



World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) Small Grant 2023 Application Form

WMBD Small Grant 2023 for East Asian - Australasian Flyway
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About World Migratory Bird Day 2023

WMBD is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. It has a global outreach and is an effective tool to help raise global awareness of the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them. In 2018, WMBD unified the planet's major migratory bird corridors, or flyways: the African-Eurasian flyway, the East Asian-Australasian flyway, and the Americas flyways. **WMBD is now celebrated twice a year, on the Second Saturday in May and in October. In 2023, WMBD will be held on 13 May and 14 October. This year, the theme is "Water: Sustaining Bird Life".** The EAAFP Secretariat encourages Partners to celebrate WMBD twice a year.

Introduction of EAAFP WMBD 2023 Small Grant

The Small Grant for 2023 [World Migratory Bird Day](#) (WMBD) has been established to provide financial support to [EAAFP Partners](#) and [EAAFP Task Forces and Working Groups](#) who plan to organize **public events and/or conservation action-oriented workshops** at national or local levels through participating in the World Migratory Bird Day. We strongly encourage EAAFP Partners and collaborators to make an application for any suitable event or development of WMBD materials in local language that aims to raise awareness on the need of conserving migratory waterbirds and the value of their habitats in East Asian – Australasian Flyway.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants who plan to organize an event to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2023 need to **base in the EAAFP Partner countries**. In addition, EAAFP Partner countries included in the DAC list of ODA Recipients are our priority to support (If you are not sure, please see the [list of EAAFP Partners](#), and [DAC list of ODA Recipients](#)). If you are not the country focal point of EAAFP, please consult and plan with EAAFP focal point of your country before you apply.

Please note that this grant is to initiate a WMBD event, you can co-fund the event with other sources, but please indicate in the budget session. Applications with similar contents (location, target participants etc.) to previous years may not be accepted. We also encourage proposals to promote Flyway Network Sites for the WMBD activities.

Information of the application

Firstly, Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria set for funding assistance under EAAFP WMBD 2023 Small Grants Programme.

For your budget planning, please note a maximum of 1,000 USD will be allocated to each country. We recommend you submit the application as early as possible.

The deadline for application is **26th March, 2023**. Please submit an application to Ms. Vivian Fu, Senior Communication Officer via email (Word or PDF document) at communication@eaaflyway.net and wmbd@eaaflyway.net.

After the Secretariat receives your application, the approval of successful proposals is made by the Secretariat. Applicant will hear of the result within two weeks after the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Successful applicants have a responsibility to help translate the World Migratory Bird Day materials into their own languages which will be shared on the World Migratory Bird Day website (<https://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/>).

Date of Application: March 04, 2023

1. Applicant Contact information

	Name of applicant:	Kamrun Nahar Jeny
a.	Name of the organization:	Nature Eye
b.	Applicant's position and division in the organization	Co-founder and Program Coordinator
c.	Type of the organization - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other – specify):	Local Wildlife Conservation Club
d.	Email:	[REDACTED]
e.	Postal address:	
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g.	Applicant's Mobile number:	
h.	Website of organization:	
i.	Additional contact person	Md. Jayedul Islam Chief Monitoring Officer (CMO) <div style="background-color: black; color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 2px 0;"></div> & Advisor, Nature Eye <div style="background-color: black; color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 2px 0;"></div>

If there will be more than one organization to arrange the event, please specify all above in table 1.1.

1.1 Supporter information

	Name of supporter:	
a.	Name of the organization:	
b.	Supporter's position and division in the organization	
c.	Type of the organization - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other – specify):	
d.	Email:	
e.	Postal address:	
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g.	Supporter's Mobile number:	
h.	Website of organization:	
i.	Additional contact person	

2. Proposed Event Plan and Expected Outcome (Please tick the relevant categories of your proposed event):

Public awareness activity – local and/or national	✓
Bird watching - field trip	✓
Monitoring/survey – field trip	
Educational activity/lecture	✓
Festival	✓
Media Event	
Movie/video	
Others – specify	

2.1 Please specify your proposed event plan and expected outcome

Title of event:	Celebrating World Migratory Bird Day by strengthening public awareness through dissemination of awareness materials and bird watching program in Tanguar Haor– an EAAFP Flyway Network Site and a Ramsar Site in Bangladesh
Date of event:	May 13, 2023 (Tentative)
Organizers:	Nature Eye
Target participants:	Birds hunters, fishers, boat man, school going children, local community people and government agencies, representatives from NGOs, forest department officials etc.
Expected number of participants:	1,000

Event objectives and plan (max. 500 words):

Tanguar Haor (25.05000 N, 91.01000 E) is one of the most important wetlands not only of Bangladesh but also of South Asia due to a unique wetland ecosystem according to BirdLife International. The Government of Bangladesh declared Tanguar Haor as an **Ecologically Critical Area (ECA)** in 1999 considering its critical condition as a result of overexploitation of its natural resources and declared as a **Ramsar Site** of Bangladesh in 2000. The area of Tanguar Haor harbors some of the last vestiges of natural swamp forest and is totally flooded in the monsoon season. The floral diversity in this haor is very rich which makes it an ideal place for the migratory birds. As a result, every winter about **200 species of migratory birds** come to this haor who make their temporary habitat here and some of these birds also find this area suitable for their breeding.

