



Report Format for

World Migratory Bird Day events in East Asian-Australasian Flyway

East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)

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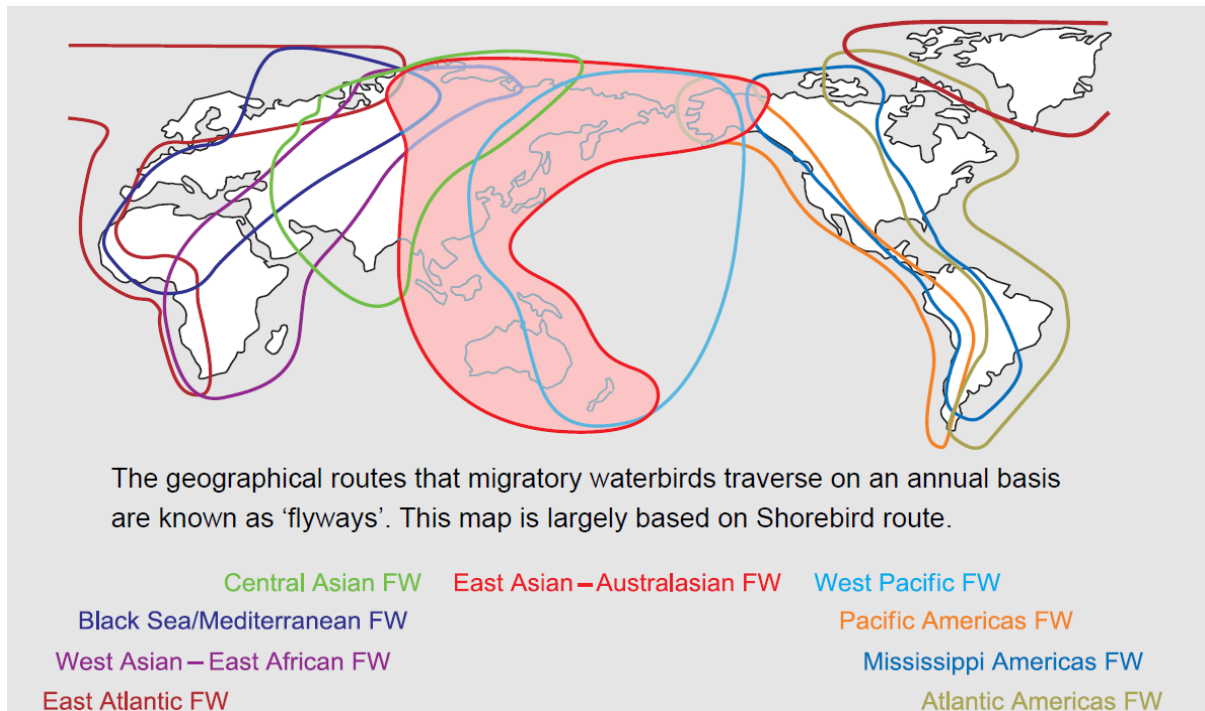
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This report is to be used for EAAFP publications, website and SNS (Facebook, F licker and etc.) to raise awareness of importance of conservation for migratory waterbirds and encourage more people to join this global campaign.

Where is the EAAF region?

The East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF) extends from within the Arctic Circle, through East and South-east Asia, to Australia and New Zealand, stretching across 22 countries.



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1. EVENT INFORMATION

Please provide your contact information for this report: (Contact Information)

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Where did your event take place? (Event Location)

Name of country	Cambodia
Name of city	Kampot Province
Name of event place/venue (optional)	Celebration of WMBD2016

Please tick the relevant categories of your event type: (Event Type)

Public awareness activity – local and/or national	x
Field Trip (e.g. Birdwatching)	x
Monitoring/survey	
Educational activity/lecture	x

Festival	
Media event (e.g. press release)	X
Movie/video	X
Others – specify	

Who were organiser and/or sponsor for your event? (Event Organiser)

Department of Freshwater Wetlands Conservation, Ministry of Environment with collaboration from East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP), BirdLife International-Cambodia Program, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), International Crane Foundation (ICF), Pannasastra University of Cambodia (PUC) and Wildfowl & Wetland Trust (WWT).

How many participants were there for your event? (Number of Participants)

110 people

Who were the participants for your event? (Target Audience)

School students, teachers or parents	X
University students	X
Researchers, scientist	X
birdwatchers	X
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	X
Decision or policy makers	X
Media	X
Others – specify	

Please provide photos and/or video from your event with its credit information:

E.g. Photo 1 or Video 1	
Photo/Video	Please insert a photo here
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What is the outcome from your event? (Outcome)

Cambodia has become a partner of East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) since 2007. EAAFP is a partnership network of countries in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway that conserve migratory birds their habitat and people livelihood of that area. Since 2006, World Migratory Bird

Day (WMBD) has been celebrated as an annual awareness-raising campaign on the second weekend of May. Cambodia, as partner countries, has celebrated World Migratory Bird Day since 2012. This year, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia with collaboration with relevant partners celebrated this annual awareness-raising event under the theme of “Stop the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds”.

