

## **Fact sheet**

# **Shorebird Management Plan**

The wetlands located adjacent to the Port of Brisbane are of international significance, recognised under the Ramsar Convention. These wetlands are part of the Moreton Bay Marine Park and support a diverse range of international migratory shorebirds.

The wetlands provide a feeding habitat, but the shorebirds also need areas to roost (or rest) at high tide. The Fisherman Islands reclamation ponds provide a vital roosting habitat for many of these shorebirds. The Queensland Wader Study Group has recorded 47 species of birds at the port, including shore and migratory species such as the Black-tailed Godwit, Bar-tailed Godwit, Great Knot and Curlew Sandpiper. These waders are protected under several international conventions, to which Australia is a signatory.

While the Red-necked Stint it is one of the smallest of the migratory waders, weighing only 25 grams, it undertakes an annual migration to Siberia and Alaska to breed.

The number of birds that use the reclamation area is influenced by a variety of factors including the quality of feeding areas, migration, and tidal and climatic influences.

We aim to protect and enhance the habitat used by the bird species and have allocated approximately 12 hectares adjacent to the inter-tidal flats to be developed as a permanent migratory wader roost, which should be completed by 2005/2006.