

2022 EAAFP Small Grant Fund Application Form

Part A.

A. Personal Details of Applicant

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B. Relevant Working Group or Task Force Chair/Coordinator - DETAILS

Please contact the EAAFP Programme Officer if additional guidance is needed in relation to this section (programme@eaaflyway.net)

Name of Working Group or Task Force: Baer's Pochard Task Force

Title of Chair/Coordinator: Mr. Hearn Richard
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C. Eligibility of Projects

Please select "Yes" or "No" for each of the following questions:

- The focus of the project is migratory waterbirds and their habitats? Yes No
- The project will improve the understanding of factors important for the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in the EAAF? Yes No
- The applicant agrees to provide a final report within 3 months of the completion of the project? Yes No
- 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 No
- The applicant will acknowledge the support of the EAAFP in any publications, presentations and reports arising from this work? Yes No

D. Project Details

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

Strengthen the local engagement in Baer's Pochard conservation in central Myanmar

Project Proposal:

Details of your entire project (not just the component for which EAAFP funds are sought) (2.5 page maximum)

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| 1. Objectives: | <p>To develop an opportunity for local communities' engagement in migratory water bird conservation and site management in Pyu Lake in central Myanmar The project aim to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Raise the local awareness about an importance of wetland and migratory water bird species at seven villages in Pyu Lake in Mandalay region.(2) Monitor the water bird species survey and habitat threats in Pyu Lake and Paleik Lake.(3) Stimulate the awareness on protection the water birds species and effectiveness of bush meal as a seasonal food to reduce the bird consumers through the standing sign boards in all villages.(4) Training on wetland conservation, financial management and organization procedures to Shwe Kanthayar Nature Conservation Association to encourage the site management in harmony with the values of migratory water bird species and local community. |
| 2. Background: | <p>The Pyu Lake is the last remaining habitat for migratory water bird species after the other wetland have been drained for cultivation in central Myanmar. Three main types of wetland habitats are seasonally emergent vegetation (<i>Typha angustifolia</i>), marginal vegetation (<i>Ottelia chordata</i>), Water Lily, and open water with green algae group in Pyu Lake. The habitat supports a rich biodiversity as a roosting habitat for migratory water bird species, breeding and refuge area for fish species and provides ecosystem services to the seven villages of local livelihoods around the lake. Survey result the water bird population from 2016 – 2022, Pyu Lake meet the criteria of the EAA Flyway Site Network. The criteria are A2: it regularly supports the global important bird species such as Critically Endangered Baer's Pochard, vulnerable species Woolly-necked Stork and Common Pochard, A 5: support to over 20,000 population of migratory water bird annually and A6: meet 1% of Baer's Pochard in Mandalay region. Thus, this project is raising an education awareness programs on importance of Pyu Lake ecosystem services and migratory water bird species especially the Baer's Pochard at the irrigated villages of Pyu Lake and strengthening the CBO engagement in conservation the Baer's Pochard and site management for long – term in central Myanmar.</p> |
| 3. Project plan, timeline and methods: | <p><i>Please include the proposed timing of project commencement, start and completion of fieldwork (if applicable), project completion. Please also comment on the flexibility of the timeline of the project.</i></p> <p>Project Plan: To raise the local awareness activities and increase the opportunity for local engagement in national conservation activities of Baer's Pochard and inland wetland and EAAFP's Baer's Pochard Taskforce. Doing the local awareness activities, monitoring the population survey and threats assessment will be conducted and training to community – based organization (SKNCA) to be strong the knowledge bar on wetland conservation, smart patrolling techniques, financial management and organization prodecures for encourage the site management in harmony with the value of migratory water bird species and local community as well as regional government.</p> |

Timeline:

Raise the local awareness about the importance of wetland and migratory water bird species at seven villages in Pyu Lake in Mandalay region in June - July 2022.

Monitor the water bird species survey and habitat threats with smart patrolling techniques in Pyu Lake and Paleik Lake in December – Jan 2023 because most of the inland wetland are dried in this month for irrigation. So, most of the migratory water bird species with rich population have been recorded in Jan to Feb month in references 2016 – 2021 recorded data.

Stimulate the awareness on protection the water birds species and negative impact of bush meal as a seasonal food to reduce the bird consumers through the standing sign boards in all villages in June – July 2022.

Train the wetland conservation, financial management and organization procedures to Shwe Kanthayar Nature Conservation Association for encourage the site management in harmony with the values of migratory water bird species and local community in July – August 2022.

4. Likely benefit to the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitat / or key research outputs:

In addressing this question, please also identify which EAAFP Key Result Areas the project will contribute to (see the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019 – 2028).

