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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

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Date of submission	30 May 2023

1.2 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

Name of country	Myanmar
Name of city	Bilin
Name of event place/venue	Basic Education Primary School, Koe Tae Su Village, Bilin Township

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

Event organiser – Nature Conservation Society-Myanmar (NCS)
Sponsor – East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)

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

School students, teachers or parents	✓
University students	✓
Researchers, scientist	
Birdwatchers	
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	
Media	
Others – specify	Local Conservation Group (LCGs)



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

Totally 77 participants joined the opening ceremony and the workshop.

Target Audience types (Opening Ceremony)	Number participated
School students, University students, teachers or parents	53
Local Conservation Group(LCGs)	24
Total Participants (Opening Ceremony)	77
Target Audience types(Workshop)	Number participated
School students, University students, teachers or parents	18
Local Conservation Group(LCGs)	24
Total Participants(Workshop)	42

1.6 Outcome - What is the outcome from your event?

The Nature Conservation Society-Myanmar (NCS) has organized the World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) event on May 18, 2023, with the theme "Water Sustaining Bird Life." Around 77 participants, including people of all ages and genders, attended the event to raise awareness about the important of wetland and water and also the conservation of migratory birds. During the workshop, all participants gain insights and knowledge about the challenges and opportunities on the conservation of migratory waterbirds in their region, the Gulf of Mottma.

During the workshop, one response from the participants is that although there are not many birds hunting activities in their area, some people set up hunting nets at night and take them down early in the morning, making it challenging to misunderstand of no bird hunting. Furthermore, other also mentioned that some people place poison bait (mixed with potassium cyanide and small shrimp and fish) as food for shorebirds along the shoreline and mudflat at following tide, causing bird deaths when the tide recedes and caused mortality, decreased population. All participants agreed that more education awareness is necessary to cover the whole community area in GoM to effectively combat bird poaching in long-term. The participants reflected on how to protect migratory birds' habitats in their area, especially wetlands, by exploring ideas to reduce potential threats that undermine the ecosystems.

During the workshop and group discussions, women actively contributed their perspectives, indicating that environmental conservation transcends gender and requires the active collaboration of everyone. Moreover, this workshop was featured by different discussion topics among different generations to understand their thoughts, indigenous knowledge on migratory birds. Their input demonstrated that greater involvement with women's groups could yield better conservation outcomes in the future.

The event's success highlights the need for continued efforts to reduce threats to migratory birds and to preserve their habitats. Additional measures could include raising



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awareness through targeted campaigns and proposed of policies to protect important bird habitats in their area. Therefore, more comprehensive conservation strategies with integrated approaches are necessary to protect migratory birds' remaining populations from further reductions in the ecosystem.

Any additional comment? (Optional)

Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

Provide your event agenda, programme or discussion paper here.

The opening ceremony agenda is as follows:

1. Registration of the participants
2. Opening of the ceremony
3. Opening Speech from Head of the Community
4. Presentation about WMBD by NCS-Myanmar
5. Display of the Migratory Birds Song (Burmese)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-BTEqLypOU>
6. Closing the opening ceremony
7. Group Photos session and tea break

The Workshop agenda is as follows.

1. Introducing the workshop participants for warming up
2. Presentation about "Migration" by NCS-Myanmar
3. Presentation about population and conservation status of migratory birds in the Gulf of Mottama (GoM) by NCS-Myanmar
4. Presentation about "Socio-ecological justice" by NCS-Myanmar
5. Group Discussion
6. Lunch Time
7. Presentation about "Threats to Migratory Birds in the Gulf of Mottama"
8. Group Discussion
9. Presenting and reporting the outcome of group discussion from each group
10. Interpreting the discussion outcome by NCS-Myanmar
11. Closing of the ceremony and Tea break

The opening ceremony began with a speech by the community leader welcoming the WMBD 2023. The NCS-Myanmar team then gave a presentation about the formation of WMBD and the themes for each year, as well as sharing the "Migratory Bird" song in



Burmese that was created for WMBD 2020, and other videos. After that, the importance of water for both people and wildlife was presented.

After a tea break, the workshop on the conservation of migratory birds in GoM was started. The NCS-Myanmar continued their presentations with information about animal migration, the importance of wetlands and water for migratory birds, and their migration patterns. In the afternoon after the lunch, participants were then divided into five groups for a brainstorming session about the correlation between their livelihoods and migratory birds. Each group then presented their findings and thoughts separately, and the NCS-Myanmar team shared interpretation results with the audience. In addition, the participants are provided with enjoyable lunches, as well as afternoon tea and snacks, for which they are thankful.

