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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	Fariha Iqbal
Name of the organisation	Kichir-Michir
Name(s) of the division and/or position	Co-founder and secretary
Type of the organisation - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other	Local bird club
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Fax (optional)	
Website (optional)	
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Date of submission	26 October 2022

1.2 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

Name of country	Bangladesh
Name of city	Kushtia
Name of event place/venue	(1) Jora Bot Tola, Horipur Union, Kushtia (2) Shilaidaha Ghaat, Pabna (3) The Old Kushtia High School, Horipur Union, Kushtia

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

Organized by: Kichir-Michir Supported by: Bangladesh Biodiversity Conservation Federation (BBCF) Sponsored by: East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)

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



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School students, teachers or parents	V
University students	
Researchers, scientist	
Birdwatchers	
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	V
Media	V
Others – specify	Local boatmen, fishers, farmers, grass-cutters, women and children

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

A total of 283 people participated in the event.

Breakdown:

Program-1) Educating local school students and teachers: 165 students, 5 teachers including the Head Teacher, and the Union Chairman as the community leader and the District Officer from the Forest Department = 172 people

Program-2) Introducing local students to birdwatching: 10 students (who already participated in Program-1) and 3 new students = 3 new people

Program-3) Building awareness among the local people:

- In Kushtia: 84 people, including the community leader, the religious leader, 47 targeted root-level people who access the bird habitats for livelihood, 14 women and 21 children.
- In Pabna: 24 people, mostly shopkeepers along the path that the hunters cross to access bird habitats, boatmen and grass-cutters.

Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

Provide your event agenda, programme or discussion paper here.

Event agenda:

8 October 2022:

(1) Community awareness program

- Discussion program (at Jora Bot Tola, Horipur Union, Kushtia)
Time: 10 am – 12:30 pm
- Establishing billboard (boat landing point of Jora Bot Tola, Horipur, Kushtia)
Time: 12:50 pm – 1:30 pm
- Establishing billboard (boat landing point of Shilaidaha ghaat, Pabna)
Time: 4:00 pm – 4:35 pm



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- Speaking to the local shopkeepers and distributing pamphlets (at Shilaidaha ghaat, Pabna)
Time: 4:50 pm – 5:45 pm

11 October 2022:

(1) School program for educating students and teachers

Venue: The Old Kushtia High School, Horipur, Kushtia

Time: 11 am – 1 pm

- Speeches by the organizers and guests
- Powerpoint presentations and interactive question-answers
- Games and quizzes


(2) Birdwatching program with local school students

Venue: Padma river charland, Kushtia

Time: 4 pm – 6 pm

- Brief introductory discussion
- Birdwatching

The discussion schedule of the community discussion program (that was printed and supplied to all speakers), 8 October 2022:



Celebration of World Migratory Bird Day through public awareness activity, educational activity and birdwatching program in western Bangladesh

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সময়: সকাল ১০:০০
স্থান: জোড়া নদীবা, মতিপুর, মুন্সীবা

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We did not create a similar discussion schedule for the school program since it was mostly interactive comprising of responding to the powerpoint presentation, playing games and answering quizzes with some brief speeches by the guests.

Newspaper links of the community awareness and billboard establishing program:

https://www.dailytribunal24.com/country/district/40413?fbclid=IwAR1QKCBLIwBIhmMF2A_gPJdR83g04cpIAQT7mfMX_-UPdawht6OUX2CFpg8

https://dailyasianage.com/news/294934/protecting-migratory-birds-to-save-environment-stressed-in-kushtia?fbclid=IwAR0lpXKhF_0rtU1XJWiX2l_gKOb9gik5KusiMFwXf6fRGB7_hAtL6tgXwgs

<https://thedailycampus.com/national/102348/%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BC%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%96%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0?fbclid=IwAR3f7-Jz6CNqqGFm8X41Sfux0IneVcTYXVNa5XewFtZgjM0G4TwdluKCgbc>



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)

With the aim to contribute towards the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats by mitigating threats caused by the local community along a river-adjacent area of western Bangladesh, through building public awareness, educating local students and teachers and engaging the local youth to birdwatching, this World Migratory Bird Day (October 2022), Kichir-Michir with the help and presence of Bangladesh Biodiversity Conservation Federation (BBCF) and with the support of East Asian Australasian Flyway

Partnership (EAAFP) organized a 2-days event in two local communities along Padma river in the districts of Kushtia and Pabna.



Local people on the discussion program wearing WMBD t-shirt

The first day, a community discussion program was arranged at Jora Bot Tola, Horipur union, Kushtia. 84 people in total participated in the program, mostly boatmen, fishermen, farmers and grass-cutters. The elected ward councillor and the religious leader (“Imam” of the mosque) were present as the community leader.

The ward councillor promised to help any community people who would report any bird hunting occurrence to him. The religious leader explained from the religious context why migratory birds should be treated well, which will potentially keep a lasting impact on the community with a majority of religious population.

T-shirts, pamphlets and food were distributed among the participants.



Community_program. mp4

After the program, a billboard was set up, with the participation of the community leaders and the local people, beside the path used for accessing boats, with the view that it will come into notice to anyone crossing the river towards the important migratory bird habitats.



Billboard being set up at Horipur, Kushtia

Another billboard was established at Shilaidaha Ghaat, Pabna. 24 people in the path-adjacent shops were given pamphlets and were motivated to stand against any crossing hunters.



