



**World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) Small Grant 2020
Application Form**

WMBD Small Grant 2020 for East Asian - Australasian Flyway

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About World Migratory Bird Day 2020

The 2020 theme of World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is " Birds Connect Our World", and was chosen to highlight the importance of conserving and restoring the ecological connectivity and integrity of ecosystems that support the natural movements of migratory birds and that are essential for their survival and well-being. 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 2020, WMBD will be held on 9 May and 10 October.** The EAAFP Secretariat encourages Partners to celebrate WMBD twice a year.

Introduction of EAAFP WMBD 2020 Small Grant

The Small Grant for 2020 [World Migratory Bird Day](#) (WMBD) has been established to provide financial support to [EAAFP Partners](#) and collaborators from [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

EAAFP Partners who plan to organize an event to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2020 in 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, not to cover the costs for the existing WMBD event expenses. Applications with similar contents (location, target participants etc.) to previous years may not be accepted.

Information of the application

Firstly, Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria set for funding assistance under EAAFP WMBD 2020 Small Grants Programme.

For your budget planning, please note a maximum of 1,000 USD will be allocated to each county. The small-scale grant will be allocated on a first come first served basis, we recommend you submit the application as early as possible.

The deadline for application is **31 March 2020**. Please submit an application to Ms. Vivian Fu, 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: 31st, March, 2020

1. Applicant Contact information

	Name of applicant:	Ei Thinzar Aung
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If there will be more than one organization to arrange the event, please specify all above.

2. Proposed Event Plan and Expected Outcome

Please tick the relevant categories of your proposed event:

Public awareness activity – local and/or national	X
Birdwatching - field trip	
Monitoring/survey – field trip	
Educational activity/lecture	X
Festival	
Media Event	
Movie/video	
Media Platform on Facebook & Website	X

Please specify your proposed event plan and expected outcome

Please include the following information; Title, Date, Location, Organiser, Target participants, Expected number of participants (max. 500 words)

Title: World Migratory Bird Day 2020 in Myanmar

Date: 9th May, 2020 (Date would depend on the implementation during May)

Location: Coastal villages in Mon State and Bago Region (Gulf of Mottama Ramsar Site)

Organizer: Biodiversity And Nature Conservation Association

Target participants: Local community, Local Conservation Groups (LCGs)

Expected number of participants: maximum 20 persons for 2 areas (due to minimize at least)

Gulf of Mottama is situated at the mouth of Sittaung River in the Townships of Kyeikhto and Belin in Mon State. This Gulf is one of the most dynamic with the largest mudflat in the world. It delivers sediments and nutrients from 3 major rivers thus provides plenty of food for more than 150,000 waterbirds. Gulf of Mottama is the most important wintering area for Critically Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Calidris pyamaea* hosting more than half of the global populations. Over 150 villages depend on the Gulf for their livelihoods including fisheries, aquaculture and agriculture. BANCA had already started Spoon-billed Sandpiper Conservation in Myanmar in 2008 and has been closely working with local villagers who were involved in shorebirds hunting and then formed them as Local Conservation Groups (LCGs). To be effective for protecting the SBS, BANCA set up awareness signboards in Mon State in 2015-2016. With the highly ecological value of the Gulf for not only livelihoods but also biodiversity, 42,500 hectares of northern part of Gulf of Mottama was designated as Ramsar Site (Ramsar Site no. 2299) in 2017 which meets six out of the nine Ramsar criteria. After designating the Ramsar Site, there have no Ramsar signboards there.

As the result of stakeholder consultation with relevant stakeholders and CEPA program in villages to be extended the area of the Gulf of Mottama Ramsar Site within the 3 years period, the area extended to 161,030 hectares including Bago Region and Mon State in 2020. This step would be very useful for sustainable wetlands conservation in Myanmar. The role of wetland resources play an important role for the community livelihoods and support biodiversity including migratory birds which use for breeding, roosting on their migration and feeding. Local community should be aware on using the wetland resources in sustainable way and the benefits of the protection of migratory birds.

BANCA will be held the World Migratory Bird Day 2020 in Myanmar by using the way of on-line platforms such as BANCA's Facebook page and Website and setting up the awareness signboards for Ramsar Site near coastal areas of Gulf of Mottama Ramsar Site (focus on extension area) and displaying posters and distributing pamphlets about the theme of WMBD 2020; "Birds Connect World" to raise awareness on the importance of ecological connectivity for migratory birds in the villages and on schools campus during May, 2020 with local community, members of LCGs and BANCA staff by minimizing the number of the participants to protect the risk of spreading virus.

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:

Setting up awareness signboards	600 USD
Poster,	80 USD
Pamphlets	70 USD
Transportation (Ygn-Bago-Mon-Ygn)	200 USD
Management Cost	50 USD
Total	1000 USD

In addition, please 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>)

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. **Logos of WMBD and EAAFP have to be shown on all your printed and digital promotional materials.**

Report deadline:	No later than 25 May 2020 or within two weeks after the event(s)
Required information:	Name of organiser, target participants, programme, outcome summary and finance supporting documents
Submit to:	to Ms. Vivian Fu, Communication Officer via email (Word or PDF document) at communication@eaaflyway.net and wmbd@eaaflyway.net .