



Part 2 – Reporting Schedule and template

**EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day small grant
Report Template**

Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

1.1 Contact Information - Provide your contact information for this report

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1.2 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

Name of country	Philippines
Name of city	Virtual via Restream/Facebook/and Youtube/SCPW website
Name of event place/venue	Not Applicable
The event took place via online platform. The facilitator and some of the partners and resource speakers were from Metro Manila, while some were from the provinces of Laguna and Pampanga.	

1.3 Event Organiser - Who were organiser and/or sponsor for your event?

The event was organized by the Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Inc. In partnership with the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biodiversity Management Bureau – Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau – Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Region 3 - Pampanga State Agricultural University 	

1.4 Target Audience - Who were the participants for your event?

School students, teachers or parents	
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University students	√
Researchers, scientist	√
birdwatchers	√
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	√
Decision or policy makers	√
Media	√
Others– specify	Farmers
The webinar primarily reached out to local government officers in agricultural and environment and natural resources offices of local governments in the Candaba Wetlands, so that they understand the link between conserving the wetland and the health and well-being of people. Agricultural students, farmers, bird enthusiasts, and other interested individuals were also encouraged to join the webinar.	

1.5 Number of Participants - How many participants were there for your event?

The live webinar had more than 350 viewers coming from not just the Philippines but from other countries as well across available online platforms (SCPW's Website, Facebook, and YouTube). The actual viewers represented about 60% of pre-registrants that reached 560. The recorded version was uploaded to the said platforms so that other interested individuals can still view the webinar even after the actual event.

Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

Provide your event agenda, programme or discussion paper here.

The SCPW had been working with farmers in a 135-hectare rice farm in Candaba, Pampanga which is part of the approximately 32,000 hectares of wetlands straddling three provinces (Bulacan, Pampanga and Nueva Ecija). The Candaba Wetlands is an important area for agricultural and fisheries production, water irrigation, and natural flood retention. It is a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA #31) and an Important Bird Area (PH007) within the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF).

Candaba Swamp continues to be drained or converted into wet agriculture, severely limiting habitat for waterfowls. The change in land use has been observed in the towns comprising the Candaba Wetlands where large tracts of wetlands have been filled to give way to the housing subdivision and commercial establishments.

In celebration of World Migratory Bird Day this year and taking note of the theme "Birds Connect Our World", the SCPW conducted a webinar to highlight how farming communities and migratory birds can be in harmony with each other.

The webinar aims to:

1. highlight how farming communities and migratory birds can exist in harmony with each other;
2. reach out to agriculture, environment and natural resources officers of local governments in the Candaba Wetlands, as well as the PENROs and MENROs/CENROs, so that they understand the link between conserving the wetland (especially as habitats for migratory birds) and the health and well-being of people, and;
3. increase the awareness of students in the field of agriculture students so that they will appreciate the value of conserving wetlands for both the well-being of nature and people.

Below is the program of the event:



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09 October 2020	
8:30 – 9:00	Online Registration
9:00 – 9:20	Opening Preliminaries
	Welcome Remarks Mr. Celestino B. Ulep, President, Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Inc.
	Messages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Henry A. Adornado, Director, ERDB-DENR • RED Paquito Moreno, Jr, RED, DENR-Region3 • Dr. Honorio Soriano, President, Pampanga State Agricultural University
9:20 – 9:30	AVPs on Wetlands, Migratory Birds and EAAFP video on the Great Knot (localized version)
9:30 – 10:00	About EAAF and the Importance of Migratory Birds Dr. Simplicia A. Pasicolan, Chief of Urban Ecosystem Research Division, Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (DENR)/Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Inc.
10:00–10:30	Waterbirds and Managing Health Risks Rizza Araceli F. Salinas, DVM, Wildlife Conservation Section, Wildlife Resources Division, Biodiversity Management Bureau, DENR
10:30 – 11:00	The Candaba Wetlands: Rice-Farming Communities and Migratory Birds - how they can co-exist Dr. Gerald Salas, Director of Tamaind Research and Development Center, Pampanga State Agricultural University/Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Inc.
11:00– 11:20	Open Forum
11:20 – 11:30	Wrap-up and Closing Remarks Atty. Theresa M. Tenazas, OIC-Chief of Wildlife Resources Division and Head of Legal Unit, Biodiversity Management Bureau, DENR
Facilitator: Ms. Amy M. Lecciones	

Section 3. BUDGET REPORT (Compulsory)

Report here how you spent the budget you planned in the application

Translation of the WBMD video and voice-over, editing	600USD
Coordination cost (staff time, communication, etc)	350USD
Cost of software (Restream) for the webinar	50USD
Total budget received from EAAFP	1000USD

Section 4. SHORT SUMMARY REPORT (Compulsory) – This report will be shared on EAAFP website

Provide a short article about your WBMD event or activity you arranged to celebrate WBMD. The following information (venue, organiser, number and type of participants, outcome) should be included in your article. (**Minimum** 400 words, with photos or videos)

On 09 October 2020, the Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Inc.(SCPW) with support from the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) conducted a webinar to highlight how farming communities and migratory birds can be in harmony with each other.

