



World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) Small Grant 2024 Application Form

WMBD Small Grant 2024 for East Asian–Australasian Flyway

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About World Migratory Bird Day 2024

WMBD is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. It has a global outreach and is an effective tool to help raise global awareness of the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them. In 2018, WMBD unified the planet's major migratory bird corridors, or flyways: the African–Eurasian flyway, the East Asian–Australasian flyway, and the Americas flyways. **WMBD is now celebrated twice a year, on the Second Saturday in May and in October. In 2024, WMBD will be held on 11 May and 12 October. This year, the theme is “Protect Insects, Protect Birds”.** The EAAFP Secretariat encourages Partners to celebrate WMBD twice a year.

Introduction of EAAFP WMBD 2024 Small Grant

The Small Grant for 2024 [World Migratory Bird Day](#) (WMBD) has been established to provide financial support to [EAAFP Partners](#) and [EAAFP Task Forces and Working Groups](#) who plan to organize **public events and/or conservation action-oriented workshops** at national or local levels through participating in the World Migratory Bird Day. We strongly encourage EAAFP Partners and collaborators to make an application for any suitable event or development of WMBD materials in local language that aims to raise awareness on the need of conserving migratory waterbirds and the value of their habitats in East Asian–Australasian Flyway.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants who plan to organize an event to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2024 need to **base in the EAAFP Partner countries**. In addition, EAAFP Partner countries included in the DAC list of ODA Recipients are our priority to support (If you are not sure, please see the [list of EAAFP Partners](#), and [DAC list of ODA Recipients](#)). If you are not the country focal point of EAAFP, please consult and plan with EAAFP focal point of your country before you apply.

Please note that this grant is to initiate a WMBD event, you can co-fund the event with other sources, but please indicate in the budget session. Applications with similar contents (location, target participants etc.) to previous years may not be accepted. We also encourage proposals to promote Flyway Network Sites for the WMBD activities.

Information of the application

Firstly, Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria set for funding assistance under EAAFP WMBD 2024 Small Grants Programme.

For your budget planning, please note a maximum of 1,000 USD will be allocated to each country. We recommend you submit the application as early as possible.

The deadline for application is **12th April, 2024**. Please submit an application to Ms. Wen Qing Ng, Communication Officer via email (Word or PDF document) at communication@eaaflyway.net and wmbd@eaaflyway.net.

After the Secretariat receives your application, the approval of successful proposals is made by the Secretariat. Applicant will hear of the result within two weeks after the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Successful applicants have a responsibility to help translate the World Migratory Bird Day materials into their own languages which will be shared on the World Migratory Bird Day website (<https://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/>).

Date of Application: 1st April, 2024**1. Applicant Contact Information**

	Name of applicant:	Nang Phyu Phwe
a.	Name of the organization:	Nature Conservation Society – Myanmar
b.	Applicant's position and division in the organization	Program Officer
c.	Type of the organization — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	NGO
d.	Email:	[REDACTED]
e.	Postal address:	[REDACTED]
f.	Office phone numbers:	[REDACTED]
g.	Applicant's mobile number:	[REDACTED]
h.	Website of organization:	www.ncsimm.org
i.	Additional contact person	Pyae Phyo Aung Executive Director Email – [REDACTED]

 Please check if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.
1.1 Supporter Information

	Name of supporter:	
a.	Name of the organization:	
b.	Supporter's position and division in the organization	
c.	Type of the organization — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	
d.	Email:	
e.	Postal address:	
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g.	Supporter's mobile number:	
h.	Website of organization:	
i.	Additional contact person	

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2. Proposed Event Plan and Expected Outcome (Please check the relevant categories of your proposed event)

Public awareness activity — local and/or national	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Birdwatching — field trip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring/survey — field trip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational activity/lecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>

Media Event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Movie/video	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others – specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.1 Please specify your proposed event plan and expected outcomes

Title of event:	"Strengthening Meinmahla Kyun Communities: Combating Bird Hunting and Honouring Insect Importance on World Migratory Bird Day"
Date of event:	11 May 2024 (Tentative)
Organisers:	Nature Conservation Society – Myanmar
Target participants:	Indigenous youths, students and local people
Expected number of participants:	50 Youths & Students and 50 local people

Event objectives and plan (max. 500 words):

