

Building an effective EAAFP Partnership between Qupaluk, AK and Higashiyoka-Higata, Japan



 **WCS Arctic Beringia**
A Wildlife Conservation Society Program

**For the Alaska Shorebird Group
Meeting
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Qupaluk

Teshekpuk Lake Special Area NPR-A

- Designated as EAAF Network Site in 2017
- ~30,000 breeding migratory waterbirds
- ~6,500 *articola* Dunlin, >1% world population



EAAFP Sister Site

Higashiyoka-Higata

Saga City, Saga Prefecture

Highest # wintering *arctica*
Dunlin in Japan



Sister Site Program

- Joint monitoring
- Joint research
- Capacity building
- CEPA
- Promoting international link to local communities



Informational Exchange



Educational Exchange

- Bilingual shorebird lesson plan development
 - Anchorage Japanese Immersion School
 - Japanese partner schools



Cultural Exchange

- Higashiyoka-Higata 10th Anniversary Ramsar Celebration, Oct 2025
 - WCS team participation
 - Native AK cultural representative
- Utqiagvik Migratory Bird Festival
 - Higashiyoka-Higata representative



ムサール条約湿地
東よか干潟

