

## **EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant** Report

## Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

1.1 Contact Information - Provide your contact information for this report

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Date of submission	28 May 2022

1.2 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

Name of country	Mongolia
Name of city	Mankhan Village, Khovd province, Khurkh Village, Khentii province Khanbogd Village, Umnugobi province
Name of event place/venue	Khovd Bird Ringing Station, Khurkh Bird Ringing Station, Khanbogd High School

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

Wildlife Science and Conservation Center, EAAFP,

WWF Mongolia,

Mankhan High School

**Khovd University** 

Binder High School

Khurkh High School

Khanbogd High School

Munkh Nogoon Galba NGO

Small Gobi Strictly Protected Area administration

Khanbogd Government

Oyu Tolgoi LLC



1.4 Target Audience - Who were the participants for your event?

School students, teachers or parents	✓
University students	✓
Researchers, scientist	<b>✓</b>
Birdwatchers	✓
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	✓
Media	✓
Others – specify	

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

700 in Western Mongolia	
160 in Eastern Mongolia	
50 in Southern Mongolia	

#### Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

Provide your event agenda, programme or discussion paper here.

#### In Western Mongolia.

All events organized by Khovd Bird Ringing Station of WSCC, supported by EAAFP, WWF Mongolia, Mankhan High School, and Khovd University.

12 May – Khovd Bird Ringing Station hosted 30 school kids from Khovd city, with 2 teacher and they were representatives of 7 different high schools of Khovd city.

13 May – We have visited Mankhan High school and gave lecture of bird migration and introduction of light pollution for birds and other animals. Participants were 300 school kids of 8th to 12th grade and 3 biology teacher and a school manager. After the lecture, we organized the bird watching competition. Due to lack of optical equipment for all participants, we changed bird watching competition to alternatively "Who knows many birds" competition, we showed them 20 bird species photos in the screen. The 1st place, "Tsogt-Erdene" from class 8B, named of 13 species of bird species, 2nd place "Munkhamirdal" from class 9B, named 10 species of bird correctly. Most were knowing 5-6 bird species correctly. We announced a bird drawing competition titled "Bird migration" among all interested kids up to 16th May. All attendants draw their photos and collected by biology teacher on Monday. 16th May.

14<sup>th</sup> May - We celebrated Global Big day activity where our team have seen 151 species in single day in Western Mongolian participants and whole Mongolian team were recorded 240 species on 14<sup>th</sup> May which was listed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Asia and 15<sup>th</sup> place in the Global Team rank. As well as 26 members of each class representatives of Mankhan High School were visited at the Khovd Bird Ringing Station, W Mongolia.

16<sup>th</sup> May – 150 school students from 9<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of Mankhan High school with 3 teachers. And we visited school and selected bird drawing competition and presented award to winners. Although we planned to select two nominations, but due to same achievements of participants, we awarded 3 nominations from participants. The 1st place was "Namuunaa S." from class 10a, 2nd place "Tamir D." from class 10a, 3rd place "Bayanbaatar M." from class 10a.

17<sup>th</sup> May – 60 school students from 10<sup>th</sup> grade of Mankhan High School with 2 teachers



18<sup>th</sup> May – 80 school students from 7<sup>th</sup> grade of Mankhan High School with 3 teachers 19<sup>th</sup> May – 40 school students of 6<sup>th</sup> grade of Mankhan High School with 3 teachers 20<sup>th</sup> May – 30 school students of 11<sup>th</sup> grade of Mankhan High School with a teacher. We demonstrated about bird ringing procedure, talk about bird migration. All visitors were excited to know about bird migration study, especially they love to handle songbirds and release them from their hand, Also, all happy to see a Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*) which nested near cliff via telescope. Some of high school students became a regular visitor at the station and assisting our bird ringing in the morning since WMBD talk at the school.

#### Eastern Mongolia

All activities involved with Khurkh Bird Ringing Station and cooperation with Khurkh village middle school and Binder High Schools

14<sup>th</sup> May – around 60 school students with a biology teacher from Binder village high school were hosted at the Khurkh bird ringing station. They were explained bird migration and why we protect them, how and why bird ringing is important to study migratory songbirds. Two planned competitions were organized at the station and "Bird Migration" drawing competition's winner was "Namuunbat" class 5a, 2<sup>nd</sup> place "Mongondol" from class 6b, Bird watching competition winner was "Yesui B." from class 5B, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was "Khulan E." from 6B.

21<sup>st</sup> May – we hosted around 100 middle school students with 9 teachers from Khurkh middle school at the ringing station as well.

#### Southern Mongolia

WSCC field team were cooperated with a local governor of Khanbogd soum, 2 high schools of Khanbogd, Oyu Tolgoi LLC, Administration unit of Small Gobi part "A" SPA, and Munkh Nogoon Galba NGO.