Myanmar is renowned for its rich biodiversity and diverse ecosystems among the South-East Asia, designated as Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot and joining the East Asian-Australasian Flyway(EAAF) in 2014. As a member of the EAAF Partnership since 2014, Myanmar has designated eight EAAFP Flyway Network Sites(FNS) such as Gulf of Mottama, Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary, Moeyungyi Wetland Wildlife Sanctuary, Nanthar Island and Mayyu Estuaries, Meinmahla Kyun Wildlife Sanctuary, Inlay Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, Paleik Lake and Pyu Lake. Among these, Meinmahla Kyun Wildlife Sanctuary, one of seven Ramsar sites in Myanmar, holds a special place and situated at the mouth of Bogalay River in the Ayeyarwady Delta, covered by mangrove forest and mudflats, providing vital habitats for various resident and migratory birds like Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper and Endangered Nordmann’s Greenshank, Great Knot and thousands of migratory birds. During non-breeding season, thousands of migratory birds’ flocks to these grounds, highlighting its significance as a Ramsar site and ASEAN Heritage Park.

Recently, bird hunting activities resumed nearby Meinmahla Kyun Wildlife Sanctuary and sea turtle nesting areas, which need to take an action urgently. Local community involvement in conservation is very critical for long-term conservation and sustainability of wetlands and many species rely on it. Over the years, Nature Conservation Society–Myanmar (NCS-Myanmar) has made efforts to raise awareness by establishing local conservation groups, conducting educational talks, and installing informational signboards. Local communities are the main stakeholders and it is very essential that they should get the conservation knowledges.

World Migratory Bird Day is an annual event to promote the conservation of migratory birds along the Flyway. In collaboration with EAAFP, NCS-Myanmar celebrates WMBD biannually, recognizing its crucial for long-term conservation of migratory birds and its habitats. For the first WMBD of 2024, NCS-Myanmar plans to conduct an educational awareness event on migratory birds and environmental conservation, emphasizing the significance of waterbird habitats and the pressing threat of bird hunting to waterbird populations. An education awareness-rising event will be held with local communities and discussions will be made on migratory birds, their wintering population status in Meinmahla Kyun FNS, bird hunting status and crucial role of insects in ecosystem and food chain dynamics, aligning with the

2024 theme. Local communities, village head and local youths will be invited to the event. Following presentations, video presentations will be shown to enhance participants' knowledge and concluding with Q&A session. This event will take place in Ahshay Phyar Village, Pyapon Township, Ayeyarwady Region near Meinmahla Kyun FNS.

Additionally, NCS-Myanmar will install three informational signboards about the key migratory bird species in Meinmahla Kyun FNS and their protection status on the island and nearby villages. Furthermore, NCS-Myanmar will distribute 100 posters detailing the conservation importance of Spoon-billed Sandpipers and migratory birds, along with legal protection information, in prominent locations such as schools, markets, and shops, aiming to raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and its habitats. By actively engaging stakeholders and disseminating knowledge, we pave the way for a sustainable future where both people and wildlife prosper in harmony.

3. Proposed Event Budget Plan

Please specify budget plan of your proposed event

Total: _____ 1000 _____ USD

Please note that ideal budget scale is approximately 1,000 USD to each country

Budget breakdown:

Printing and installation of three UV-protected vinyl signboards (1 board x 100 USD)	300 USD
Printing posters for "Spoon-billed Sandpiper and migratory birds" includes protecting by law information (100 posters x 2 USD)	200 USD
Venue preparation and electric generator hiring	50 USD
Refreshments for the participants (WMBD event)	200 USD
Small gift to participants	100 USD
Local Transportation	150 USD
Others – specify	
Please indicate contributions fee from other sources for this event	

4. Can you support translating the WMBD materials to your language?

Yes No

With support from EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Fund, you need to:

- Register your event(s) at the following websites as well for regional and global statistics of WMBD participation. It won't take you long to fill in the form as it is a simple process. Registration of your event(s) at Global WMBD website (<http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/register-your-event>)

- **Logos of WMBD and EAAFP have to be shown on all your printed and digital promotional materials.**
- **Reporting:** After any of your WMBD materials are published and your awareness event is held, it is required to provide an event report (see ANNEX I). The Report should include copies of any materials produced under the project. Published materials should be submitted with the report in both hard and electronic copy with suitable photographs illustrating the activities undertaken.

Important notes:

Report deadline:	No later than 27th May 2024 or within two weeks after the event(s).
Required information:	Name of organiser(s), target participants, programme, outcome summary and finance supporting documents
Submit to:	EAAFP Secretariat via email (Word or PDF document) at wmbd@eaaflyway.net and communication@eaaflyway.net