Billboard being set up at Shilaidaha Ghaat, Pabna



farmer_interview.mp4

We asked a farmer and grass-cutter from Shilaidaha Ghaat, Pabna for his opinion on our conservation activities and how he can help protect the migratory species

The program was covered in several national newspapers, highlighting the once neglected yet important bird habitats of the region to the people throughout the country.

On the 2nd day, a program was arranged at the Old Kushtia High School, Horipur Union, Kushtia with participation of local students and teachers. The Head teacher, the Union chairman and the District Forest Officer were invited. 165 students participated in the program.

The program was mostly interactive, and the students learnt through a powerpoint presentation and question-answer sessions, games and quizzes we developed in Bengali.



School_program.mp4

The students promised to help protect the birds of their region

Students were given notebooks with migratory bird day 2022 theme cover, pamphlets, pens and snack items.

A photoframe, designed with migratory bird photos of the area and a thanks-giving message, was gifted to the school authority.



The thanks-giving gift being handed to the honourable Head Teacher, The Old Kushtia High School

At the school program, we identified 13 students who responded and showed the most interest and invited them for birdwatching at a river-adjacent charland at the bank of the river Padma. We observed large flocks of Gray-headed lapwings, flying Black-headed Ibises, stints and sandpipers among the other species.





Students birdwatching.

Some students showed high enthusiasm to continue birdwatching. They will be followed up to encourage their participation in the future birdwatching programs.

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

Name of Photo /Video	Photo-1: Children in the community discussion program holding pamphlets, and the local people are wearing t-shirts prepared for the World Migratory Bird Day (October) 2022
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<p>Photo /Video</p>	
<p>Credit info</p>	<p>Kichir-Michir</p>
<p>Link</p>	<p>https://web.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1737251279981719&id=100010905917965&refid=12&paipv=0&eav=Afbi9qYdZuArEjfVygGEFLCZSIE-h9g09ypfl7Jks17ewHYJfK3ut_Z2f987rxF-Mok&rdc=2&rdr</p>

<p>Name of Photo/ Video</p>	<p>Photo-2: Discussion program with local people wearing World Migratory Bird Day t-shirts</p>
<p>Photo/ Video</p>	

Credit info	Kichir-Michir
Link	https://web.facebook.com/Sadanano4000/posts/pfbid02ieeyCEkKE5tYJv4wes5zFuopioRZpmiWJdNhbfYsZqD71Qk1y9eidB6Cz5kS9Vstl


Name of Photo/Video	Photo-3: Before birdwatching at Padma river charlands, Horipur, Kushtia
Photo/Video	
Credit info	Kichir-Michir
Link	https://flic.kr/p/2nV6ZbL

Name of Photo/Video	Photo-4: Two young birdwatchers holding pamphlets
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Photo/Video	
Credit info Link	Kichir-Michir https://flic.kr/p/2nVb3Dw

Name of Photo/Video	Photo-5: Teaching youth the basics of birdwatching- at Padma river charlands, Horipur, Kushtia
Photo/Video	
Credit info Link	Kichir-Michir https://flic.kr/p/2nVb3BY

Name of Photo/Video	Photo-6: Teaching the youth the basics of birdwatching- at Padma river charlands, Horipur, Kushtia
Photo/Video	
Credit info Link	Kichir-Michir https://flic.kr/p/2nVckSm

Name of Photo/Video	Photo-7: Distributing pamphlets among students, The Old Kushtia High School, Horipur, Kushtia
Photo/Video	
Credit info Link	Kichir-Michir https://flic.kr/p/2nVbLAI



1.7 Outcome - What is the outcome from your event?

The outcomes of our event:

- (1) The root-level people who directly access and influence the important habitats for their livelihood and oftentimes engage in hunting are now aware of the migratory birds, the importance of conservation and the laws against hunting
- (2) 165 young students and the 35 teachers and staff from a local school now know about migratory birds and the importance of conserving them
- (3) A number of students are now introduced to birdwatching practically, and they will be contacted with in our future birdwatching trips
- (4) The forest department officials, the community leaders/decision makers are now aware of the bird diversity of the region and the importance of protecting it
- (5) The media coverage has promoted this region for migratory birds towards a large audience of the country

We believe the influence of this program will be long-lasting, especially because-

- (1) The voices of the community leader and the religious leader supporting bird conservation will potentially be highly influential considering the social context
- (2) The billboards being durable and well-visible to the people who cross the river to access the bird habitats, they will warn any potential hunter
- (3) The newspaper coverages of the community program including pictures of the leaders and the community people, and the thanks-giving gift given to the school authority will further inspire them to think positively for migratory bird conservation
- (4) We identified some school students who participated in the school event and the birdwatching event as potential young birdwatchers and we will follow them up by inviting them in our future birdwatching programs

Any additional comment? (Optional)

- 9 October 2022 being a school holiday and on request of the Head Teacher Mr. Ashraful Haque of The Old Kushtia High School, the school program and the birdwatching event with school students were shifted from 9 October 2022 to 11 October 2022. Therefore, our event ended on 11 October 2022.
- Instead of splitting the community awareness program to 7 and 8 October, we conducted it on 8 October; since we planned to involve and hire some people participating in the Kushtia program to help us set up the billboard in Pabna, and since there was sufficient time.
- The WMBD 2022 poster was already translated in Bengali as provided in the WMBD website. However, in the existing poster, the Bengali text does not show up properly probably due to font issues. Therefore, we have corrected it.

Note:



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- 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.