14<sup>th</sup> May – Our team visited Khanbogd soum and gave a lecture about bird migration and world migratory bird day celebration. Invited 2 classes of 2 high schools' students with representatives of cooperated organizations visited to the small pond near Oyu Tolgoi LLC mining site and did bird watching and all participants divided into small teams and compete each other with as many species as possible in given time. These activities were documented and broadcasted a local TV in the soum.

## Section 3. BUDGET REPORT (Compulsory)

Report here how you spent the budget you planned in the application			
Detail	Unit	Per unit	Amount
		Price	(USD)
Venue for lecture, preparation	3	\$40	\$120



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Bus rent	2	\$50	\$100
Car rent	1	\$80	\$80
Gas and fuel cost		\$150	\$150
Gifts for each attendance from schools in E and	2	\$150	\$300
W Mongolia			
Lunch set for participants in S Mongolia	1	\$2.5	\$100
Prizes for 6 winners of 2 competitions from 3 sites	6	\$50	\$300
Guide cost	1	\$100	\$100
Announcement and banner of WMBD	2	\$50	\$100
Total			\$1350

#### **INCOME**

EAAFP Small grant for WMBD - \$1000 WWF Mongolia contribution in W Mongolia - \$150 WSCC infernal finance contribution - \$200

# Section 4. SHORT SUMMARY REPORT (Compulsory) – This report will be shared on EAAFP website

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, with photos or videos)

The celebration of World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2022 in Mongolia by Wildlife Science and Conservation Center (WSCC) in West, South and Eastern Mongolia was a success. WSCC, Mongolia has been celebrated WMBD since 2010s by small grants or organization's own funds every year with various public awareness activities following each year's WMBD theme and slogan.



Demo talk how to use opticals, Southern Mongolia © Wildlife Science and Conservation Center – Mongolia

The celebration was organized between 12 – 20 May in Western, Eastern and Southern Mongolia, supported by EAAFP WMBD small grant and cooperation with WWF



Mongolia, Oyu Tolgoi LLC, and high schools of every soum (area of pastureland) in the vicinity. All three sites were very special places for migratory birds and thus, it is very important to involve local kids and teachers to explain the bird species around the home.





Students bird watching, Western Mongolia/Demonstration talk of how, why we ring birds. Western Mongolia © Wildlife Science and Conservation Center - Mongolia

Over 910 participants have been reached out through this event to share about bird research and migratory birds' conservation, especially how to deal with light pollution to protect migratory birds and other animals. Many of the school students joined this kind of activities for the first time to learn about WMBD, and they would keep this memory of the event in their hearts.



Releasing Siberian Rubythroat, Eastern Mongolia © Wildlife Science and Conservation Center – Mongolia

Two competitions, birdwatching competition and bird drawing competition, were very attractive to all kids, and they enjoyed learning about birds and bird migration through these two competitions. Most importantly, the two ringing stations also tremendously aided in the learning - on bird study and conservation - for all attendees and their knowledge have greatly strengthened for their future, proven by the fact that several students have been started volunteering as an assistant ringer position when they have free time afterschool.

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Children heading out for the bird ringing activity, Eastern Mongolia/Drawing competition in progress at the Khurkh BRS, Eastern Mongolia © Wildlife Science and Conservation Center – Mongolia

Information leaflets were distributed among all participants in E and Western Mongolia. A total 12 winners of two competitions were rewarded with education materials such bird guidebook and wildlife conservation related books and painting materials.



Presentations in Western Mongolia © Wildlife Science and Conservation Center - Mongolia

In the Western Mongolian activities were supported by WWF Mongolia, and they helped us with arranging education materials and rewards for the contest winners. Mongolian Bird Watching club members celebrated Global Big Day on 14 May as well, Team Mongolia observed 254 species in 24 hours, and was one of the biggest successes among the team members. They are very proud of their bird's species diversity and were encouraged by our results which was 4th place in the Asia and 16th place in the world team rank. Many young members of the Team Mongolia were motivated for bird watching and delighted by our team efforts for Global Big Day.





Students birdwatching, Southern Mongolia/Team recording what they saw, Southern Mongolia © Wildlife Science and Conservation Center - Mongolia



## 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)  https://1drv.ms/u/s!AqlvLu84Tk47hMNMr6iGNY7tUsHv3w?e=rjMsoO

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

Local communities are aware of bird protection, migration and World Migratory Bird Day, every place has been specially taken careful consideration of bird survival through migration period and light pollution has great impact of bird navigation and influencing their migration and photoperiodic activities. Many young generations have been involved the activity and they are excited to know about bird migration, bird life history.

#### Any additional comment? (Optional)

Special thanks to the Khulan T., Enkhotgon, Kh., Baljinnyam, Bolortungalag., a biology teachers and social workers of the Binder, Mankhan High Schools and Khurkh middle school, respectively. WFF Mongolia, EAAFP, Oyu Tolgoi LLC, Munkh Nogoon Galba NGO for cooperation and support for the event.

#### 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.