

# Hunting pushes migratory birds to the brink

Migratory birds face a multitude of threats, including climate change and habitat loss. But a new study has shown that high levels of hunting in South-east Asia are also pushing these birds to the brink. And because the animals are taken out faster than forests are cleared, hunting poses a massive threat to wildlife.

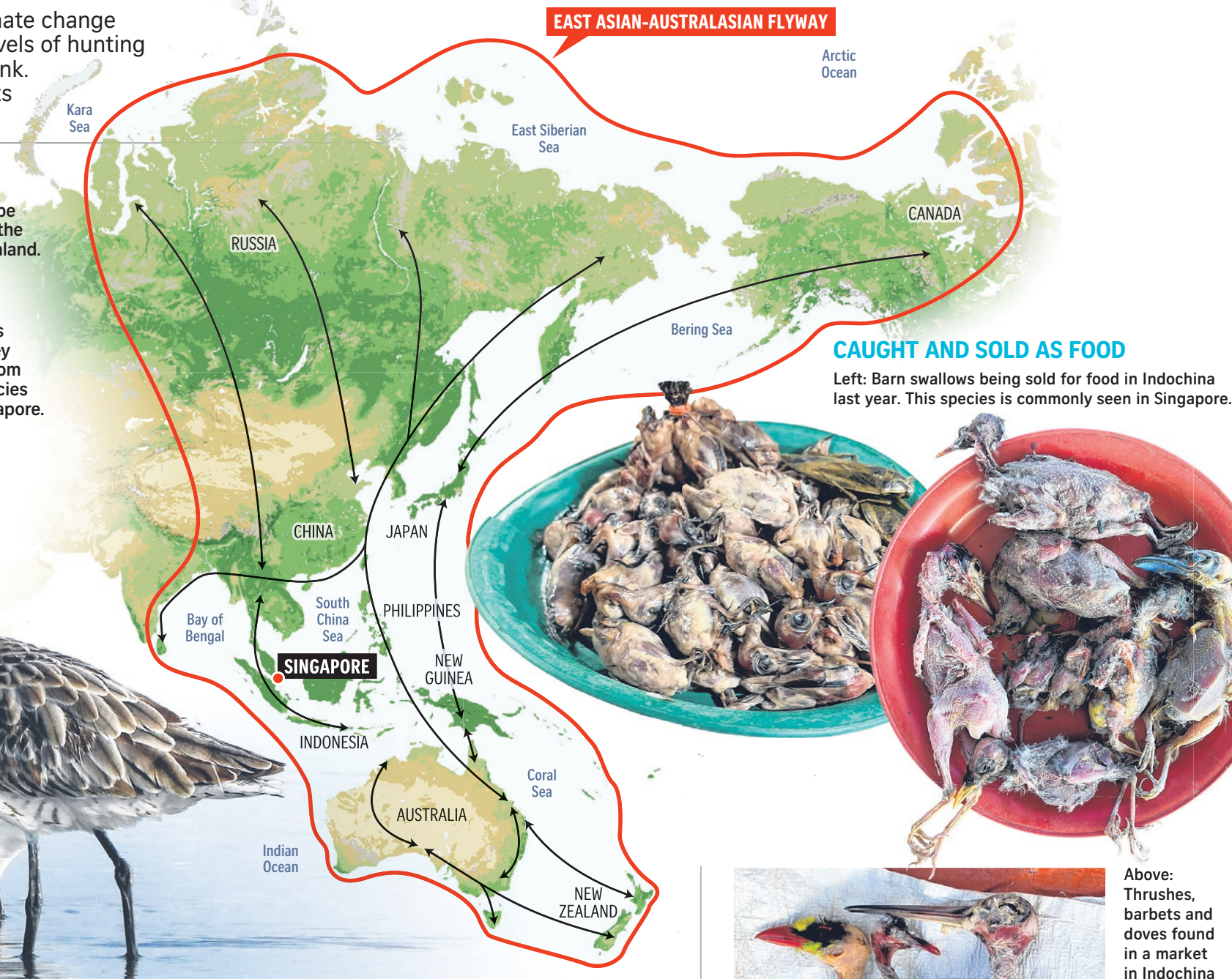
## THE EAST ASIAN-AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY

**1 of 8** established routes that migratory birds take to escape the winter chill. This flyway is the longest, spanning the Arctic to the southern limits of Australia and New Zealand.

**Over 50 million** migratory waterbirds use the route annually, according to estimates by conservation group BirdLife International.

**September to April** The months when many of these birds are often spotted in Singapore, as they stop to refuel during their journeys from hemisphere to hemisphere. Many species also spend the winter months in Singapore.

A few migratory species found in Singapore are affected by hunting in the region. They include (clockwise from bottom left) **marsh sandpiper, red-necked stint, Asian dowitcher and lesser sand plover.**



## CAUGHT AND SOLD AS FOOD

Left: Barn swallows being sold for food in Indochina last year. This species is commonly seen in Singapore.



Above: Thrushes, barbets and doves found in a market in Indochina this year.

Left: A common green magpie, emerald dove and Eurasian woodcock.