



Registry: EAAFP/2022/165

## EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day small grant Final Report

### Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

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

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Date of submission	22 October 2022

#### 1.2 Event title: **Celebration of World Migratory Bird Day through education awareness campaign at the villages near Gulf of Mottama**

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

Name of country	Myanmar
Name of city	Sittwe
Name of event place/venue	Buddhist Monastery, Aung Daing Village Sittwe Township (Event) Nanthar Island Marine National Park (Bird Watching Trip)

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

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

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

Event organiser – <i>Nature Conservation Society-Myanmar(NCS)</i> Sponsor – <i>East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)</i>
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## 1.6 Target Audience - Who were the participants for your event?

Target Audience types	Number participated
School students, teachers or parents	47
University students	
Researchers, scientist	3
birdwatchers	
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	
Media	
Local Conservation Group(LCG)	7
Security Police Force	4
Local communities	9
<b>Total Participants</b>	70 (WMBD event) 23 (Bird watching trip)

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

<p>For the second World Migratory Bird Day in 2022, Nature Conservation Society-Myanmar(NCS) in cooperation with Rakhine Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association(RBANCA) organized a Public awareness activity in Buddhist monastery in Aung Daing Village, Sittwe Township in Myanmar. Since 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 is the cultural and traditional festival in Myanmar, the event was moved and held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Total of 70 participants joined the event and most of participants are school students and villagers. Seven members of Myanmar Security Police Force and one member from Research and Development Youths' Society(RDYS) joined the event as well. Our NCS and RBANCA staff presented about WMBD, Ramsar sites in Myanmar and migratory birds conservation. WMBD song in Burmese, video clips about Ramsar sites and light pollution were shown. After the presentations, an online quiz powered by Kahoot were played by the participants. Due to the lack of mobile devices for each participant, questions are only shown on the screen and group were formed to play the game. The five members of first winners were given the prizes. Participants have</p>
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acknowledged about the theme of WMBD for this year especially the effect of the light pollution on migratory birds and nocturnal animals. They also learned about the six Ramsar sites in Myanmar and their importance in their livelihoods. Participants have also observed the threatened species including the Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper that are migrated to Nanthar Island Ramsar site and their conservation status.

On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022, a bird watching trip was arranged for the youths from Aung Daing Village and Sittwe city. Due to tidal cycle, two days and one night trip were arranged so that the boat can travel well with tidal range. Sixteen youths from Aung Daing and three from RDYS joined the trip. During the trip, our NCS and RBANCA members shared the basic bird watching practices, the migratory species that normally come to Nanthar Island and their status. The participants went for bird watching walk in the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> October and in the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Trash collection and trash cleaning were done through the shoreline of the island. We leaved the island in the afternoon of 16<sup>th</sup> October. The participants to the trip could learn the basic bird watching practices and how to identify some common shorebirds. They have got their first experience watching the shorebirds species including Red-necked stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Lesser Sand plover, Eurasian curlew, Painted stork and egret spp. etc.

#### 1.8 Any additional comment? (Optional)

## Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

Provide your event agenda, programme or discussion paper in details here. If your event was recorded or held online, please share the links.

Agenda of WMBD event (14<sup>th</sup> October 2022)

The event agenda is as follows:

1. Registration of the participants
2. Opening of the ceremony
3. Presentation about WMBD by NCS-Myanmar
4. Presentation about the conservation of migratory birds and threats to them in Nanthar Island Marine National Park by RBANCA
5. Display of the Migratory Birds Song(Burmese)
6. Coffee break
7. Quiz powered by Kahoot and Spoon-billed Sandpiper Counting Game
8. Awarding the prizes to the winners
9. Closing of the ceremony
10. Photo session

As the opening of the ceremony, “Migratory Bird” song in Burmese language that was created in 2020 for WMBD 2020 were displayed. Presentation about WMBD by NCS-Myanmar includes the formation of WMBD, annual celebration and themes of WMBD for each year, threats to Migratory bird, light pollution and its impacts on migratory birds and nocturnal animals etc. Presentation about the conservation of migratory birds in Nanthar Island and threats by RBANCA include the population and conservation status of migratory birds from Nanthar Island, the current threats to these species and their habitat etc. Total of 16 questions are developed for the quiz in the website [www.kahoot.com](http://www.kahoot.com) and questions are about WMBD, migratory birds, Spoon-billed Sandpipers and Ramsar sites in Myanmar. Questions are created in the types of multiple choices and True/False. Details of the questions are as follows;

1. In which months, WMBD is held annually? (Multiple choice)
2. What is the slogan of WMBD for the year of 2022? (Multiple choice)
3. What is Light pollution? (Multiple choice)
4. Light pollution causes death to migratory birds. (True/False)
5. What is the remaining total population of Spoon-billed Sandpipers? (Multiple choice)
6. What is the status of Spoon-billed Sandpiper in the IUCN Red List Categories?
7. How many flyways are crossed Myanmar? (Multiple choice)
8. How many EAAFP flyway network sites are in Myanmar? (Multiple choice)
9. What are the treats to the migratory birds? (Multiple choice)
10. What are the conservation status of migratory birds in Myanmar Biodiversity Law? (Multiple choice)
11. What kind of punishment should be sentenced to those who committed the hunting and killing of migratory birds? (Multiple choice)
12. What are the drivers of mangrove deforestation? (Multiple choice)
13. Which ecosystem is not included in wetland ecosystem? (Multiple choice)
14. Birds can do pollination only in natural forests. (True/False)
15. Migratory birds can not feed on the same mudflat. (True/False)
16. What are the ecological services provided by the birds? (Multiple choice)

