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Front Cover: The Spoon-billed Sandpiper, *Eurymorhynchus pygmaeus*, is one of the rarest and most endangered waders. The nesting grounds of this bird are in the Northeast Russia on sandy ridges with mosses, dwarf willows and grasses and near salt marshes within 5 km of the sea. Wintering grounds extend from North Korea and China south to Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand and Sri Lanka. It is believed that the degradation of wintering sites has caused the decline of this bird. The 2004 tsunami in the Indian Ocean has a negative impact on the Spoon-billed Sandpiper and a number of threatened water birds which were likely to have been nesting in the region at the time of the tsunami [see pages 7 (Zöckler) and 14 (Crosby)].

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