The webinar primarily reached out to local government officers in agricultural and environment



and natural resources offices of local governments in the Candaba Wetlands, so that they understand the link between conserving the wetland and the health and well-being of people. Agricultural students, farmers, bird enthusiasts, and other interested individuals were also encouraged to join the webinar. The live webinar had more than 350 viewers coming from not just the Philippines but from other countries as well across available online platforms (SCPW's Website, Facebook, and YouTube). The recorded version was uploaded to the said platforms so that other interested individuals can still view the webinar even after the actual event.

Opening Preliminaries

The event started with a brief background about the event and the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2020 which is "Birds Connect Our World", which was given by the host and facilitator, Ms. Amy M. Lecciones, Executive Director of SCPW. She thanked the EAAFP and the various agencies under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, as well as the Pampanga State Agricultural University for their support to the event.

Mr. Celestino Ulep, President of the SCPW welcomed the participants to the webinar. Messages highlighting the importance of conserving wetlands and biodiversity, particularly migratory birds and their agency's efforts in line with the focus of the webinar were delivered by the following partners:

- Dr. Henry A. Adornado, Director of the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB).
- Engr. Paquito Moreno, Jr., Regional Executive Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Region 3
- Dr. Honorio Soriano, Jr., President of Pampanga State Agricultural University

Of note was the recommendation to establish a policy or a management strategy for the conservation of the Candaba Wetlands.

Audio-Visual Presentations

Wetlands and Ramsar Convention

An AVP about wetlands, its importance, the threats as well as programs and projects to conserve them was shown. The AVP also focused on the efforts in protecting wetlands like the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands by helping people work together to conserve these resources.

Journey of a Migratory Bird and East Asian Australasian Flyway

This animated video was originally in English and part of the support provided by EAAFP was to produce a version in Tagalog/Filipino. This was about the journey of a young Great Knot, which is considered by IUCN as an endangered bird species. The video showed how far these birds migrate, and how they overcome threats during the migration period. At the end of the video, the audience are encouraged to take actions in conserving wetlands in order to protect Great Knots and other migratory birds.

Lectures/Presentations

East Asian – Australasian Flyway (EAAF) and The Importance of Migratory Birds

Dr. Simplicia A. Pasicolan, Chief of Urban Ecosystem Research Division, ERDB – DENR

Dr. Pasicolan's presentation focused on bird migration and the major flyways including EAAF where Philippines is a part of, to give the audience a clearer understanding of why migratory birds are important. She also discussed related Multilateral Environmental Agreements like Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Convention on Migratory Species of Animals (CMS), and Convention on Biodiversity (CBD). Dr. Pasicolan also presented the activities and programs of ERDB's contribution to wetlands and biodiversity contribution through research about bird migration.



Waterbirds and Managing Health Risks

Rizza Araceli F. Salinas, DVM, Wildlife Resource Division, BMB –DENR

Dr. Salinas tackled some of the common diseases related to birds such as bird flu and clarified some of these issues. Dr. Salinas also offered some measures to minimize interaction with wild and domesticated birds, like implementation of Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHUP) and improving biosecurity of commercial and even backyard farms. She also discussed the Avian Influenza Protection Program (AIPP) provided by the Department of Agriculture which seeks to help prevent the entry of Avian Influenza in the country as well as disease response in the event of an incursion. Roles and efforts of national and local government and agencies towards strengthening the prevention and control of zoonotic diseases were also explained, particularly in the context of farming communities such as the Candaba Wetlands.

The Candaba Wetlands: Rice Farming Communities and Migratory Birds – How They Can Co-Exist?