This year, Department of Freshwater Wetland Conservation of Ministry of Environment organized awareness and education event of World Migratory Bird Day at Pannasastra University of Cambodia (PUC) and Trapeang Sangker Fishery Community at Kampot province, Cambodia, with partial financial sponsorship from East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) and Non-Government Organization partners including BirdLife International (BirdLife), Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP), Wildfowl & Wetland Trust (WWT), International Crane Foundation (ICF), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), and Pannasastra University of Cambodia (PUC).

To raise awareness, several road banners and signboards were designed and produced in Cambodia language. Road banners were hung in front of Ministry of Environment, Pannasastra University of Cambodia, and Trapeang Sangker Fishery Community (See Awareness material). T-shirt also been designed and printed for students, participants, other relevant stakeholders. Message printed on T-shirts is World Migratory Bird Day 2016 with the theme of “Stop the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds”.

Any additional comment? (Optional)

2. EVENT PROGRAMME

The WMBD 2016 event was divided into two separate day. One is on 28th May 2016 was a training workshop and another one was on 1st June 2016, was the field trip to Trapeang Sangker Fishery Community at Kampot

province for raising awareness and field learning activities after the training workshop.

3. SHORT SUMMARY REPORT

On 28th May 2016, a training workshop for students hosted by Faculty of Mathematics, Sciences and Engineering of Pannasastra University of Cambodia about bird watching concept, migratory bird introduction and basic identification of shorebird and its habitat. The main objective of this training is to share knowledge of migratory bird especially shorebird to youth. Mr. Sun Visal (representative of Dr. Srey Sunleang, Director of Department of Freshwater Wetlands Conservation of Ministry of Environment), and Mr. Chea Leng (Professor of Pannasastra University of Cambodia) attended and gave opening remark to the training workshop. They encouraged students to do their best to learn this valuable knowledge from the workshop. They raised how the amazing migratory bird travel which is a seasonal massagers and it is importance to conserve its habitats. Participants are university students, bird watchers and photographers, totally 60 people. Mr. Bou Vorsak and Mr. James Lyon, invited as special guests from BirdLife and WWT respectively, talked to audiences about this public awareness annual event called World Migratory Bird Day and reminded that training today provides the basic knowledge of migratory bird specially shorebird and students will practice what has learnt today at field on 1st June 2016.

On 1st June 2016, officers from Department of Freshwater Wetlands Conservation of Ministry of Environment, university students, and partner NGOs (BirdLife and WWT) totally 50 people traveled from Phnom Penh to Trapeang Sangker Fishery Community, Kampot province. Once arrive to the site, Dr. Srey Sunleang (Director of Department of Freshwater Wetlands Conservation of Ministry of Environment) mentioned that World Migratory Bird Day is a public awareness annual event and celebrate worldwide, and Cambodia, one of the partner country in East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership, also celebrates this event. Mr. Bou Vorsak (BirdLife International, Cambodia Programme Manager) mentioned that coastal wetland is an important ecosystem for shorebirds which they depend on that area for gain weight in order to start the long journey to the breeding

ground. Mr. Sar Senkethya (founder of Wild-Birds club of Cambodia) briefly explained about how to do bird watching and some rule and policy for the bird watching competition. Ms. Pal Holly (founder of Wild-Birds club of Cambodia) demonstrated how to use the binocular and how to use smartphone to capture bird photos with binocular.

Soon after the opening remarks, participants and local people went on to install signboard, which message written in local language "Please do not disturb the migratory bird habitat". After that, university student divide into small group. They got the map, binocular, water, food, and bird guild book then went with community boat to start the bird watching competition in that coastal wetland area. Besides learning from the training workshop, on filed learning also importance. The main objective of the bird watching competition is to build up student capacity in bird watching and importance of shorebird habitat, of which they had learnt from the training workshop. At the same time, student were able to identify some of the wetland birds (See Table 1) and surprisingly, one group of student captured Painted Stock by using their smart phone with binocular. After the end of bird watching competition, Wild-Birds club of Cambodia members scored the bird list from every group and announced the group with the highest score. The winner of the bird watching competition got a bird guide book as reward.

To make the event reach more audiences, the event was broadcasted on several local TV channels (KTV, Apsaranet, and N-TV) with the hope that the messages and the objectives of this annual awareness event reach more public.

World Migratory Bird Day 2016 was a successful event. It built the capacity of university student on bird watching and understanding about migratory bird and its flyway. Moreover, it also raised public awareness of the event through the production of road banners, signboards, T-shirts, local mass media, and social network such Facebook.