

EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day small grant Report Template

Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

1.1 Contact Information - Provide your contact information for this report

Full Name	Anuar McAfee		
Name of the organisation	Malaysian Nature Society, Terengganu Branch		
Name(s) of the division and/or position			
Type of the organisation - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other	Malaysian Environmental NGO		
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Office phone numbers			
(Your) Cell number (optional)			
Fax (optional)			
Website (optional)			
Additional contact person (optional)			
Date of submission	October 22, 2022		

1.2 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

Name of country	Malaysia
Name of city	Kuala Nerus, Terengganu
Name of event place/venue	Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA)

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

Organised by Anuar McAfee through the International Centre, UniSZA and MNS Terengganu

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

School students, teachers or parents	15
University students	55
Researchers, scientist	35
birdwatchers	10
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	
Media	
Others – specify	

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115 total, 50 physical at UniSZA and 65 online from Libya



Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

The itenerary of the programme was as stated in the posters and banner below.









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

World Migratory Bird Day 2022

October 8, 2022

Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, Kuala Nerus, Terengganu

The International Centre from Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA), in collaboration with the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS), Terengganu Branch and the University of Tripoli, Libya, organsied an outing in conjunction with the annual World Migratory Bird Day 2022 (WMBD).

The event took place on the UniSZA Gong Badak Campus, Kuala Nerus where 50 participants spent the morning birdwatching and recording migratory and residential bird species on campus. The group counted 237 individual birds coming from 30 different species in the morning walk around campus. Some of the migrating birds seen included Pacific Golden Plover, Common Sandpiper, Common Kingfisher, and Oriental Honey Buzzard. Participants were made up of local and international university students, MNS members, and the general public. In the afternoon, 65 students from the University of Tripoli joined the programme online and listened to several talks on migratory birds in Malaysia and Libya.

Anuar McAfee, Director of the International Centre, UniSZA and an avid birdwatcher said that bird migration is global phenomena. By paying attention to migrating species that pass our area, we can be amazed about the ability of the birds, some have travelled thousands of kilometers from the high arctic where they breed. By studying birds, we can become more aware of our environment as changes in bird populations tell us about changes happening in the environment. Places like UniSZA campus are stop-over sites for some migrating birds who rest and feed here before continuing their journey further south. It is a great opportunity for students to see first-hand the birds that have travelled thousands of kilometers to reach here.

MNS Terengganu has organized World Migratory Bird Day events annually. This year we decided to make it truly international, by inviting lecturers and students from the University of Tripoli to join us and share their experience in studying migrating birds in their part of the world. Dr Khalid S. Etayeb talked about the history of ornithology in Libya, and the recent migratory bird counts conducted by the Libyan Society for Birds, and organization he heads. Dr Abdulmaula Hamza spoke about new research being done on the impact of artificial lighting on migratory birds. Participants online came from Libya, Tunisia, Kuwait, Egypt, and Jordan. This time of year, all over the world, birds from the northern hemisphere are migrating south for the winter, and with World Migratory Bird Day 2022 we can experience it together.

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. This year's theme is "Dim the lights for the birds at night" to call attention to the loss of migratory birds that collide into buildings which are lit at night in large urban areas.

The event at UniSZA was supported in part by a grant from the East Asian-Australiasian Flyway Partnership Secretariat in South Korea.



Participants Comments:

Dr Shaharudin, a medical doctor in Kuala Terengganu said "the morning spent birdwatching and recording migrant and resident birds is a great way to embrace nature. Blending with our environment can give you an inner calmness."

Caleb Lewis, a first time birdwatcher from Mississippi, USA said "I could not have asked for a better experience; Anuar was an excellent guide and modeled how to enjoy the diverse bird population in Terengganu, Malaysia including the migratory birds present in October. I am thankful for the organization of such a great event that was friendly towards first timers like myself."

Dr. Abdulmaula Hamza, Lecturer at the University of Tripoli said, "I used to celebrate the WMBD while I was in Terengganu working for UMT and within the activities of MNS Terengganu branch. This time I felt reconnected with Terengganu and Malaysia, with this first time joint event. The event was a valuable opportunity for both Malaysians and Libyans to know more on their migratory bird diversity and the threat of artificial lights at night on birds and other forms of wildlife. Thanks to Anuar McAfee and UniSZA for this event."



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

The photos were uploaded in the appendixes section.

1.7 Outcome - What is the outcome from your event?

The event allowed newcomers and experienced birders to explore the world of migratory birds, and to learn of the threats to migration especially those posed by artificial lighting.

Any additional comment? (Optional)

The financial support from EAAFP has helped make this years event larger than past years. It was a success and gave an new opportunity to families, students and birdwatchers to know more about bird migration.

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.





Appendixes











