#### Agenda of Birdwatching Trip(15<sup>th</sup> October 2022)

1. Breakfast time
2. Leave to Nanthar Island from Sittwe
3. Lunch time
4. Presentation about basic birdwatch practices
5. Walk for birdwatching
6. Trash collecting and cleaning
7. Dinner time (Sharing experience of Bird watching)

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1. Breakfast time
2. Walk for birdwatching
3. Lunch time
4. Leave for Sittwe from Nanthar Island

#### 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 400 words)

Nature Conservation Society-Myanmar(NCS) in cooperation with Rakhine Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association(RBANCA) and Forest Department have organized the second World Migratory Bird Day(WMBD) event for 2022 in Buddhist monastery, Aung Daing village, Sittwe Township near Nanthar Island and Mayu Estuary Ramsar Site in Myanmar with financial support by East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Since second Saturday of October 2022 is the cultural festival in Myanmar, we have moved and held the event from 8<sup>th</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Total of 70 participants joined the event and our participants are from NCS-Myanmar, RBANCA, Aung Daing Village, Local Security Police Force and Research and Development Youths's Society (RDYS-Sittwe). The members of Local Conservation Groups(LCG) from Aung Daing village have also joined the event. T-shirts printed with WMBD global poster on the front were distributed to the participants. The purpose of organizing this event is to raise awareness of local communities how WMBD is formed and held annually all around the world, and also to educate the local communities about the importance of the conservation of migratory birds and wetland ecosystems. Visual presentations about the history of WMBD, annual celebrations, theme of this year, light pollution, migratory shorebirds, wetlands conservations and Ramsar sites were presented. Also "Migratory Bird" song and video clips of six EAAFP Flway network sites in Myanmar and light pollution were also shown. Quiz and games were included in the event; 16 questions about WMBD, the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper(SBS), light pollution and migratory birds were created in the online platform([www.kahoot.com](http://www.kahoot.com)). Questions were shown on the screen and participants were encouraged to the right answer quickly. Local communities and students are aware about the theme of WMBD for this year especially the value of the natural dark, increasing light pollution, the impacts of the light pollution on migratory birds and nocturnal animals. They also learned about the six Ramsar sites in Myanmar and their importance in their livelihoods. Participants have also observed the conservation status of the threatened species including the Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper that are migrated annually to Nanthar Island and also the efforts of local and international organizations working for the conservation. Seasonal migration over kilometres makes the audience wondering. They are aware that the migratory birds are fully protected under Myanmar Conservation of Biodiversity and Protected areas Law. Participants enjoyed the song, presentations and videos, had fun during the quiz and game session.

A bird watching trip was also arranged to the newly established Marine National Park of Myanmar, Nanthar Island on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Participants have spent two days and one nights on the trip, and went for bird watching along the coastline of the island. Our participants also collected the plastic trash along the shoreline of the island. They have learned the basic bird watching practices and enjoyed the bird watching on the island.

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**Section 5. PHOTO, VIDEO & MATERIALS (Compulsory):**

Name of Photo/Video	e.g. photo 1 or video 1
Photo/Video	Please insert a photo here
Credit info	Please provide credit information for this photo/video
Link	

**Photos of the event**



Photo 1: Group photo of the participants to the WMBD 2022 at Aung Daing Monastery, Sittwe Township



Photo 2: Group photo of the participants to the WMBD 2022 at at Aung Daing Monastery, Sittwe Township

**Photos of the event**





Photo 3: Presenting the WMBD, light pollution



Photo 4: Photo of showing "Light Pollution" Animation video clips

**Photos of the event**





Photo 5: Presentation on the conservation of migratory birds and wetlands



Photo 6: Refreshments time for the participants

**Photos of the event**



Photo 7: Youths playing the quiz in group



Photo 8: Youths playing the quiz in group **Photos of the event**





Photo 9: Awarding the winners of the quiz



Photo 10: Awarding the winners of the quiz

**Photos of the bird watching trip**



Photo 11: Photo of participants on boat for bird watching trip to Nanthar Island



Photo 12: Staff from RBANCA explaining about the basic bird watching practices



**Photos of the bird watching trip**



Photo 13: Participants are watching the shorebirds on Nanthar Island



Photo 14: Participants are watching the shorebirds on Nanthar Island



**Photos of the bird watching trip**



Photo 15: Participants are watching the shorebirds on Nanthar Island



Photo 16: Participants are watching the shorebirds on Nanthar Island

**Photos of the bird watching trip**



Photo 17: Participants collecting the plastic trash on the Nanthar Island



Photo 18: Participants collecting the plastic trash on the Nanthar Island



**Photos of the bird watching trip**



Photo 19: Participants collecting the plastic trash on the Nanthar Island



Photo 20: Participants collecting the plastic trash on the Nanthar Island

**Photos of the bird watching trip**



Photo 21: Group photo of participants to bird watching trip on Nanthar Island



Photo 22: Group photo of participants to bird watching trip on Nanthar Island

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.