

2022 EAAFP Small Grant Fund Application Form

Part A.

A. Personal Details of Applicant

Title:	<u>Ms</u> (Mr, Ms etc)	<u>See</u> Family name	<u>Choon Min</u> Given Name/s
Institution:	<u>Malaysian Nature Society</u>		
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Degree type:	<u>Bukit Persekutuan</u> Suburb or town	<u>Federal territory of Kuala Lumpur</u> State or country	<u>50480</u> Postcode
	<u>(60)3 2287 9422</u> Primary contact number	<u>(60) 16 280 5636</u> Mobile phone number	

Email address: flyway@mns.org.my (primary); jacelynsee@gmail.com

B. Relevant Working Group or Task Force Chair/Coordinator - DETAILS

Please contact the EAAFP Programme Officer if additional guidance is needed in relation to this section (programme@eaaflyway.net)

Name of Working Group or Task Force: Shorebird Working Group

Title of Chair/Coordinator:	<u>Mr</u> (Mr, Ms etc)	<u>Li</u> Family name	<u>David</u> Given Name/s
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Email address: davidlizuowei@gmail.com

C. Eligibility of Projects

Please select "Yes" or "No" for each of the following questions:

- The focus of the project is migratory waterbirds and their habitats? Yes No
- The project will improve the understanding of factors important for the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in the EAAF? Yes No
- The applicant agrees to provide a final report within 3 months of the completion of the project? Yes No
- 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 No

- The applicant will acknowledge the support of the EAAFP in any publications, presentations and reports arising from this work? Yes No

D. Project Details

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

Working towards establishing Flyway Network Site for the North-Central Selangor Coast IBA in Peninsular Malaysia.

Project Proposal:

Details of your entire project (not just the component for which EAAFP funds are sought) (2.5 page maximum)	
1. Objectives:	<p>The overall aim of the project in North-Central Selangor Coast (NCSC) is to secure the flyway habitat for the migratory waterbirds.</p> <p>Specific objectives of this project are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To secure the acceptance and recognition of the NCSC as the Flyway Network Site and to develop a flyway conservation plan for the site. 2. To conduct monthly waterbird population census and to monitor the coastal habitat with local community participation at three different districts within the NCSC.
2. Background:	<p><u>Land use changes along NCSC</u></p> <p>The ca. 130 km long coastline of the NCSC is one of the Peninsular Malaysia's most productive coastal fisheries and important migratory shorebird staging/wintering site. However, this dynamic coastline is currently impacted by pollution, coastal erosion, commercial aquaculture and agriculture, coastal township and housing development and to a lesser extent illegal trapping of waterbirds. These threats have resulted in the loss and reduction and degradation of NCSC's green coastal mangrove belt. Local fisheries especially cockle production have shown a decline attributed to pollution caused by agriculture and industrial effluents, solid and domestic waste originating from the coast and rivers upstream. The diminishing harvests have (continues to) impact cockle farmers economically. Pollution is likely to have (or is) affected the natural productivity of the NCSC's mudflat that could impact the availability of food resources for wintering and/or staging migratory shorebird populations. The famed Kapar Power Station artificial ash ponds which provided decades of shelter as a high tide roost for thousands of migratory shorebirds is slated to close in the near future is likely to change the roosting dynamics of migratory shorebirds along the southern part of NCSC. Recent surveys by MNS in 2019, showed that while NCSC's function as a wintering/staging grounds remains intact, high tide roost (HTR) sites for these birds are limited as a result of the land use changes. Extant HTRs also support less numbers of migratory shorebirds compared to in the 1980s. The eminent closure of the power station's artificial ash pond will further reduce the migratory shorebirds' HTR options along the NCSC.</p> <p><u>Environmental awareness among coastal communities</u></p> <p>Coastal communities, especially fisherfolks, depend heavily on the productivity of NCSC. However, environmental awareness among the coastal communities is still generally low and not far-reaching. Some of the activities and practices in the coastal communities contributes to the degradation of NCSC's environmental quality and further loss of remaining coastal mangroves and biodiversity. Continuous engagement and stakeholdership-building with the coastal communities is vital.</p> <p><u>Extant knowledge gap in the ecological knowledge of migratory waterbirds</u></p> <p>The nationwide migratory waterbird and wetland surveys in the 1980s helped build our foundation knowledge on the importance of Malaysia's coast for waterbird (especially shorebirds) migration. However, since then, efforts to establish and conduct regular, consistent shorebird monitoring activities have been challenging. Thus, gaps persists in our knowledge of the migratory shorebirds' extant ecological and conservation needs in NCSC. These information is vital to assist Malaysia in assessing its current population trend and support the nomination of NCSC as a Flyway Network Site to the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) and build regional networks.</p>
3. Project plan, timeline and methods:	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><u>Project Methods</u></p> <p>A series of meetings and workshop to get the involvement of multi stakeholders along the flyway and get a common understanding of the situation, getting support and feedback for the nomination of NCSC as a proposed</p>

