



APPLICATION FORM

Small Grants Fund for Working Groups & Task Forces

For office use only

Application received	
Application assessed	

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

1. Applications must be reviewed by the relevant EAAFP Working Group or Task Force Chair or coordinator, who will provide a statement of the relative merit of the application against the assessment criteria, prior to submission.
2. Applications will be assessed by at least three members of the EAAFP Management Committee, Technical Committee and/or external referees that are not party to any of the proposals. If the reviewer is affiliated with a proposal, they must recuse themselves from the process.
3. EAAFP Working Group or Task Force are eligible for funding to go towards meetings, research, monitoring, site management, training and CEPA events and materials.
4. Students, with the support of the relevant Working Group or Task Force, are only eligible for funding toward studies being undertaken at a research institution or travel to a conference to present original research.
5. Grants are awarded on the strict understanding that funds will be exempt from institutional administration charges, unless Partner government law so requires.
6. Funds are limited and not all applications may be funded.
7. Applications should be targeted towards EAAFP key species or habitats, regions, or emerging threats or other specified Partnership objectives. All applications should demonstrate how it would contribute to Partnership objectives and the implementation of the Partnership document and Strategic Plan.
8. Applications with in-kind contributions and other matching financial are preferred.
9. The maximum amount annually provided by the Small Grants Fund to an applicant or for a specific project is \$5,000 (USD).
10. Conference attendance will be supported to a maximum of \$1,000 (USD) and is only for task force or working group members delivering their own work as a presentation, paper or poster.
11. Lead investigators are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits from government authorities, indigenous communities, ethics committees etc., to undertake approved research or monitoring studies.
12. Successful applicants will be required to provide a short write up of their project outcomes in the EAAFP newsletter and website and to report to the relevant Working Group or Task Force, and are strongly encouraged to publish their results in peer-reviewed journals.

Call for proposal is on 3 January. Applications close at 5pm (Seoul Time) on 3 February annually. A follow-up application process may be available 6 months later should funds remain.

Announcements of funding will be made by 3 March.



APPLICATION FORM

Small Grants Fund for Working Groups & Task Forces

For office use only

Application received	
Application assessed	

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The merit of applications will be judged on the following criteria, with an overall ranking of 1 (highest priority) to 5 (lower priority) scale:

- The novelty and strength of the science employed
- The likely value of the project to migratory waterbirds and their habitats in the EAAF
- The alignment of the project with priority Single Species Action Plans or overall Working Group and Task Force objectives
- The alignment of the project with the EAAFP Strategic Plan
- The justification for the grant funds requested relative to the overall budget of the project
- The track record of the lead investigator and the likelihood of the project achieving its objectives
- Leveraging of in-kind contributions and other matching financial

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Are migratory waterbirds and their habitats the focus of your project? Yes

Will your project improve our understanding of factors important to the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in the EAAF? Yes

Have you previously applied for an EAAFP Small Grants Fund? Yes

If yes, provide details of which award you applied for, and if you were successful how much funding you received:

How does this application differ from your previous application?

My previous application was addressed to surveys of Baer's Pochard in Russia in 2013, different species and different location from recent application.

Applicants must answer 'yes' to all of the following statements in order to be eligible to apply:

The applicant agrees to provide a final report within 3 months of the completion of the project. Yes

The applicant agrees to submit 1 – 2 page article and photographs for inclusion on EAAFP's website and/or write a brief article for the EAAFP's newsletter. Photographers will be acknowledged. Yes

The applicant will acknowledge the support of the EAAFP in any publications, presentations and reports arising from this work. Yes

PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: Dr Solovyeva Diana
(Mr, Ms etc) Family name Given Name/s

Institution: Institute of Biological Problems of the North

Institutional address: Portovaya, 18
Street address or GPO Box

Degree type: Magadan Russia 685000
Suburb or town State or country Postcode

+7 4132 643304 +7 9248558932
Primary contact number Mobile phone number

Email address: Diana_solovyova@mail.ru

Relevant Working Group or Task Force Chair - DETAILS

Title: Dr Watkins Doug
(Mr, Ms etc) Family name Given Name/s

Email address: douggwatkins@gmail.com

Relevant Working Group or Task Force Coordinator - DETAILS

Title: NO
(Mr, Ms etc) Family name Given Name/s

Email address:

