



2018 APPLICATION FORM

Small Grants Fund for Working Groups & Task Forces

PERSONAL DETAILS

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PROJECT DETAILS

Part A. Project Proposal

1.	Title:	Conserving migratory waterbirds & wetlands in Asian flyways – promoting strengthened local networks for actions based on up-to-date monitoring information
2.	Geographic scope: _	Involving Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Japan, South Korea, North Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, and Vietnam
3.	Requesting organization:	Wetlands International
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5.	Project collaborator(s):	East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) and its Monitoring Task Force, national Asian Waterbird Census Coordinators (and their networks), Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative (AMBI) EAAF Coordinator Meeting co-organisers: Wetlands International and Bird Conservation Society of Thailand (BCST)
6.	Provider(s) of technical assistance:	Wetlands International and other partners of the EAAFP, AMBI
7.	Problem statement:	<p>Governments and NGOs of the East Asian – Australasian Flyway (EAAF) recognizes the Asian Waterbird Census (AWC) as the main programme for monitoring of Flyway Network Sites and potential network sites across the flyway. With the new EAAF Strategic Plan development, there is urgency to strengthen alignment and update the regional AWC strategy to strengthen national implementation by taking advantage and working synergistically with new programmes, such as the ASEAN Flyway Network project. The importance of the AWC is also recognised by the Ramsar Convention, UNEP/CMS and others.</p> <p>In parallel, the EAAFP Monitoring Task Force needs to develop a Workplan for 2019-2021 that identifies how its work will contribute the implementation of the EAAFP Strategic Plan. This Workplan needs to consider both waterbird and site monitoring and how this information will be worked up to inform implementation of the EAAFP Strategic Plan. The ambition is to link the monitoring activities to (EAAFP) National Partnerships (where these exist) to ensure that monitoring information is available to inform decision making.</p> <p>The AWC is carried out every January/February, by national networks (governments, NGOs and members of the public) in all EAAF countries (with the exception of Alaska and Russia – due to the northern winter conditions). There are plans to expand the coordinated monitoring into the migratory seasons (and this is already happening during northward migration for the Yellow Sea in China).</p> <p>As a voluntary programme, there is an ongoing need to strengthen its implementation and fill knowledge and geographic gaps. Amongst anticipated priorities are the need to strengthen national coordination, capacity building and streamlining of data handling and reporting, strengthen local networks and awareness raising to support local and national conservation actions.</p> <p>The information generated supports updating of population estimates and trends. Conservation of these species is intricately linked to improved</p>

		<p>habitat management and restoration. Governments require up-to-date species information to inform identification and prioritization of sites of international importance (based on the 1% criterion of waterbirds). The 1% thresholds are derived from the Waterbird Population Estimates (WPE) series produced by Wetlands International (http://wpe.wetlands.org). Regular updating of the WPE has been strongly encouraged by the EAAFP Strategic Implementation Plan and Decision 7.4, as well as Ramsar Convention (e.g. Res VI.4, VIII.38 and X.22) and Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024.</p> <p>There is a need to organize a regional meeting to bring together coordinators and key partners to develop and agree on an updated strategy and plan. The meeting will strengthen international collaboration under the EAAFP and its Monitoring Task Force, the ASEAN Flyway Network project and the Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative.</p>		
8.	Project long-term objective(s):	<p>Objective 1: Strengthened national and local capacity for monitoring and conservation of migratory waterbirds and critically-important wetlands (EAAFP Network Sites, Ramsar sites, and others) in the Asian Flyways.</p> <p>Objective 2: Provision of up-to-date information on waterbird population estimates and trends to support flyway-scale prioritization and conservation action.</p>		
9.	Expected SMART ¹ project outcomes:	<p>Outcome 1: Development of a plan (five year AWC Strategy 2019-2024), with an indicative resource plan, for strengthened monitoring and conservation of migratory waterbirds and key waterbird sites (Ramsar sites, EAAFP Network Sites and others), contributing to improving knowledge on waterbird population and trends in the Asian flyways. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a capacity building plan for site and waterbird monitoring, including to support coordinated monitoring into the migratory seasons • Supporting national partners to develop their fundraising and communications capacity, to help ensure the sustainability and relevance of their work in a national context • Strengthening data management processes and compatibility between the regional IWC database with existing/planned national waterbird databases • Further development of the Site Information Sheet to better collect information on activities within and adjacent to each count site • Review of the EAAFP CEPA plan to better secure appropriate management of migratory waterbird sites <p>Outcome 2: Development of a Draft EAAFP Monitoring Task Force Work Plan 2019-2020 to take to the EAAFP MoP 10. This will include working with the EAAFP SU on monitoring data collection, storage and analysis.</p>		
10	Implementation plan:	Activity	Period	Outcomes
		1. Undertake planning and organisation of regional waterbird and wetland monitoring planning/consultation meeting (three days)	Sept-Nov 2018	-Agenda and programme agreed -Logistics and travel arrangements finalised for meeting -Organisation of successful meeting

		<p>Potential Dates: 26-28 November 2018</p> <p>Potential Venue: Laem Phak Bia Environmental Research and Development Project (LERD), near Bangkok, Thailand</p>		<p>-Development of draft plans for strengthening monitoring of key wetlands and waterbirds</p> <p>-Drafting EAAFP Monitoring Taskforce Work Plan</p>
		2. Consultation of draft plans at EAAFP MOP10, Hainan, China	9-14 Dec 2018	-Secure support from EAAF Partners to the draft plans, including linking into Partner Work Plans.
		3. Finalise plans and resource needs in consultation with EAAFP Monitoring Task Force and AWC Coordinators	Dec 2018- mid Mar 2019	-Finalised plans and resource needs available to approach potential donors and partners
11	Stakeholder involvement:	Wetlands International will manage the project and coordinate between the different stakeholders, in close cooperation with the EAAF Partnership Secretariat and the Monitoring Task Force.		
12	Project management and coordination:	The project will be managed by Wetlands International Head Office, in consultation with the EAAFP Monitoring Task Force. It is proposed that national monitoring activities be linked to EAAFP National Partnerships (where these exist) for planning and reporting purposes.		

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

Budget

Total supporting budget: EUR 20,000

Activity	Funding request	Total	Co-financing, in-kind contribution
<i>Activity 1</i>	Organization of meeting. Support to international travel and subsistence costs for coordinators and advisors.	20,000 Euro	<i>In-kind contribution staff time of Wetlands International, BCST, AWC national coordinators, AMBI coordinator.</i>
<i>Activity 2</i>	Consultation of draft plans at EAAFP MOP9, Hainan, China.	-	<i>In-kind contribution of staff time of Wetlands International and travel/participation costs to attend MOP</i>
<i>Activity 3</i>	N/A	-	<i>In-kind contribution staff time of Wetlands International & participating organizations.</i>
Total		20,000 Euro	

PAYMENT DETAILS

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PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD

Electronic funds transfer (EFT)