This project for the conservation of Baer’s Pochard and other migratory waterbird species will contribute to the the following EAAFP Key Result Areas.

KRA 3.1: Monitoring on migratory water bird and threats survey is essential for tracking conservation status and the effectiveness of site protection, and needs to be undertaken in coordination with the Asia Waterbird Census and planned flyway-wide survey of Baer’s Pochard. The core count methodology for Baer’s Pochard and migratory waterbirds and their habitat will help to strengthen the nationally coordinated waterbird monitoring programme.

KRA 2.1: Raising the education awareness activities contribute for conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and EAAFP’s CEPA action plan as well as Baer’s Pochard Task Force.

KRA 5.1 Actively collaborating with local government and local communities to develop participatory approaches to awareness and law enforcement for illegal hunting of Baer’s Pochard and other migratory waterbird species. This will help to reduce the problem next winter and start to better protect threatened and protected populations under national legislation.

KRA 5.2 A national species action plan for Baer’s Pochard would help to secure greater support from local stakeholders and government because it can relate better to national policy drivers than the current International Single Species Action Plan (ISSAP). This action plan can also help in developing Regional Action Plans for geographical regions as well as national wetland action plan in central Myanmar.

5. Alignment with EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces priorities:

Please indicate which of the EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces priorities are addressed in this project.

This project is alignment with Baer’s Pochard Task Force. Priority actions include:

- (i) Undertake the comprehensive count of Baer’s Pochard and other migratory waterbird species to monitor their numbers and distribution. Supports implementation of ISSAP: 4.
- (ii) Strengthening the CBO organization for cooperation with the local communities and regional government to encourage the species and it habitats management. Support implementation of ISSAP:5.

	(iii) Raising the awareness activities on conservation of Baer's Pochard and other migratory water bird species among the local people in central Myanmar. Support implementation of ISSAP: 7
6. Explain the part of your project for which you are seeking EAAFP funds in this Application (provide details in the Project Budget section below):	Raising an education awareness programs on the inland wetland ecosystem services and migratory water bird species especially the Baer's Pochard is principal for local people to engage the site management of Baer's Pochard wintering sites in Myanmar. Among then, the local community – based organization is great achievement for conservation the Baer's Pochard and other migratory water bird species and its habitat management in central Myanmar. However, the CEPA programs is shortage at the irrigated villages in Pyu Lake and Paleik Lake in central Myanmar. And, organization development of CBO, Shwe Kantharyar Nature Conservation Association (SKNCA), is limited because they need the capacity on conservation strategy, funding and operation procedures and networking to local community and regional government in Mandalay. Therefore, BANCA apply the grant for raising the education awareness on migratory water bird and inland wetland conservation is essential for their livelihood and opportunity to engage them in Baer's Pochard conservation.
7. Scientific References cited in the Application:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aung, T.D, T.Z. Naing, S. Moses, L. Win, A.M. Tun, T.S. Zaw & S. Chan. 2016. An assessment of the wintering population of Baer's Pochard in central Myanmar. Biodiversity And Nature Conservation Association report to Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust. 48 pp. 2. Aung,T.D, T.Z. Naing, S.Moses, L. Win, A.M Tun, T.S. Zaw, M.T. Htet, K.T.T Cho & R. Hearn 2017. Monitoring on the status of Baer's Pochard in Pyu Lake and Paleik Inn, central Myanmar. 3. Aung,T.D, T.Z. Naing, S.Moses, L. Win, T.S. Zaw, 2018. Population status of Baer's Pochard in Pyu Lake and Paleik Inn, central Myanmar. 4. Aung,T.D, S.Moses, L. Win, T.S. Zaw, M.T.H.Zaw, P.E.Nyein. 2019. Population and distribution status of Baer's Pochard in freshwater wetlands of, central Myanmar. 5. Biodiversity And Nature Conservation Association 2022: Conservation the Baer's Pochard at two key wintering sites in central Myanmar. Unpublished report to East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP). 6. Site information Sheet of Flyway Network Site and Ramsar Form.
8. How will any continuing COVID restrictions be managed for project delivery?:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep in touch with the local CBO to get the update information on Covid and political that it is time to make the project activities. - Travel restriction due to COVID pandemic and political instability. The project staff will take medical test of COVID and take quarantine in Township and village - If the project sites is very restrict, we deliver the lecture to CBO members who will lead the awareness programs to other villages. - Meetings/Training delay or unable to take place face to fact due to COVID. The project staff will support digital communication like online planform and organize the CBO members for practically by following the guide line of Health Department.

