

Migratory Shorebirds Monitoring and Campaign

Wasur National Park, Papua, Indonesia

A Proposal to Celebrate World Migratory Birds Day 2017

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A Flyway Network Site of East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership

I. Background

Wasur National Park in Papua, Indonesia, has been designated as both Ramsar site as well as Flyway Network Site of East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership. These designations reflected the international importance of Wasur National Park's wetlands as the habitat of both resident and migratory waterbirds, including several vulnerable, rare and endangered species.

The Management of national park experienced various challenges in managing the park, including: 1) Habitat change and fragmentation resulted from human social activity (e.g. coastal sand mining and infrastructure development, 2) Development of agricultural area at the buffer zone of the national park, resulted into the conflict between wild animal and farmers as park's animals feed on agricultural area, and 3) Illegal hunting.

The following actions have been initiated by Park Management to overcome the challenges, including the establishment of special zone for social activities, coordination with other stakeholders, synergize integrated land-use planning and encourage local government to release local regulation on the use and distribution of legalized air rifle. These initiative need to be integrated with the awareness program to local communities and government people on the importance of (migratory) birds for their social and environmental life.

The World Migratory Bird day has been recognized as a significant momentum to raise knowledge and awareness of local communities on the importance of (migratory) waterbirds, especially those are living at the Wasur National Park. Learning from our WMBD 2016 celebration,

there are high demands and enthusiasm of students and farmers to be engaged on such event, and action is highly required to broaden the celebration to wider targets.

The proposed WMBD 2017 celebration will bring this year theme, *“Their Future is Our Future: a healthy planet for migratory bird and people”*, into broaden public target, as part of the Indonesia commitment to conserve (migratory) waterbirds and their habitat.

II. Objectives

1. As a mean of socialization of the importance of Wasur National Park as the Flyway Network Site of East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership;
2. To provide information and knowledge on migratory birds and their habitat to broaden public target;
3. Monitoring of (migratory) waterbirds as part of the management of Wasur National Park.

III. Activities

The proposed activities of WMBD 2017 will include:

1. Monitoring of (migratory) waterbirds, engaging Students and National Park Staff. A migratory waterbirds Expert of Wetlands International (Mr. Yus Rusila Noor) will be invited to provide monitoring coaching, subject to his travel and accommodation funding availability;
2. Public awareness. Public exposures will be held at public activities center, to allow local communities and government people penetrated by knowledge and awareness on the existence of migratory shorebirds around their environment, and the importance of migratory waterbirds for their social and environment life. Set of birds observation gears will be made available to allow participants experiencing bird watching directly, and leaflet and other awareness material will be produced to be provided to participants.

IV. Time and Location

Activities	Date	Location
Monitoring of migratory waterbirds	Sat-Mon, 13-14 May 2017	Tomer Beach
Public Awareness	Mon, 14 May 2017	Payum Beach

V. Participants

Four Park Staff will guide the monitoring observation. Main participants will be students of Musamus State University, Merauke. A migratory waterbirds Expert of Wetlands International (Mr. Yus Rusila Noor) will be invited to provide monitoring coaching, subject to his travel and accommodation funding availability

VI. Itinerary

Time	Activities	Location	Person in Charge
12 May 2017 – Monitoring observation			
15.00	Technical meeting	Wasur NP Office	Agung Widya (Staff)
13 May 2017			
05.30-10.00	Observation 1	Tomer Beach	La Hisa (Staff)
15.00-18.00	Observation 2	Tomer Beach	Ramli (Staff)
14 May 2017			
05.30-10.00	Observation 1	Payum Beach	Agung Widya (Staff)
15.00-18.00	Observation 2	Payum Beach	Ramli (Staff)
14 May 2017 – Awareness			
10.00-18.00	Public exposure	Payum Beach	Harry (Student))

VII. Budget

Items	IDR (Rp)	USD
Secretariat	1000,000	76.05
Material:		
Transportation	700,000	53.23
Observation	500,000	38.02
Medical kit	1,000,000	76.05
Documentation	1,000,000	76.05
Foods	5,000,000	380.23
Publication:		
Banner	500,000	38.02
Leaflet 300 exo	3,000,000	228.14
Security	500,000	38.02
TOTAL	13,100,000	1,003.80