



## EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Report

### World Migratory Bird Day 2021 Mongolia

#### Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

##### 1.1 Contact Information - Provide your contact information for this report

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##### 1.2 Event title: "Birds connect our world"

##### 1.3 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

Name of country	Mongolia
Name of city	Dornod Province
Name of event place/venue	Chukh lake at Mongol Daguur Strictly Protected Area (EAAF024), Eastern Mongolia

##### 1.4 Event Type - Check the relevant categories of your event type

<b>Public awareness activity – local and/or national</b>	<b>√</b>
<b>Field Trip (e.g. Birdwatching)</b>	<b>√</b>
Monitoring/survey	
<b>Educational activity/lecture</b>	<b>√</b>
Festival	
Media event (e.g. press release)	
Movie/video	
Others – specify	

## 1.5 Event Organiser - Who were organiser and/or sponsor for your event?

**Mongolian Bird Conservation Center**

## 1.6 Target Audience - Who were the participants for your event?

<b>School students, teachers or parents</b>	<b>√</b>
<b>University students</b>	<b>√</b>
Researchers, scientist	
birdwatchers	
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	
Media	
Others – <b>Local people</b>	<b>√</b>

## 1.7 Number of Participants - How many participants were there for your event?

School students – 17  
University students – 6  
Local people – 12

**Total - 35**

## 1.8 Outcome - What is the outcome from your event?

Our community have been conducting shorebird monitoring at Chukh lake, eastern Mongolia since 2019. Also we conducted a few avian research and wetland conservation works in wetlands, lakes and rivers among the Mongol Daguur region in recent years and achieved very good results. However, we did not adequately present our studies to the public, specifically in local people.

Therefore, to fill this gap to celebrating WMBD-2021 in our station is the most suitable way to introduce our research work to the local people and school children, increase their ecological education, their knowledge about the place where they live, and inspire them to care and protect this beautiful nature.

In celebrating the WMBD-2021, we wanted to make the community aware of the concept that "Share the shore with shorebirds". There is a following reasons that we would like to celebrate under this concept.

First of all, the Chukh lake, our research place is a small-sized, very sensitive lake compared with other similar lakes in this region, because there are no natural obstacles along the shore, such as rocks and stones, and everything can be reached directly by car, motorcycle or foot.

Second of all, a total of 78 herder families are living together with 65,284 head of livestock (in 2020) around the Chukh lake. A large number of livestock especially cows and horses drink from the lake and stand in the lake to cool off during the warm seasons.

Due to above reasons, frequent parking near the lake and a large number of livestock can disturb the shorebirds and some species of ducks and geese with their chicks resting and feeding on the shore of the lake, become restless and uncomfortable.

So, our main goal was to change the attitude of the local people and explain why migratory shorebirds need to be kept at peace on the shore during their migration season and what is the importance of the wetland sharing.

Any additional comment? (Optional)

Due to restriction of Covid-19 pandemic, we were not able to celebrate the WMBD in May, as we firstly planned. However, in the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, during the autumn migration, we were successfully organized with the participation of local people, local school children and university students at Chukh Bird Research Station.

However, we were not able to involve all 50-60 people because of the restriction of pandemic in our country, a total of 35 people have been celebrate together WMBD-2021.

We believe that our program has changed a little, but we have achieved our goal.

We would like to express our gratitude for WMBD community to give us this opportunity.

## Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

### WMBD-2021 Event Agenda

Chukh lake, Eastern Mongolia  
10 Aug, 2021

- 13:00 – 14:00 Take the participants in Chukh lake from soum
- 14:00 – 14:10 Registration of participants
- 14:10 – 14:20 Opening ceremony (Mr. Amarkhuu Gungaa, Research Director of MBCC)

- 14:20 – 14:40 Lecture 1: “Two years result of migratory shorebirds monitoring of Chukh Bird Research Station” (Ms. Uchrakhzaya Tserenbat, Coordinator of Chukh Bird Research Station)
- 14:40 – 15:00 Lecture 2: “Migration study of shorebirds, cranes and some species of raptors of Eastern Mongolia” (Ms. Baasansuren Erdenechimeg, Ornithologist of Mongolian Bird Conservation Center)
- 15:00 – 16:00 Tea break
- 16:00 – 16:20 Experience sharing: “My volunteer story at Chukh lake since 2019” (Ms. Khaliun Sukhbaatar, volunteer, student of 12<sup>th</sup> grade of local school)
- 16:00 – 17:00 Hands-on training about how to ring and measure shorebirds, and how to identify them
- 17:00 – 18:00 Bird watching at Chukh lake
- 18:00 – 18:30 Closing ceremony (give each participant a calendar and a t-shirt, and take photos together)

