

## 2021 EAAFP Small Grant Fund Application Form

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### Relevant Working Group or Task Force Chair/Coordinator - DETAILS

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 (programme@eaaflyway.net)

**Name of Working Group or Task Force:** Dalmatian Pelican Task Force

**Title of Chair/Coordinator:** Mr. Jiao Shengwu  
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### Eligibility of Projects

- The focus of the project is migratory waterbirds and their habitats. **Yes**
- The project will improve the understanding of factors important for the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in the EAAF. **Yes**
- The applicant agrees to provide a final report within 3 months of the completion of the project. **Yes**
- The applicant agrees to submit 1-2-page article and photographs for inclusion on EAAFP's website and/or write a brief article for the EAAFP's newsletter. Photographers will be acknowledged. **Yes**
- The applicant will acknowledge the support of the EAAFP in any publications, presentations and reports arising from this work. **Yes**

## Project Details

**Project Title:** Please provide a concise and informative title of your entire project (not just the component for which funds are sought)

Developing conservation management plan and public awareness for breeding colonies in western Mongolia

### Part A. Project Proposal

#### Details of your entire project (not just the component for which funds are sought) (2.5 page maximum)

**1. Objectives:**

The objective of this project is to increase awareness and to develop an action plan for conservation management of last known breeding colonies of Dalmatian pelicans in western Mongolia.

**2. Background:**

Dalmatian Pelican is the largest and most threatened water bird in East Asia (Shi et al. 2008, Nyambayar et al. 2007). They are found only in Mongolia as breeding and in China as wintering and listed as very rare in both countries. Habitat loss, disturbances at breeding and stopover, and wintering sites, and shooting by locals for their beak are considered the biggest threats to this species in the region (CMS/AEWA/EU/EAAPF 2018, EAAPF 2018). At present, the breeding colonies of the Dalmatian pelicans in East Asia are only found at two locations in western Mongolia - Khar Us Lake and Airag Lake. It is assumed that most of the breeding pairs are found in Khar Us Lake. Latest estimate suggests that around 80-110 individuals scattered around this lake. At Airag Lake, Mongolian researchers found one colony of Dalmatian pelicans with five pairs in 2018. Further surveys are needed to monitor this fragile population.

The two key sites are both Ramsar Sites and protected under the national level special protected area status. However, it is deemed not adequate and need more coordinated effort to save this species from possible disappearance in the future (EAAPF 2018).

In July 2019, an international consultancy meeting on conservation of Dalmatian pelicans in East Asia was organized by EAAPF bringing together pelican experts and key conservation organizations in the region to western Mongolia. One of the key recommendations resulted from this meeting was to develop a conservation management plan to secure the remaining breeding colonies in western Mongolia (EAAPF 2019).

Despite of its extremely low numbers of breeding pairs, there is no conservation management plan in place to date in Mongolia largely due to little information about the population status and limited field studies. Also there was no structured engagement among government and non-government stakeholders on pelican conservation in Mongolia. The proposed project will engage all key stakeholders in Mongolia for the conservation of Dalmatian pelican and step up the coordinated effort for better conservation management. Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia is the highest government authority for protection of threatened species in the country. We will work very close with the Ministry and develop a conservation management plan to secure the last remaining breeding colonies at Khar Us and Airag Lakes with the target of next 5 years and in line with the International Single Species Action Plan for the Dalmatian Pelican. The jurisdiction of Mongolian special protected areas fall under the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, the proposed action plan development will be a key working document that facilitates engagement among partners from government and non-government sectors.

**3. Project plan, timeline and methods:**

*Please include the proposed timing of project commencement, start and completion of fieldwork (if applicable), project completion. Please also comment on the flexibility of the timeline of the project.*

April-May 2021: Collate and organize existing available information about the Dalmatian pelicans in western Mongolia and prepare documents for discussion with stakeholders.

