



World Migratory Bird Day

Report of World Migratory Bird Day 2017 in Cambodia



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Cambodia has been a partner of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) since 2007. EAAFP is a partnership network of countries in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway that work together to conserve migratory birds, their habitats, and people's livelihoods. Since 2006, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has been celebrated as an annual awareness-raising campaign on the second week of May. Cambodia, as a partner country, has celebrated World Migratory Bird Day since 2012. This year, the Department of Freshwater Wetlands Conservation of Ministry of Environment, Cambodia with collaboration with relevant partners celebrated this annual awareness-raising event under the theme of "Their Future is Our Future, A Healthy Planet for Migratory Birds and People".

Department of Freshwater Wetland Conservation of Ministry of Environment, serving as the focal point of EAAFP organized an awareness and education event of World Migratory Bird Day at Pannasastra University of Cambodia (PUC) and Prek Toal Ramsar site, Battambang province with partial financial sponsorship from the East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) and Non- Government Organization partners including BirdLife International (BirdLife), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), and Pannasastra University of Cambodia (PUC).

To raise awareness, postcard, T-shirts, road banners and signboards were designed and produced in both Khmer and languages. Road banners were hung in front of Ministry of Environment, Pannasastra University of Cambodia, and Prek Toal Ramsar site. T-shirts also were designed and printed for students, participants, and other relevant stakeholders. The message printed on the T-shirts was 'World Migratory Bird Day 2017'. As in 2016, the WMBD 2017 event was divided into two separate days. The event on 8 May 2017 was a training workshop and the other, on 9-10 May 2017, was a field visit to Prek Toal Ramsar site, Battambang province for raising awareness.

On 8th May 2017, a training workshop for students hosted by Faculty of Mathematics, Sciences and Engineering of Pannasastra University of Cambodia. The main objectives of this training were:

1. To share knowledge of migratory birds and their habitats.
2. To introduce the Ramsar Convention and regional initiatives, especially EAAFP
3. To explain to audiences why Cambodia celebrates WMBD every year

On 9 May 2017, officers from Department of Freshwater Wetlands Conservation of Ministry of Environment, university students, and partner NGOs (BirdLife and WCS) totaled 50 people that traveled from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap province and stayed overnight. The next morning (10 May 2017), all participants took a boat to Prek Toal Ramsar site located in Battambang province, the largest bird colony in Southeast Asia. Participants experienced bird watching and life on the floating village when they traveled by boat to the Prek Toal Ramsar site.

The event took place at the site soon after arriving with participation from local people, rangers, local authority, police, military police and others. With the addition of participants from Phnom Penh, the overall number of people totaled 250. The event was presided over by Mr. Hem Sochet, Deputy Director General of General Directorate of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection, Ministry of Environment. In addition, 4 speakers came from different institutions but worked together to conserve wetlands and migratory birds. The 4 speaker were:

1. Dr. Srey Sunleang, Director of Department of Freshwater Wetlands Conservation
2. Mr. Long Kheng, Director of Prek Toal Ramsar site
3. Mr. Chuop Sarun, Director of Environmental Department of Battambang province
4. Mr. Loch Reth, Deputy Governor of Ek Phnom district, Battambang province

To make the event reach more audiences, the event was broadcast on several local TV channels (KTV, Apsaranet) with the hope that the messages and the objectives of this annual awareness event would reach more public.

World Migratory Bird Day 2017 was a successful event. It built the capacity of university students on both the Ramsar Convention and their understanding about migratory birds and their habitats. Moreover, it also helped to raise public awareness of the event through the production of postcards, road banners, signboards, T-shirts, local mass media, and social networks such as Facebook.

Table 1: bird list found during event:

No.	Birds Name
1	Asian Openbill
2	Spot billed pelican
3	Oriental darter
4	Whiskered Tern
5	Pacific Swallow
6	Oriental Magpie Robin
7	House Sparrow

8	Common Myna
9	Little Cormorant
10	Large-billed Crow

Table 2: T-shirt circulation:

	Student	Ministry of Environment	Bird watchers	Local people, rangers, local authorities	NGOs	Total
No.	50	50	10	150	40	300

Awareness materials





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Road banners



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 Join the celebration of a great natural wonder on
 World Migratory Bird Day!

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Photos of the event activities:



Travel by boat to Prek Toal Ramsar site



Floating houses at Prek Toal Ramsar site



Backdrop for the event on 10 May 2017



Speakers at the event on 10 May 2017



Speech about migratory bird and its habitat conservation by Mr. Long Kheng, Director of Prek Toal Ramsar site



Local authority, local people, teachers and students participated in the event at Prek Toal Ramsar site on 10 May 2017.



World Migratory Bird Day 2017 Event



Awareness material and T-shirt provided to rangers



Awareness material and T-shirt provided to local authority



Asian Openbill at Prek Toal Ramsar site



Oriental Darter at Prek Toal Ramsar site