



## 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	2023.5.26

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

Name of country	Mongolia
Name of city	Bayandelger Soum, Tuv Province
Name of event place/venue	Gun-Galuut Nature Conservation Center

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

Saraana Nature Conservation Foundation, Bayandelger Secondary School
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#### 1.4 Target Audience - Who were the participants for your event?

School students, teachers or parents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
University students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Researchers, scientist	<input type="checkbox"/>
birdwatchers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decision or policy makers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others – specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

35 secondary school students, 2 teachers, 3 university students, 2 volunteers
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## Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

The event 'Discovering local wetlands: the vital habitat of migratory birds' was held by Saraana Nature Conservation Foundation (SNCF) on 13<sup>th</sup> of May to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2023.

First, SNCF gave a presentation at school on the topics below:

- What is WMBD?
- Stories of wetlands and migratory birds
- Field techniques for the birdwatching

After the presentation, students and teachers moved to the Gun-Galuut Nature Conservation Center (GGNCC) to discover wetlands and birds at the site.

Second, at GGNCC, students were divided into 2 groups informed about the content below:

- Gun-Galuut Locally Protected Area (GGLPA), Migratory birds at GGLPA, How to study migratory birds
- Details on migratory shorebirds, Biodiversity at wetlands

Third, students and teachers moved closer to wetlands at GGLPA and explored under 3 themed stations: BIRD, WATER, BIODIVERSITY

- BIRD: Participants explored birds by birdwatching at GGLPA Ikh Gun Lake. They learned how to identify, monitor and count birds with , especially for bird monitoring survey.
- WATER: Participants explored the water of wetlands with a pH test. They tested the acidity (pH level) of wetlands and compare it with others such as drinking water and polluted water, understanding the water filtration function of the wetlands.
- BIODIVERSITY: Participants explored algae, vertebrates and invertebrates at the Ikh Gun Lake, understanding the biodiversity of wetlands. Also, they determined water quality and pollution with invertebrates which are the indicator species of the water quality.

## Section 3. BUDGET REPORT (Compulsory)

TOTAL: approx. 1,045.79 USD (3,645,680 MNT)

Category	Item	MNT	USD
Printing	Poster print (WMBD Banner, Information on GGLPA, Migratory Birds, Wetlands)	772,760	221.67
	Brochure print (General Info.)	680,000	195.06
	Pictures print (Birds, Invertebrates, etc)	300,000	86.06
Equipment	scoop nets, magnifiers, water tanks, pH test paper, etc	218,900	62.79

Foods	Lunch (Bakery)	259,000	74.30
	Snacks & Drinks	212,500	60.96
Transportation	Minibus Rental (Pre-work)	250,000	71.71
	Petrol fee (Pre-work)	100,250	28.76
	Car *2 Rental (WMBD)	300,000	86.06
	Minibus Rental (WMBD)	250,000	71.71
	Petrol fee *3 (WMBD)	272,270	78.10
Others	Volunteer *3	300,000	86.06

#### 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)

On May 13th, Saraana Nature Conservation Foundation (SNCF) held an event 'Discovering local wetlands: the vital habitat of migratory birds' to celebrate 2023 World Migratory Bird Day. As the theme of this year is 'Water: Sustaining Bird Life', SNCF held an event that is focused on discovering wetlands and migratory birds.



The event aimed to educate and inspire young minds at Bayandelger Soum in Tuv Province about the importance of wetlands and foster a sense of interest in migratory birds. Students and teachers from Bayandelger Secondary School were our main participants, the first program of the event was a presentation about migratory birds and WMBD by Sarangerel Ichinkhorloo, the head of SNCF.



After the presentation, the students and teachers headed to the Gun-Galuut Nature Conservation Center (GGNCC) at the Gun-Galuut Locally Protected Area (GGLPA). GGNCC is an information, training, and research center, that aims to monitor local biodiversity, especially birds as an umbrella species, and run conservation and



educational activities. Moreover, GGLPA is a birding hotspot located 130km far from the capital city, which comprises wetlands such as lakes, river basins, streams, and oases. Its area serves as an important resting, feeding, and breeding habitat for migratory birds, especially threatened species such as White-naped Crane, Siberian Crane, Dalmatian Pelican, etc.