April-May 2021: Engage the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia in conservation action planning for Dalmatian pelicans in Mongolia

April 2021: Organize a two-day virtual multi-stakeholder meeting for Mongolian participants to discuss and plan conservation actions

	<p>May-June 2021: Finalize the action plan document and get approval and initiate some coordinated efforts to be led by the MET.</p> <p>April-June 2021: Promote pelican conservation through public lectures, and produce brochure, online media, and posters on conservation of pelicans</p>
<p><b>4. Likely benefit to the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitat / or key research outputs:</b></p>	<p><i>In addressing this question, please also identify which EAAFP Key Result Areas the project will contribute to (see the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019 – 2028).</i></p> <p>The project will contribute to the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019 – 2028 in following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>KRA1.5.</b> Two key Dalmatian pelican breeding sites in the Flyway Site Network will join in the coordinated pelican conservation management efforts in Mongolia</li> <li>• <b>KRA 1.5.</b> National and site partners will have better coordinated plan towards the conservation of dalmatian pelicans in Mongolia</li> <li>• <b>KRA 1.5.</b> There will be increased awareness of Khar Us and Airag Lakes for conservation of threatened species.</li> <li>• <b>KRA 2.1.</b> Partner engagement at national level will be enhanced and carried over into the engagement with international partners on Dalmatian pelican conservation in East Asia.</li> <li>• <b>KRA3.1.</b> There will be a nationally coordinated monitoring program in place for the Dalmatian pelicans in Mongolia and it will yield improved information on the population status on regular basis.</li> <li>• <b>KRA 3.5.</b> Mongolia will have a well-coordinated conservation effort that will be based on collaborative research and conservation program via multi-stakeholder participation.</li> <li>• <b>KRA 4.1-4.3.</b> The project will lay foundation to the building capacity and site partnership for pelican habitat management and waterbird conservation in western Mongolia.</li> <li>• <b>KRA 5.2.</b> The list of actions produced from this project will contribute to the Dalmatian Pelican Single Species Action Plan implementation.</li> <li>• <b>KRA 5.3-5.5.</b> The conservation management plan developed from this project will serve as a Mongolian government mechanism to reduce threats to Dalmatian pelican and possibly to restore the breeding population in Mongolia.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Alignment with EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces priorities:</b></p>	<p><i>Please indicate which of the EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces priorities are addressed in this project.</i></p> <p><b>Dalmatian Pelican Task Force</b></p>
<p><b>6. Explain the part of your project for which you are seeking funds in this Application:</b></p>	<p>The budget will be used to cover the following expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment to key experts to organize the stakeholders meeting and to write/produce the conservation management plan</li> <li>• Organize a two-day online meeting</li> <li>• Limited number of printing of the management plan</li> <li>• Producing a brochure</li> <li>• Produce electronic public awareness materials</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Scientific References cited in the Application:</b></p>	<p>EAAFP. 2018. East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership 2019-2028 Strategic Plan. CMS/AEWA/EU/EAAFP. 2018. International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Dalmatian Pelican, <a href="#">click here</a></p> <p>EAAFP. 2019. International Consultancy Meeting on Conservation Strategy for The Dalmatian Pelicans in the East Asian – Australasian Flyway.</p> <p>Shi et al. 2008. Status of the East Asian population of the Dalmatian Pelican <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>: the need for urgent conservation action. 18:181-193.</p> <p>Nyambayar et al. 2007. Conservation of the critically endangered east Asian population of Dalmatian Pelican <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> in western Mongolia. <i>BirdingAsia</i> 7:68-74.</p>

**Part B. FOR CONFERENCE APPLICANTS ONLY**

*(For Task Force or Working Group members delivering their own work as a presentation, paper or poster)*

<b>Conference Title:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Presentation Abstract</b> (250 word maximum):		

**Part C. FOR ALL APPLICANTS**

**Experience Relevant to Project:**

*0.5 page maximum*  
 The lead person and organization of this project have extensive expertise on dalmatian pelicans in Mongolia. He conducted field surveys to waters in western Mongolia, regularly advocate pelican and waterbird conservation both at national and international level, and also, he is currently GPS tracking the pelicans from Khar Us Lake. Also, the lead Dr. Batbayar is the Chairman of the EAAFP Dalmatian Pelican Task Force.

