

Campaign on Migratory Waterbirds Conservation in Wasur National Park, Merauke, Indonesia

(Presentation, Awareness and Observations of Migratory Birds in Collaboration with Musamus State University of Merauke, Indonesia)

Proposal Submitted to Celebrate The “World Migratory Bird Day”

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I. BACKGROUND

The migratory waterbirds has a very important role in maintaining the ecological balance of the global ecosystem, and is currently facing alarming threats in most part of their flyway location. Some anthropogenic activities have been identified as the main threat to the survival of global migratory waterbirds population, including habitat loss and the more directly-impacted such as poaching and hunting.

In Merauke, Indonesia, where the Wasur National Park lies, the arrival of migratory waterbirds such as Magpie Goose *Anseranas semipalmata* is coincidentally at the same time with the starting of rice fields processing. Many of them are landed and occupied rice fields resulted into feeding conflict with local farmers, who regarded the migratory birds as agriculture pest. This will lead into the killing of the birds through poisoning, shooting and trapping. The reducing of natural feeding habitat has been regarded as the main force for migratory waterbirds to use man-made wetlands as their feeding habitat.

On the other hand, the lack of awareness on the role of migratory birds playing role on the agriculture pest's predation has led into their eradication. For this reason, it is very important to provide clear understanding on the concept of ecological balance between migratory birds, agriculture pests and the provision of healthy natural habitat. We consider Students as the important agent of changes to convey this message into wider communities. Provision of clear understanding and information on migratory waterbirds role to Students will help the dissemination of information widely.

The World Migratory Bird Day celebration is considered as the right momentum to engage Students on the introduction of conservation of migratory waterbirds.

II. NAME OF ACTIVITY

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III. THEME OF ACTIVITIES

Getting closer to the world of migratory waterbirds to create the Student's critical and constructive thinking on the conservation of migratory waterbirds.

IV. AIM

1. To provide basic information and knowledge on migratory waterbirds to local Students;
2. To facilitate field training on the basic identification on migratory waterbirds;
3. To facilitate local Students on the provision of awareness programme on the role of migratory waterbirds to wider communities;
4. Through join field observation, to collect information on migratory waterbirds, to be used for the National Park management.

V. TIME AND PLACE

The activities will be held in Dogamit Swamp and Ndalir Coast, Wasur National Park, 9 – 10 May 2016

VI. PARTICIPANTS

- Rangers/ Forest Ecosystem Controller, Wasur National Park
- Members of Student's Nature Lover Group of Musamus State University, Merauke, Indonesia

VII. BUDGET

1. Secretariat and stationeries	: Rp.1,070,000 (US\$.81)
2. Transportation	: Rp.3,000,000 (US\$.228)
3. Operational costs (observation, foods, lodging)	: Rp.8,300,000 (US\$.631)
4. Documentation	: Rp.500,000 (US\$.38)
5. Communication	: Rp.300,000 (US\$.23)
TOTAL	: Rp.13,170,000 (US\$.1,001.5)