

1 **Highlights:**

- 2 1. Of 1794.8 km² of coastal wetland lost to development between 2000 and 2015,
3 most represented tidal flats converted into aquaculture and salt pan habitat, or for
4 construction.
- 5 2. Habitat for 73 of these 80 species has decreased in area over this time period.
6 Generally, the proportional decline in habitat suitable for species of duck was less
7 than it was shorebirds, herons and gulls.
- 8 3. The proportional loss of tidal flat habitat that formerly represented suitable habitat
9 for shorebirds, herons and gulls was also significantly higher than it was for
10 ducks. Because more species of duck exploit aquaculture and salt pan habitat
11 converted from tidal flats than do shorebird, heron and gull species, such
12 conversion of tidal flats pose a greater threat to shorebirds, herons and gulls than
13 they do to ducks.