

## EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant

### Final Report

#### Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

##### 1.1 Contact Information - Provide your contact information for this report

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##### 1.2 Event tile: World Migratory Bird Day: Shorebird in Focus

##### 1.3 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

Name of country	Malaysia
Name of city	Kuching
Name of event place/venue	Sarawak State Library

##### 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?

**Organiser/Partners:**

Sarawak Forestry Corporation

Malaysian Nature Society (*school outreach program, talk and birdwatching workshop*)

Sarawak State Library (PUSTAKA)

**Sponsorship by:**

East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership

Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry &amp; Performing Arts Sarawak

Harwood Timber

Business Event Sarawak by Sarawak Convention Bureau (*in kind*)The Spring Kuching (*in kind*)**1.6 Target Audience - Who were the participants for your event?**

<b>Target Audience types</b>	<b>Number participated</b>
School students, teachers or parents	450
University students	200
Researchers, scientist	100
birdwatchers	100
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	70
Media	30
Others – specify (library visitors, workshop participants)	250
<b>Total Participatns</b>	<b>1200</b>

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

By celebrating World Migratory Bird Day and taking action to protect migratory birds, the event raises awareness of the importance of migratory waterbirds and their conservation, as well as generates positive interest in individuals to take action to protect them. It has enabled students and targeted audiences to express themselves and showcase their talents through design and art platforms. The celebration day event is jam-packed with interactive sessions designed to bring people together and connect with nature while also supporting a vital cause.

**1.8 Any additional comment? (Optional)**

The World Migratory Bird Day celebration was held on the following weekend of October 8–9, 2022, since October 8–9 is a public holiday in Sarawak. Our special thanks to EAAFP, 9lives Borneo, Kuching Autistic Association, Sarawak Energy Berhad, Wildlife Conservation Society, Kuching Birdwatching Club, and Lim Kok Wing University for being part of our event and for their support.

## 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.

### WMBD 2022 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Full Programme



**WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY 2022**  
*Migratory Shorebirds in Focus*  
 Saturday, 15 October 2022  
 Sarawak State Library

#### PROGRAM

09:30am	Arrival of Invited Guests and Media
10:00am	Arrival of Guest of Honour YB Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh Deputy Minister for Urban Planning, Land Administration and Environment Chairman of Sarawak Forestry Corporation Sdn Bhd  Ibu Pertiwiku & Negaraku  Recital of Doa  Video Presentation  Welcoming Speech by Tuan Haji Zolkipli Mohamad Aton, Chief Executive Officer Sarawak Forestry Corporation Controller of National Parks and Nature Reserves Controller of Wildlife  Speech by YB Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh  Presentation of certificates  Presentation of memento  Walkabout to exhibition site
12:30pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Talk 1 by Mr Dave Bakewell "Shorebirds – Extraordinary Adventurers"
3.30pm	Tea break
3.45pm	Talk 2 by Dr Yong Ding Li, BirdLife International Asia "Protecting the East Asian-Australasian Flyway – tools and experiences from around the region"
4.30pm	Ends

### WMBD 2022 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 booth activities

- ALL DAY:**
1. Giant word search (walk-in, unmanned)
  2. Sanderling maze (walk-in, unmanned)
  3. Free sketch (walk-in, unmanned)
  4. Avifauna hi-fi (2 pax)

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
15 October (SATURDAY)	AM	<b>Launching ceremony</b> Anatomy of bird Rubik's cube Acrylic art (demo only) Jigsaw puzzle <b>ALL DAY</b> activities

		<b>3D Printing by PUSTAKA</b>
	PM	<b>Talk by guest speakers</b>
16 October (SUNDAY)	(9am-4.00pm) (10am-1.00pm) (3-4pm) (2pm)	Exhibition Kids colouring contest for kindergarten Acrylic art Birds' beaks shapes and function Rubik's cube Jigsaw puzzle <b>ALL DAY</b> activities
17 October (MONDAY)	(9am-3pm) (11am-12pm) (10am-3pm)	Exhibition Rubik's cube Guess who? Jigsaw puzzle Giant word search <b>ALL DAY</b> activities
18 October (TUESDAY)	(9am-3pm) (10am-12pm) (1pm-3pm)	Exhibition Anatomy of bird <b>ALL DAY</b> activities <b>3D Printing PUSTAKA</b>
19 October (WEDNESDAY)	(9am-3pm) (walk-in)  (11am-3pm)	Exhibition Find the birds (Waldo's version) Birds' beaks shapes and function <b>ALL DAY</b> activities
20 October (THURSDAY)	(9am-3pm) (walk-in) (11am-2pm)	Exhibition Guess who? Acrylic art Jigsaw puzzle <b>ALL DAY</b> activities
21 October (FRIDAY)	9am-3pm) (walk-in) (11am-2pm) (2pm-3pm)	Exhibition Birds' beaks shapes and function Anatomy of bird Jigsaw puzzle <b>ALL DAY</b> activities
22 October (SATURDAY)	(9am-4.00pm) (10am-1.00pm) Walk-in at 2pm (2pm-3pm)	Exhibition Kids colouring contest (open for public; 50 pax) Birds' beaks shapes and function Anatomy of bird Rubik's cube Acrylic art Jigsaw puzzle Find the birds (Waldo's version) <b>ALL DAY</b> activities
23 October (SUNDAY)	N/A	Booth and exhibition wrap-up