Please **also** attach a maximum 2-page CV or list non-academic research experience and experience with migratory waterbirds/conservation e.g. work experience, volunteer experience, bird banding, birdwatching.

**Project Budget (please outline your entire project, not just the component for which funds are being sought)**

	<b>Item</b> (Please list)	<b>\$ Budget</b> (in USD)	<b>Current support / Requested Support</b> (source and amount)	<b>Requested support from EAAFP</b> (source and amount)
Equipment: (details)	Printing cost of limited number of action plan document (~50 pcs, US\$5.2)	260		260
	Brochure (~1000 pcs, US\$0.2)	240		240
	Poster (100 pcs, A3, US\$1.2)	120		120
	Media content	100		100
	Purchase a Zoom Meeting plan	30		30
Consumable items (details)	Postal costs to Khaovd and Airag	70		70
	Travel to Khovd for launching of the action plan	750		750
Computing & clerical (details)	Payment for 2 experts' time (lump sum)	2,200		2,200
	Payment for support staff time (lump sum)	600		600
Other (details)				
<b>Total amount requested from Small Grants Fund:</b> (All amounts in USD)				4,370

**Budget justification:** Please provide brief description and justification of all major budgetary items requested, indicating any that are essential to the project and/or conference for which you are applying (250 word maximum):

Project funding will be spent mostly towards covering desktop time of key experts and logistical support staff to organize the meetings and printing costs of action plan document and public awareness materials. There will be no field research related costs in this project.

## Declaration

I have discussed the contents of this Application with the relevant Chair/s and Coordinator/s of relevant Working Group and/or Task Forces and I certify that to the best of my knowledge all documentation and information submitted or made available by me is true, accurate and complete.

By ticking the following box, you are agreeing to the above statement:

## Application Checklist

All relevant sections of this Application have been completed.	<b>Yes</b>
Full payment details have been provided on the final page.	<b>Yes</b>
Application is being submitted electronically as one single document.	<b>Yes</b>
Application is being submitted in MS Word format.	<b>Yes</b>
Application has been discussed with the relevant Chair/s and Coordinator/s of relevant working Group and/or Task Forces and these have been carbon copied (cc) to this application submission as evidence they have seen and approved this Application.	<b>Yes</b>

Applications that do not comply with these guidelines will be returned to the applicant.

## Application Submission

Please email your Application as a single document to:  
[secretariat@eaaflyway.net](mailto:secretariat@eaaflyway.net)

EAAFP will acknowledge the receipt of your Application.

**Applications close at 5pm (Seoul Time) on 5 February 2021**  
**Results will be announced on 3 March 2021 on EAAFP Webpage and via email**

### OFFICE USE ONLY:

Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorised:                    \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_                    \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Investigator Advised:                    \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_                    \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE PAYMENT DETAILS ON FINAL PAGE**

## PAYMENT DETAILS

To ensure prompt payment of successful applications please complete the following details and submit with your Application.

### PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD

Electronic funds transfer (EFT)

### GRANT CONDITIONS

**In accordance with the application criteria, the following conditions must be met:**

- Funds are to be strictly exempt from organisational administration charges.
- You are required to submit one copy by email of the final report within 3 months of the completion of the project.
- You are required to acknowledge the EAAFP and the Small Grant Fund in any presentations, publications, reports or promotional material arising from this work. Please email [secretariat@eaaflyway.net](mailto:secretariat@eaaflyway.net) in order to obtain an electronic copy of EAAFP logo for use on any display material you will be preparing.
- You may be requested to write a brief article for the EAAFP newsletter.
- You are required to provide EAAFP with an electronic copy of your final report at the completion of your project, as well as a copy of any publications that result from your grant.