Dr. Gerald Salas, Director of Tamarind Research and Development Center, Pampanga State Agricultural University

Dr. Salas' presentation discussed the bio-physical and social characteristics of the Candaba wetlands and its relation and significance to the EAAF. He presented the importance of migratory birds in different ecosystems which directly or indirectly affects human beings. Several factors affecting the interaction of migratory birds and rice fields were also explained. Dr. Salas then focused on the specifics of how humans can co-exist with the birds including water management, organic agriculture, rice plant and field structure, and various management schemes. It was also highlighted that Candaba wetlands need nature-based solutions and multi-stakeholder approaches in its management. Further, he recommended that a multi-sectoral Council be organized to establish a management policy and strategy for the Candaba Wetlands. Dr. Salas concluded his presentation by reiterating that the best way to take care of the future is by taking care of the present.

Open Forum

After the presentations, the resource speakers were given time to answer some pre-registration and live questions from the participants/audience.

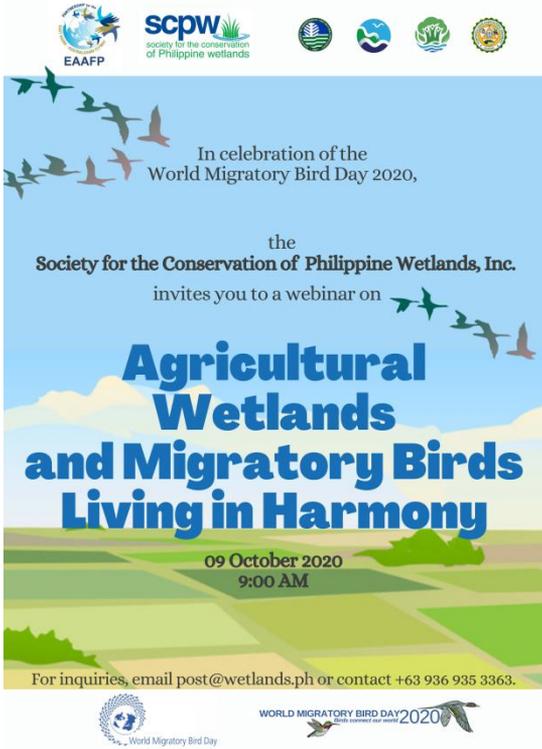
Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

The closing remarks was given by Atty. Theresa M. Tenazas, the OIC-Chief of the Wildlife Resource Division and Head of Legal Unit of the Biodiversity Management Bureau – DENR. She highlighted the importance of conservation of migratory bird habitats, ecological connectivity, and coordination of people and communities. She stressed that co-existence of farming communities and migratory birds can be achieved if the significance of wetlands is recognized.

Atty. Tenazas also thanked the organizers, partners, and participants and encouraged that they continue contributing to environmental conservation efforts.

Before finally closing the event, Ms. Lecciones informed everyone that Certificates will be sent after they fill up the evaluation form. She also emphasized that the SCPW will be following up on the recommendations of the webinar and that the Great Knot Filipino version of the video as well as the recording of the event will be made available through the SCPW Facebook page, the SCPW website and their youtube channel.

Section 5. PHOTO, VIDEO & MATERIALS (Compulsory):

<p>Name of Photo Photo</p>	<p>WMBD 2020 Webinar Poster_ SCPW</p> 
<p>Credit info</p>	<p>Credits: Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Inc.</p>
<p>Link</p>	<p>SCPW Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/scpwinc</p>

	<p>WMBD 2020 Webinar Screenshot/Group_ SCPW</p> 
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Link	

Name of Video	WMBD 2020 Webinar Video_ SCPW
Video	- See link
Credit info	Credits: Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Inc.
Link	SCPW Youtube Page: bit.ly/SCPWinc

1.7 Outcome - What is the outcome from your event?

Based on the questions raised and the comments gathered, there was an increased awareness on the link between nature and well-being of people among the viewers particularly those in the farming and natural resources sector. The recommendations from the National Government Agencies as well as from the academe to formulate a management policy and establish a multi-stakeholder body to manage the Candaba Wetlands will be explored. This will promote the integration of wetland conservation in their local land use plans.

Any additional comment? (Optional)

The recorded version of the webinar can be seen at the SCPW pages in these following online platforms:
 Website: www.wetlands.ph/live
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/scpwinc
 Youtube: bit.ly/SCPWinc

Note:

- Email us the electronic file (JPEG or PDF) of your language version of the WMBD poster published for EAAFP website;
- Post its printed poster to the EAAFP Secretariat, if you can and have one;
- Take enough photos from events or activities with this WMBD poster and send us lots of photos in jpg or png format; and videos as well if you have one.
- Logos of WMBD and EAAFP have to be shown on all your printed and digital promotional materials.