### Section 3. BUDGET REPORT (Compulsory)

Report here how you spent the budget you planned in the application  
Budget breakdown:

	Count	Per	Cost (USD)
Tea break and snacks	-	-	80
Transport	-	-	75
Printing cost (calendar)	100	3	300
Printing cost (event banner)	1	25	25
Printing cost (T-shirt with WMBD theme)	60	8.8	528
Total			1008

### Section 4. SHORT SUMMARY REPORT (Compulsory)

Provide a short article about your WMBD event or activity you arranged to celebrate WMBD. The following information (venue, organiser, number and type of participants, outcome) should be included in your article. (Minimum 200 words)

**Celebrated World Migratory Bird Day – 2021 in 6<sup>th</sup> of August at Chukh Bird Research Station (CBRS), Eastern Mongolia**

Chukh Bird Research Station (CBRS) is coordinated by the Mongolian Bird Conservation Center of Mongolia (MBCC) which is one of the leading non-governmental organizations in avian research and conservation in Mongolia. MBCC was established 2015 and currently implements a number of research and conservation Bird projects on avian species and their habitats in Mongolia.

The main aim of the CBRS is to carry out long-term and sustainable monitoring of breeding and migratory shorebirds population of Chukh lake, and to conduct ecological and biological studies of the lake and its biodiversity. In addition, we aim to provide hands-on field training opportunities for students and local specialists, to support master and doctoral research theses for young researchers, and to promote science-based environmental knowledge for local people. We have been conducting shorebird monitoring at Chukh lake since 2019 and achieved very good results.

It is a very important to organize WMBD event among the local kids and herder families at Chukh Lake, in northeastern Mongolia which is an important stopover site for many species of migratory birds especially for shorebirds, but this small steppe lake is very sensitive during the dry periods and it needs well public awareness among the local herder families.



We celebrated World Migratory Bird Day – 2021 in 10<sup>th</sup> of August at Chukh lake, Eastern Mongolia during the pick period of shorebird migration. There were a total of 35 people including school children, university students and local people have been participated in our organized event. Although some changes were made to our program due to the restriction of the Covid-19 pandemic, we organized our event in accordance with the infection control regime such as put on mask and sanitize hands for all participants before entry.



The event organized in Chukh Bird Research Station. Mr. Amarkhuu Gungaa who is a Research director of Mongolian Bird Conservation Center opened the event and after that Ms. Uchrakhzaya Tserenbat, a coordinator of CBRS introduced their two years result of migratory shorebirds monitoring at Chukh lake. After that Ms. Baasansuren Erdenechimeg presented about migration studies of shorebirds, cranes and some species of raptors that tracked from Eastern Mongolia last three years.



After tea break, event continued that our oldest but youngest volunteer Ms. Khaliun

Sukhbaatar who is a 12<sup>th</sup> grade of student from local school to gave us impressive talk about her three years of experience at bird research station.



Hands-on training about how to ring and measure shorebirds, and how to identify them was the most interesting part of the event, especially for kids. We introduced to them about the safety rules for handling birds and the importance of wearing a color-flags and released birds by them.





In the final part of the event, we introduced common shorebirds and waterbirds in Chukh lake and did some bird watching. We prepared a WMBD themed t-shirt and “Shorebirds of Chukh” calendar with shorebird photos for all participants. Finally organizing team and participants took photos together and our event successfully finished.







Note:

- Email us the electronic file (JPEG or PDF) of your language version of the WMBD poster published for EAAFP website;
- Post its printed poster to the EAAFP Secretariat, if you can and have one;
- Take enough photos from events or activities with this WMBD poster and send us lots of photos in jpg or png format; and videos as well if you have one.
- Logos of WMBD and EAAFP have to be shown on all your printed and digital promotional materials.