At the GGNCC, SNCF staff and student volunteers shared their knowledge about the GGLPA, wetlands and biodiversity including migratory birds. At the GGNCC building, information on GGLPA and wetlands was shared, also, bird monitoring and ringing equipment were instructed to the participants. At the yurt(Mongolia Ger), the traditional style of Mongolia house, participants had a chance to learn more about bird species with pictures. During the instruction, students were actively responsive to the content and showed their interest in birds.



For further activities, participants walked all together to one of the wetlands at GGLPA, the Ikh Gun Lake. At the Ikh Gun Lake, the SNCF ran three stations with each themes; Birdwatching, Invertebrates Survey and Water Survey.

At the Birdwatching Station, participants monitored birds by the lakes through binoculars and telescopes. They observed more than 10 migratory bird species such as Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Demoiselle Crane and Pied Avocet, etc.



At Invertebrates and Water Survey stations, participants drew water from the lake and took a deeper observation with magnifiers and pH test papers. They used scoop nets to find invertebrates from the lake to understand the biodiversity of wetlands. Also, they

tested the acidity (pH level) of wetlands and compared it with drinking water, understanding the water filtration function of the wetlands.



During the outdoor activities, the wind was strong, but it couldn't stop students' curiosity about birds and wetlands. After all, through the presentation and field trip at GGLPA, the participants had a chance to engage themselves to increase their interest and self-motivated to further local birdwatching and conservation activities on migratory birds. Especially, as they acknowledged the nearby place such as GGNCC and Ikh Gun Lake, we believe it would lead the participants to have further engagement too.



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

Name of Photo/Video	27 photos, 1 video
Photo/Video Credit info	(please check the attached file in e-mail)
Link	<p>-(photo) Saraana Nature Conservation Foundation(SNCF)</p> <p>-(video) Saraana Nature Conservation Foundation(SNCF), Jeonghee Choi</p> <p>-(photo) FB: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/saraana.conservation/posts/pfbid0cCBYs52rbFcihX77B4SboVcBrZ6Hq79XR4hqAEbgk885zvC81EWFsjgcAbDTvwxol">https://www.facebook.com/saraana.conservation/posts/pfbid0cCBYs52rbFcihX77B4SboVcBrZ6Hq79XR4hqAEbgk885zvC81EWFsjgcAbDTvwxol</a></p> <p>-(video) FB: <a href="https://fb.watch/kG18091HLd/">https://fb.watch/kG18091HLd/</a></p> <p>-(video) Youtube(partially disclosed): <a href="https://youtu.be/0OODPdQOgG0">https://youtu.be/0OODPdQOgG0</a></p>



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

As a result, the event 'Discovering local wetlands: the vital habitat of migratory birds' by SNCF fostered a deeper appreciation for migratory birds and their conservation among the young generation, especially 35 students and biology teachers at Bayandelger Secondary School. By engaging them through the presentation and field trip at GGLPA, the event sparked a sense of wonder, curiosity, and commitment to activities on wetlands and birds.

We also believe that the experience taught the participants to raise awareness and improve their understanding of migratory birds and their habitats, especially wetlands. Most importantly, celebrating WMBD with a lively experience with birds and nature led the participants to increase their interest and self-motivated to further local birdwatching and conservation activities on migratory birds.

### Any additional comment? (Optional)

Thank you again to EAAFP and the Secretariat, for selecting us for the grant funding. The SNCF is honored and grateful to have this chance to celebrate '2023 World Migratory Bird Day' in Mongolia. We could share important stories of migratory birds and wetlands with your support. The curiosity and interest that students showed us through the event inspired us in many things and understood more about the importance of EAAFP's work these days. SNCF really appreciates your support. So, thank you.

### 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.