The discussion topics for their point of views are as follows:

- (1) Bird Hunting,
- (2) Attitudes Towards Migratory Birds,
- (3) Traditional Knowledge About Migratory Birds,
- (4) Local Organization Activities,
- (5) And Livelihoods and poverty reduction

Section 3. BUDGET REPORT (Compulsory)

Report here how you spent the budget you planned in the application

Cost for hiring and preparing venue	61.73 USD
Transportation cost (Yangon – Koe Tae Su village) (NCS staffs)	153.37 USD
Transportation cost (Villages – Koe Tae Su village) (LCGs)	248.91 USD
Producing cost of T-shirts	185.19 USD
Stationary for seminar (Charts, pens and notebooks)	9.26 USD
Food for all participants	320.51 USD
Printing cost for vinyl posters	20.99 USD
Others – specify	
Please indicate contributions fee from other sources for this event	
Total	999.96 USD

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)



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Nature Conservation Society-Myanmar (NCS) organized the first World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) event for 2023 on May 18th, with financial support by East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP). The event, originally scheduled for May 13th, 2023, had to be rescheduled due to the impact of Cyclone Mocha, which struck the west coast of Myanmar on May 13th and 14th, 2023. Our first WMBD event took place in a Basic Education Primary School located in Koe Tae Su Village in Belin Township, near the Gulf of Mottama (GoM) in Myanmar, and had a total of 77 participants, mostly consisting of school students, villagers, and local communities from villages surrounding the GoM. Participants were given T-shirts with WMBD themes printed on the front and slogans on the back. The members of Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) from Koe Te Su, Mu Thin, Kan Ywar, and Aung Kan Thar villages from Bilin, Thaton Townships joined the event.

The event began with the opening ceremony which was celebrated with an opening speech delivered by the Head of the Local Community, a presentation about the formation of WMBD, its annual celebrations, and the importance of water "Theme of this year. After the opening ceremony, the workshop was held continuously from 9:30 AM to 03:00 PM local time in the same venue as the opening ceremony. The presentations on animal migration, flyway patterns of migratory birds, and the population status of migratory birds and threats to them in the GoM. There was also presentation on environmental conservation and habitats of migratory birds at the GoM, which was related to the 2023 WMBD theme of "Water Sustaining Bird Life" and socio-ecological justice for the environment as well.

The NCS organized two ways presentations for participants, where they discuss migratory bird habitats and create awareness about them. The audience is often amazed by the long journey of birds undertake over vast distances, migration records, different migration patterns of different migratory species. During the workshop, they learned about the importance of wetlands and water in relation to migratory birds and how it affects their livelihoods.

To develop the measures to mitigate negative impacts on wetlands and migratory birds, the participants are divided into five groups to brainstorm ideas and discuss the correlation between their livelihoods and migratory birds. Each focusing on different topics such as bird hunting, attitudes towards migratory birds, traditional knowledge about migratory birds, roles of local organizations, and livelihoods and poverty reduction. The topics were developed with the agreements of the participants and purposed to develop and gain diverse ideas and thoughts of different genders and generations. After their group discussions, each group presented and shared their findings and thoughts on their respective topics separately.

One impressive thing discovered was that women were also actively involved in participating and contributing to their visions. The attendees were already familiar with the migration of birds in their area due to previous seminars, workshops, and events sponsored by EAAFP. However, this time, the audience was made aware of the benefits



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of establishing conservation zones for birds, and they expressed a desire for more conservation zones in their area to reduce habitat loss and the threat to migratory birds. During the event, attendees enjoyed the songs, presentations, and videos about migratory birds and had fun during the group discussions and reports also foods as well. The NCS-Myanmar organized the event, which lasted from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM on May 18, 2023.

Overall, the event was a success in raising awareness about the importance of migratory birds and their habitats, and involving locals in conservation efforts. It is hoped that such events will continue to be organized, promoting the importance of environmental conservation and habitat preservation for migratory birds in their flyways.

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)

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.

Photos of WMBD Event (2023_May)



Photo 1: Group photo of the participants



Photo 2: Registration of the participants



Photo 3: Opening Speech from Head of the Community



Photo 4: Video Sections and “Migratory Bird” Song



Photo 5: Presentation about WMBD



Photo 6: Presentation about "Migration"



Photo 7: Inter-discussion with participants



Photo 8: Inter-discussion with participants



Photo 9: Presentation about the population status of migratory birds in GoM



Photo 10: Inter-discussion with participants



Photo 11: Inter-discussion with participants



Photo 12: Presentation about "Socio-ecological justice"



Photo 13: Presentation about “Threats to Migratory Birds”



Photo 14: Group discussions



Photo 15: Presenting the outcome of group discussions from respective groups.



Photo 16: Interpreting the discussion outcome by NCS-Myanmar

World Migratory Bird Day 2023 Materials



WMBD Poster 2023 (Burmese Version)



Spoon-billed Sandpiper Poster



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Invitation Letters for Opening Ceremony and Workshop of WMBD 2023



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