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title: Please provide concise and informative title of your entire project (not just the component for which funds are sought)

Bird community monitoring at Chau delta, Chukotka, Russia, as related to climate change and anthropogenic factors

Part A. FOR CONFERENCE APPLICANTS ONLY

Conference Title:	Location:	Date:
Presentation Abstract (250 word maximum):		

Part B. FOR ALL OTHER APPLICANTS

Details of your entire project (not just the component for which funds are sought) (2.5 page maximum)	
1. Objectives:	We are applying for the continuation of long-term monitoring of tundra breeding bird community in Chaun Delta, Russian Arctic. Project objectives are to document and quantify changes in nesting birds communities as compared to "cold" 1970-80s and within the period of warming in 2011-2019. We estimate breeding species composition, nest density for each species, nesting chronology, clutch and egg sizes, and nest success.
2. Background:	The Project was initiated in 2011 with the support from the WCS and was collecting data in 2011-2018. In 2012-2014 it was a part of ASDN (Arctic Shorebird Demographic Network) resulted in a serie of publications (Weiser et al. 2017; 2018). Every year a team of 5-7 people (researchers and students) is searching nest plots, different for large birds and shorebirds. Large birds include loons,

	swans, geese, ducks, Sandhill crane, gulls, and jaegers (Solovyeva & Vartanyan 2014; Solovyeva & Zelenskaya 2016). Here we are applying for the continuation of the field work over the project in 2019. The project was supported by WCS in 2011-2015. In later years we used a support from various sources (not always relevant to this project) to complete the field work over this project. In 2016-2018 our major source of funding was the joint waterfowl tracking project that is completed now.
3. Project plan, timeline and methods:	Field works in Chaun delta are planned for 10 June-18 July 2019. A team of five people will search nine plots set up large birds (1 km ² each) and 5 plots set up for shorebirds (0,16 km ² each). Two people are working on large bird plots, searching for all nests on plot and recording, nest position, clutch size, egg sizes and incubation stage. All nests are revisited in 10-day interval to document nest survival. All nests are visited after predicted hatch date to record nest fate. Three people are searching shorebird plots four times during the nesting season (2 single person searches and 2 rope-dragging) for each plot. They record the similar parameters as in large birds; nest fate is determined after predicted hatch date. Gull colonies are studied separately from plot search. We count gulls in colonies with usage of drone and without flasheng ducks and loons All data are computed while in the field. Weather dataset is available from nearby Rytkuchi weather station.
4. Likely benefit to conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitat / or key research outputs:	This project is the only in East Asia that consider all tundra nesting bird species in long-term. Bird monitoring along EAAF is concentrated on migration staging areas and wintering grounds and there is a large gap in monitoring on the breeding grounds of mane Arctic migratory birds. Our study area is adjusted to the Chaun Biological station where the data on breeding birds have been collected in 1978—1989 (Krechmar et al. 1991). The dataset will be added to our existing database for 2011-2018. Usage of the same field protocol among years give us real data on trends in nesting density, nest phenology, and productivity. We use this funding opportunity to prolong monitoring for one more year.
5. Alignment with EAAFP priorities:	Anatidae WG, Crane WG, Shorebird WG, Monitoring of Waterbird Populations and Sites TF
6. Explain the part of your project for which you are seeking funds in this application:	We seek funds for the entire field work over the project in 2019, including team flights, food and accommodation, fuel for boats.
7. Scientific References cited in the application:	Krechmar, A.V., Andreev, A.V. & Kondratiev A.Ya. 1991. Birds of Northern Plains. Leningrad: Nauka Publ. House, 228 pp. Solovyeva, D. & Vartanyan, S. 2014. Aspects of the breeding biology of Bewick's Swans <i>Cygnus columbianus bewickii</i> nesting in high densities in the Chaun River delta, Chukotka, east Russia. <i>Wildfowl</i> (2014) 64: 148–166. Solovyeva D. V. and Zelenskaya L. A. 2016. Changes in the Species Composition and Number of Gulls in Tundra Colonies in the Western Chukotka over the Last 40 Years. <i>Biology Bulletin</i> 43 (8): 844–850 Weiser, E. L., Brown, S. C., Lanctot, R. B., et al. 2017. Life-history tradeoffs revealed by seasonal declines in reproductive traits of Arctic-breeding shorebirds. <i>J Avian Biol.</i> 49 (2): doi:10.1111/jav.01531 Weiser, E. L., Brown, S. C., Lanctot, R. B., et al. 2018. Effects of environmental conditions on reproductive effort and nest success of Arctic-breeding shorebirds. <i>Ibis</i> 160 (3), 608-623