Part B. FOR CONFERENCE APPLICANTS ONLY

(For Task Force or Working Group members delivering their own work as a presentation, paper or poster)

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

Part C. FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Experience Relevant to Project:

<p><i>0.5 page maximum</i></p> <p>ANCA's strength is its long experience and involvement with projects on Baer's Pochard conservation since 2016 and the comprehensive survey of Baer's Pochard in 22 wetlands of central Myanmar including Paleik Inn and Pyu Lake. Further surveys and conservation activities were conducted in 2017 to 2019 by establishing of community-based organisation (Shwe Kan Thayar Nature Conservation Association), awareness of Baer's Pochard and wetland conservation, e.g. by erecting standing educational signboards. BANCA has advocated to regional</p>
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governments and local communities on the importance of wetlands in biodiversity and community livelihood and also about stopping the illegal bird killing in wetlands, especially Paleik Inn in central Myanmar. Mandalay government has checked the current situation of illegal bird killing at Paleik Inn in 2018 and undertook patrols during the wintering period. In addition, the Mandalay government formed Mandalay Wetlands Conservation Committee, chaired by Minister, Ministry of Nature Resources and Environmental Conservation and BANCA is one of the members of this committee. In order to highlight waterbird killing in the Mandalay area, BANCA has done surveys of Illegal Bird Killing in local markets, restaurants, pet shops and pagodas. After that, the finding of our results was explained in the meeting of "Reporting a result of Illegal Bird Killing survey". In this meeting, the minister, Ministry of Nature Resources and Environmental Conservation and wetland conservation committee participated and discussed the future activities to prevent increases in bird killing and markets in Mandalay. BANCA also has significant wider experience in the implementation of waterbird conservation activities for Spoon-billed Sandpiper in the Gulf of Mottama and Nan Thar Island, Myanmar.

Please **also** attach a maximum 2-page CV or list non-academic research experience and experience with migratory waterbirds/conservation e.g. work experience, volunteer experience, bird banding, birdwatching.

E. Project Budget (please outline costs of your entire project, not just the component(s) for which funds are being sought from EAAFP)

Items	Detail List	Budget	Co-funding acquired	Co-funding applied for (WWF – Myanmar)	Support requested from EAAFP
		(USD)	(USD)	(USD)	(USD)
Equipment:	Binoculars * 2 piec	450		0	450
Consumable items	Awareness activities: 10 days x 4 per *12 \$/ per/day	1200		0	1200
	Population survey: 8 days x 3 per * 12 \$/ per/day				
	Training: 7 days x 5 per* 12 \$/ person/day				
Travel and accommodation	Travel cost for car & motorbike hire for awareness & survey with the fuel and toll gate fee	2000		0	2000
	Accommodation	150		0	150
Computing & clerical	Standing Prohibition Signboard 9 no. x 93	837		837	0
Other	Printing the pamphletsstationaries, refreshment for participants & trainee at (7) villages for awareness activities	1200		0	1200

Total amount requested from EAAFP Small Grants Fund:

5000

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):

Equipment: Binoculars – Two binoculars will be purchased and will support to CBO for monthly bird watching activities in Pyu Lake. Because CBO have not good quality of binocular.

Consumable: Four person of awareness team will make the wetland education activities for 10 days and three person will conduct the water bird survey and the patrolling activities for 8 days in Pyu Lake and Paleik Lake. They would use for daily substances allowances 12 USD per person. In members of training, five people will give the lecture on financial management, organization procedures and conservation strategy 7 days in Pyu Lake. The team would use the daily subsistence allowance for 12 USD per for 7 days.

Travel and accommodation: In transportation, car will be hired for 15 days for awareness activities and motorbike for survey.

Computing & clerical: The cost will be used in 9 standing prohibition signboard at seven villages in Pyu Lake and Paleik Lake by the WWF – Myanmar project.

Other: Printing the pamphlets, stationaries and refreshment for participants at seven village for awareness activities.

BANCA will contribute office place, office stationaries, staff times, internet access as in kind in this project.

Shwe Kantharyar will contribute their daily wedges.

F. 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 box you are agreeing to the above statement:

G. Application Checklist

All relevant sections of this Application have been completed.	Yes	No
Full payment details have been provided on the final page.	Yes	No
Application is being submitted electronically as one single document.	Yes	No
Application is being submitted in MS Word format.	Yes	No
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	No

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 at 5pm (Seoul Time) on 6 February 2022
Results will be announced on 7 March 2022 on EAAFP Webpage and via email

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.