Waterbird Refuge	739			✓	✓
6	Dapingding and Hsutsuo Harbor	530	✓	✓		✓
9	Hsinchu City Coastal Area	2,346	✓	✓		✓

Ramsar designation of IBA lacking (33 IBAs) ... continued						
IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
			2	4	5	6
11	Kaomei Wetlands	268	✓	✓		✓
13	Tatu Rivermouth Wildlife Refuge	2,668	✓	✓		✓
14	Hanbao Wetlands	2,209	✓	✓		✓
16	Tacheng Wetlands	667	✓	✓		✓
21	Aogu Wetlands	13,880	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Pohdzi River Estuary	2,317	✓	✓		✓
23	Budai Wetlands	4,057	✓	✓		✓
24	Central Section of Bachang River	269		✓		✓
25	Beimen	3,188	✓			
26	Chingkunshen	5,100		✓		✓
27	Chiku	8,820	✓	✓		✓
28	Hulupi	2,242		✓		✓
29	Sitsao Wildlife Refuge	1,800	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Yungan	130		✓		✓
35	Fengshan Reservoir	319		✓		✓
37	Kaoping River	2,381	✓	✓		✓
40	Chihben Wetlands	149	✓			
43	Hualien River Estuary	464	✓			
45	Litzechien	893	✓			
46	Lanyang River Estuary	2,350	✓	✓		✓
47	Chu'an	2,340	✓			
48	Kinmen National Park	3,780	✓	✓		✓
49	Northern Sea Islets	816		✓		✓
50	Northeastern Sea Islets	961		✓		✓
51	Cat Islet Seabird Refuge, Penghu County Refuge	36		✓	✓	✓
52	Southern Sea Islets	226		✓		✓
53	Matsu (Mazu) Islands Tern Refuge	72	✓	✓		✓

## Summary of the occurrence of globally threatened wetland-dependent bird species within the selected IBAs in Taiwan.

IBA	Black-footed Albatross <i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>	Chinese Egret <i>Egretta eulophotes</i>	Black-faced Spoonbill <i>Platalea minor</i>	Baikal Teal <i>Anas formosa</i>	Baer's Pochard <i>Aythya baeri</i>	Spoon-billed Sandpiper <i>Eurynorhynchus pygmeus</i>	Saunders's Gull <i>Larus saundersi</i>	Chinese Crested-tern <i>Sterna bergsteini</i>	Total
	EN	VU	EN	VU	VU	EN	VU	CR	
1	✓	✓							2
2		✓							1
6		✓							1
9		✓	✓				✓		3
11		✓	✓				✓		3
13			✓				✓		2
14			✓				✓		2
16							✓		1
21			✓				✓		2
22							✓		1
23			✓				✓		2
25			✓				✓		2
27			✓						1
29			✓						1
37			✓						1
40		✓				✓			2
43		✓							1
45			✓	✓					2
46		✓	✓				✓		3
47		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		5
48			✓				✓		2
53		✓						✓	2
Total	1	10	14	2	1	1	12	1	