WMBD 2022 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 shorebird workshops

## Tentative Programme

Event: Shorebirds Workshop  
 Venue: Maker's Space, PUSTAKA Negeri Sarawak  
 Date: 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
 Time: 9.00 AM – 5.00 PM

**DAY 1**  
 Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Time	Program
9.00 AM	Registration of participants
9.30 AM – 10.30 AM	<b>Shorebird Classroom Session 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shorebirds/Waders introduction</li> <li>- Why shorebirds migrate</li> </ul>
10.30 AM – 10.45AM	Short Break
10.45 AM – 1.15 PM	<b>Shorebird Classroom Session 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waders topography, waders identification</li> <li>- Basic plumage, rare and difficult pairs identification</li> </ul>
1.15 PM – 2.15 PM	Lunch Break
2.15 PM – 5.00 PM	<b>Shorebird Classroom Session 2 (*cont)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basic plumage, rare and difficult pairs identification</li> </ul>

**DAY 2**  
 Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Time	Program
9.30 AM – 10.30 AM	<b>Shorebird Classroom Session 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asian Waterbird Census (AWC) – Noraisah</li> <li>- Flagged birds – Batrisyia</li> <li>- Field etiquettes and preparation – Batrisyia</li> </ul>
10.30 AM – 11.00 AM	<b>Travel to Buntal Esplanade</b> <i>*carpool/no transportation provided, packed lunch provided to Buntal</i>
11.15 AM – 2.00 PM	<b>Practical Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shorebird observation and identification</li> </ul>
2.00 PM	Lunch at Buntal Esplanade

## Programme flyers





**Section 3. EXPENDITURE REPORT (Compulsory)**

Expense items	USD
Booth interactive activity materials	640
Artwork materials for acrylic painting, kids colouring contest and word search	74
Logistic for workshop and birdwatching trip	180
Prizes for drawing participants winners	95
Others – specify	
Funding from other sources	
<b>Total</b>	<b>989</b>

\*Please keep the receipt in case auditing is needed.

**Section 4. 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, with photos or videos)

Each year, May and October is observed as World Migratory Bird Day. On the occasion of this year's celebration, Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) organised an event to raise awareness about the importance of migratory shorebirds. The event was held at Sarawak State Library, Sarawak, Malaysia, from October 15 to 22, 2022, and launched by the Deputy Minister for Urban Planning, Land Administration, and Environment.

This event features a variety of activities and presentations, including keynote speeches from bird experts, booth exhibitions, and interactive workshops. Workshops on bird identification and educational activities for children were also included. The event was supported by the local birding groups, NGOs, the local art community, corporations, and the Ministry.

**Migratory shorebird drawing competition**

**Venue: Selected schools' hall, Insititut Aminudin Baki and Buntal esplanade**

A drawing competition was held earlier on August 2022, to encourage students to creatively express their views and opportunities for a different outlook on migratory shorebirds. The schools that were chosen are Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Sadong Hilir, Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Sadong Jaya, Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Santubong, and Sekolah Seni Malaysia Sarawak, mainly because they are located within the Bako Buntal Bay flyway. Additionally, an introduction presentation to these species was held before the competition began. The topic covers the types of shorebirds and waterbirds, their migration journeys, life cycles, threats, and habitats. All of the students were divided into groups and led by a facilitator and accompanying teachers for a guided birdwatching session. They were taught how to use binoculars, spotting scopes, and basic identification of waterbirds.





*Presentation and birdwatching session with students © Sarawak Forestry Corporation*







*Drawing competition ongoing* © Sarawak Forestry Corporation

Several key migratory shorebird species were selected for the theme, including the Chinese Egret, Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Far Eastern Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit, and Ruddy Turnstone. With the medium of watercolour, students need to produce a painting within two hours of the time given. Their artwork will be displayed at the library during the whole week of WMBD, along with the announcement of winners. The top 10 paintings were selected from each school, and the top three were chosen for best art overall.