Part C. FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Experience Relevant to Project (0.5 page maximum): - Please attach a maximum 2-page CV or list all non-academic research experience and experience with migratory waterbirds/conservation e.g. work experience, volunteer experience, bird banding, bird-watching.

PROJECT BUDGET (please outline your entire project, not just the component for which funds are being sought)

Item (Please list)	\$ Budget (in USD)	Current support / Requested Support (source and amount)	Requested support from EAAFP (source and amount)
Equipment	0	0	0

Consumable items	Fuel, 400l Food, 5 people, 200 days	358 2.988	898	2,448
Travel and accommodation		5,134	1,224	3,910
Computing & clerical		0	0	0
Other	Institutional overhead, 10% of grant	706	0	706
Total amount requested from Small Grants Fund: (All amounts in USD)				7,065

Budget justification: Please provide brief description and justification of all major budgetary items requested, indicating any that are essential to the project and/or conference for which you are applying (250 word maximum):

All the field gear, means for local transportation (boats, engines) and most of supply are available from previous grants for this project. Field Biostation belongs to our institute (IBPN) and provides free living facilities for the project field team. Funds are required for transportation (domestic flights) of some team members to Pevek-city and further to Rytkuchi village (30 km from Biostation). We also apply for food of some team members and for the fuel for boats and electric generator. Two students from Magadan receive free transportation to Biostation and back and food from Kinross Gold, gold mining co in the area. Researchers from Magadan (Diana Solovyeva and Sergey Vartanyan) receive free transportation to/back Pevek-city from the same company. This support is indicated in Current support. Students don't receive salary. Salary for senior project stuff is paid by their own institutions.

DECLARATION

I have discussed the contents of this application with the relevant Chair/s and Coordinator/s of relevant Working Group and/or Task Forces and I certify that to the best of my knowledge all documentation and information submitted or made available by me is true, accurate and complete.

By ticking the following box you are agreeing to the above statement:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- | | | |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|
| All relevant sections of this application have been completed | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Full payment details have been provided on the final page | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Application is being submitted electronically as one single document | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Application is being submitted in either MS Word or PDF file format (it is important that text can be copied – please do not scan this form) | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Application has been discussed with the relevant Chair/s and Coordinator/s of relevant working Group and/or Task Forces and these have been carbon copied (cc) to this application submission as evidence they have seen and approved this application. | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Applications that do not comply with these guidelines will be returned to the applicant.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please email your application as a single document to:
secretariat@eaaflyway.net

EAAFP will acknowledge the receipt of your application.

Applications close 3 February 2019
Results will be announced in 3 March 2019

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Decision: _____

Authorised: __/__/__ _____

Entered: __/__/__ _____

Comments: _____

Lead Investigator Advised: __/__/__ _____

PLEASE COMPLETE PAYMENT DETAILS ON FINAL PAGE

PAYMENT DETAILS

To ensure prompt payment of successful applications please complete the following details and submit with your application.

PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD

Electronic funds transfer (EFT)

GRANT CONDITIONS

In accordance with the application criteria, the following conditions must be met:

- Funds are to be strictly exempt from organisational administration charges.
- You are required to submit one copy by email of the final report within 3 months of the completion of the project.
- You are required to acknowledge the EAAFP and the Small Grant Fund in any presentations, publications, reports or promotional material arising from this work. Please email secretariat@eaaflyway.net in order to obtain an electronic copy of EAAFP logo for use on any display material you will be preparing.
- You may be requested to write a brief article for the EAAFP newsletter.
- You are required to provide EAAFP with an electronic copy of your final report at the completion of your project, as well as a copy of any publications that result from your grant.