Tanguar Haor has been recognized as an **East Asian-Australasian Flyway Network Site (EAAF 105)** in Bangladesh which is offering a key wintering site for thousands of migratory birds, including the endangered Baer's Pochard (*Aythya baeri*), vulnerable Baikal Teal (*Anas formosa*), near threatened Falcated Duck (*Anas falcata*) and Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*), and a large number of globally vulnerable Pallas's Fish Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucoryphus*) actively nests in this haor basin. Every year about

60,000-120,000 waterfowl visit Tanguar Haor and most of them are migratory birds, but this number is dropping continuously which is alarming. This situation is mainly due to a combination of different factors: habitat degradation (e.g., disappearance of swamp forest and reed beds), shortages of food, human pressure and illegal hunting, and decreasing numbers of fish species. Moreover, water pollution in Tanguar Haor is another threat to migratory waterbird species which occurs due to coal collection in Tekerhat point. Thousands of boats continuously pollute the water through oil contamination which will ultimately affect the migratory waterbirds population, and their foraging and roosting grounds.

The inhabitants of Tanguar Haor and the area around it largely depend on the resources in wetlands. Most economic activity carried out in the area, including hunting and trapping waterfowl, and commercial fishing. Wetland resources are crucial to the livelihood and subsistence of many populations. The potential of wetlands to contribute to livelihoods is closely related to their ability to maintain ecosystem services. This underscores the need to ensure a balance between conservation and productive use of the wetlands. Raising awareness about wetlands, migratory waterbird conservation and their habitats protection are crucial for peoples who rely on wetlands resources due to the dearth of understanding about the wetland resources of Tanguar Haor.

The main aim of celebrating World Migratory Bird Day is enhancing local people's awareness through community outreach activities and educational programs.

1. To build awareness among local people about migratory birds and their habitats, importance of EAAF site of Tanguar Haor, and the importance of conservation of migratory birds, and inform them of laws against bird hunting.

1) To inform local school students and teachers about migratory birds and the significance of protecting their wetland habitat.

3) To introduce and engage local young people and school going children about identifying migratory bird by bird watching.

Build awareness among the local people: A discussion session about migratory birds and their habitats, the significance of the EAAF site of Tanguar Haor, the importance of conservation of migratory birds, and laws prohibiting hunting will be organized with the participation of local fishermen, bird hunters, boatmen, swamp forest and reed beds-cutters, who depend on the wetland habitats for their livelihood. Bangladesh Forest Department officials and representatives from local NGOs will be invited.

Educate local school students and teachers: An interactive session about identifying migratory birds, their migration route and importance of conserving wetland habitats for migratory birds will be organized in a local school with the engagement of students

and teachers using visual presentations. An art contest about migratory birds and the importance of conserving their habitats will be held during the event, and awarded to the school student. Photos exhibition of threatened migratory birds will be displayed.

Introduce and engage local young people and local students to bird watching:

Students and local young people will be invited to a bird watching program to observe and identify migratory birds in Tanguar Haor.

Developing educational outreach materials: We will develop and distribute a one-pager to the school students, local community and fishermen with information about the importance of conserving migratory birds and wetland habitats, and the laws against hunting migratory birds. We will distribute the print poster with the theme of WMBD 2023 in Bengali produced by EAAFP.

3. Proposed Event Budget Plan:

Please specify budget plan of your proposed event

Total: **1,045 USD**

Please note that ideal budget scale is approximately 1,000 USD to each country

Budget breakdown:

Educational outreach materials (leaflets and poster) development and production in Bengali (each 1,300 copies)	520 USD
Print migratory birds photos for exhibition	50 USD
Drawing paper supply to school students	50 USD
Award boxes for school students	70 USD
Venue preparation	40 USD
Transportation to Venue (Narayanganj to Tanguar Haor)	100 USD
Bird watching trip (Hiring boat for field trip)	100 USD
Government Tax (10%)	100 USD
Bank Charge	15 USD

4. Can you support translating the WMBD materials to your language?

Yes No

With support from EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Fund, you need to:

- Register your event(s) at the following websites as well for regional and global statistics of WMBD participation. It won't take you long to fill in the form as it is a simple process. Registration of your event(s) at Global WMBD website (<http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/register-your-event>)
- **Logos of WMBD and EAAFP have to be shown on all your printed and digital promotional materials.**
- After any of your WMBD materials are published and your awareness event is held, it is required to provide an event report (see ANNEX I). The Report should include copies of any materials produced under the project. Published materials should be submitted with the report in both hard and electronic copy with suitable photographs illustrating the activities undertaken.

Important notes:

Report deadline:	No later than 27th May 2023 or within two weeks after the event(s).
Required information:	Name of organiser, target participants, programme, outcome summary and finance supporting documents
Submit to:	to Ms. Vivian Fu, Senior Communication Officer via email (Word or PDF document) at communication@eaaflyway.net and wmbd@eaaflyway.net .

ANNEX 1

Standard format for the World Migratory Bird Day

Final report Report Template

Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

1.1 Contact Information - Provide your contact information for this report

Full Name	
Name of the organisation	
Name(s) of the division and/or position	
Type of the organisation - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other	
Email	
Postal address	
Office phone numbers	
(Your) Cell number (optional)	
Fax (optional)	
Website (optional)	
Additional contact person (optional)	
Date of submission	

1.2 Event title:

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1.3 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

Name of country	
Name of city	
Name of event place/venue	

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?

1.6 Target Audience - Who were the participants for your event (**Compulsory**)?

Target Audience types	Number participated
School students, teachers or parents	
University students	
Researchers, scientist	
birdwatchers	
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	
Media	
Others – specify	
Total number of Participants	

1.7 Outcome - What is the outcome from your event?

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.

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Section 3. 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)

Section 4. EXPENDITURE REPORT (Compulsory)

Expense items	USD
e.g. venue	
e.g. transportation	
e.g. birdwatching guide (amount x no. of guides)	
Others – specify	
Funding from other sources	
Total	

*Please keep the receipt in case auditing is needed.

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	Please provide a link of this photo/video (e.g. FB posting or Flickr link)
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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.