This competition saw an incredible display of artistic talent and creativity, making the selection process both difficult and inspiring. After a thorough evaluation by panel of judges, winners were selected by each category as below:

School categories winners:

First place: Sekolah Seni Malaysia Sarawak

1<sup>st</sup> runner up: Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Sadong Jaya

2<sup>nd</sup> runner up: Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Sadong Hilir

Interschool categories winners:

First prize: Nur Izzati Laham

Second prize: Aisyah Izzati Zamri

Third prize: Humaira Zulkarnain

Sui Generis Award:

Mohamad Qhalish Amsyar Kamarulzaman



Group photo with students of SSM © Sarawak Forestry Corporation



Group photo with students of SMK Santubong © Sarawak Forestry Corporation



Group photo with students of SMK Sadong Jaya © Sarawak Forestry Corporation



Group photo with students of SMK Sadong Hilir © Sarawak Forestry Corporation

### **Booth displays, photo and sculpture exhibitions**

#### **Venue: Ground floor & Level 1 Sarawak State Library**

In collaboration with Sarawak State Library Community Engagement Services Division (CESD), we compiled the necessary information for the celebration day and developed interactive activities, games, and banners relevant to the issues to be addressed with the targeted audience. Several other facts about migration and flyways were shared with the public. Since the key platform for this WMBD was principally based on art, the attention of the children was drawn to the stories and fun games associated with wetlands species and coastal habitats that were tailored to these booth activities. Wherever possible, the information shared during the activities was linked to the topics of the migration journey of birds and the event theme.

Several photos by local birdwatchers were displayed alongside artwork at the exhibition hall in digital form throughout the event. The contributors shared their beautiful photos of migratory waterbirds during their annual southward migration through the flyway. Information sourced by the EAAFP website helped in further enriching the information on the celebration day shared with the public during the event. Apart from the library, other agencies and NGOs were also part of the exhibition by devising activities and display setups for their booths.



Drawing competition winners line up on launching day © Sarawak Forestry Corporation



Interactive activities and games with attendees © Sarawak Forestry Corporation



Interactive activities and games with attendees © Sarawak Forestry Corporation



Public participating in booth activities © Sarawak Forestry Corporation



Public participating in booth activities © Sarawak Forestry Corporation

### WMBD Talks

**Venue: Auditorium, Level 1 Sarawak State Library**

Two keynote speakers were invited to give talks on migratory shorebirds and their flyways. The first talk session was given by Mr. Dave Blakewell with the title "Shorebirds Extraordinary Adventures", followed by "Protecting the East-Asian-

Australasian Flyway: Tools and Experiences From Around the Region by Dr. Yong Ding Li.



Talk by keynote speaker © Sarawak Forestry Corporation

### **Shorebird Watching Workshop**

**Venue: Library makerspace, Buntal esplanade**

Waterbirds are an important indicator of a wetland's health. Every January, volunteers come together to count waterbirds in their country in the annual survey. This workshop provided participants with practical tools and resources needed for the upcoming Asian Waterbird Census (AWC), as well as a platform for networking and discussing the challenges and opportunities to be part of the birdwatching community. On day two, guided birdwatching was carried out at Buntal Esplanade with tips on bird identification and survey techniques.





Shorebird workshop at the library and birdwatching at Buntal esplanade © Sarawak Forestry Corporation

**Colouring competition**

**Venue: Gallery, Sarawak State Library**

A fun colouring contest was held on two weekends among children aged 7-9 and 10–12 years old. Colouring sheets provided by SFC highlight the migratory birds' habitat, of which Bako Buntal Bay and the roosting site Sejingskat ashpond were selected as the motif. This competition aims to spark their interest in migratory waterbird species and embrace their creativity through self-expression activities.




Colouring competition ongoing © Sarawak Forestry Corporation

Overall, the event was a great success. It served as a powerful reminder of the importance of informative and engaging content in efforts to promote migratory birds and their habitat. SFC hopes to continue to organise similar events in the future, to create a positive impact using networking and dialogue, social media campaigns, and art and crafts related to migratory birds.

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

<p>Name of Photo/Video</p>	<p>Colouring sheet template</p>
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Photo/Video	Please insert a photo here
Credit info	Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC)
Link	<p>Please provide a link of this photo/video (e.g. FB posting or Flickr link)</p> <p>Artworks by drawing competition winners:</p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1zr7oKxXJuQJsRaoKpXGh6vxDOA2vTzIY/edit#slide=id.p1">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1zr7oKxXJuQJsRaoKpXGh6vxDOA2vTzIY/edit#slide=id.p1</a></p> <p>School program:</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OW3fn8JWVLpxK8d6pOMmvZ2QSawLSuhW?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OW3fn8JWVLpxK8d6pOMmvZ2QSawLSuhW?usp=drive_link</a></p> <p>WMBD event:</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F5Q1Gt8R2X1brPgzatf3mtflp21YCQ3Z?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F5Q1Gt8R2X1brPgzatf3mtflp21YCQ3Z?usp=drive_link</a></p>

## 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.