	<p>all local multi-stakeholders in the action plan workshop. E-version of the manual will be launched during World Migratory Bird Day and shared with all MNS branches to assist in their local shorebirds conservation project activity especially site with established status as Flyway Network Site or sites with potential to be nominated as Flyway Network Site. Book content will be adapted into CEPA materials and share widely with local multi-stakeholder, MNS state branches and site managers for their community outreach activities.</p>
<p>5. Alignment with EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces priorities:</p>	<p><i>Please indicate which of the EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces priorities are addressed in this project.</i></p> <p>Relevant EAAFP Working Groups: Shorebird Working Group</p> <p>Priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assist EAAF countries develop flyway network sites for shorebirds 2. To identify priority areas for shorebirds in the EAAF and propose strategies for the conservation and sustainable management of the sites.
<p>6. Explain the part of your project for which you are seeking EAAFP funds in this Application (provide details in the Project Budget section below):</p>	<p>The main components seeking for EAAFP funds in this application are as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Travel expenses to travel long distance to different district along the NCSC for meeting with local government officers. 2) Boat rental to survey sites that have not been surveyed previously. Sites that will be surveyed including multiple mangrove Islands in the Klang districts where sites are not accessible by foot. 3) Publication of Introduction to Coastal Waterbirds Trainers Manual and dissemination of the publication to local multi-stakeholders, MNS state branches and site managers of important wetland habitat for shorebirds. 4) Celebration of World Migratory Bird Days which will be held in conjunction with launching of the e-version of Introduction to Coastal Waterbirds Trainers Manual. Authors of the manual will be invited to give talks during the celebration.
<p>7. Scientific References cited in the Application:</p>	
<p>8. How will any continuing COVID restrictions be managed for project delivery?:</p>	<p>Meetings with local multi-stakeholders might be hindered by COVID restrictions imposed in Malaysia. To address this issue, standard operation procedure will be followed strictly for all physical meetings. Any updates on Covid restrictions in Malaysia will be followed closely and preparation will be made for transforming the meeting into hybrid or full-online mode anytime.</p> <p>Meeting frequency and scheduling will be made flexible for the local community to allow buffer times for response in case of any Covid related emergency.</p>

Part B.FOR CONFERENCE APPLICANTS ONLY

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

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

Part C.FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Experience Relevant to Project:

0.5 page maximum

Work Experience

2021 – Present Wetlands Conservation Officer, Conservation Department. Malaysian Nature Society
 2020– 2021 Wildlife Research Assistant, Conservation Department, Malaysian Nature Society
 2017 - 2019 Conservation Assistant, Freshwater division in Peninsular Malaysian Terrestrial Conservation department, WWF-Malaysia
 2017 Intern, Marine conservation, WWF-Malaysia
 2016 Tour Guide & Animal caretaker, KL Tower Mini Zoo

Education

2019 - Present MSc in Science (Wildlife Ecology and Management), University Putra Malaysia
 2014 - 2017 BSc (Hons) in Science (Animal Resource Science and Management), University Malaysia Sarawak
 2012 - 2013 Malaysia Higher School Certificate, Taman Tasik National Secondary School

Achievements and other relevant experiences

2022 - Present Member, IUCN Stork, and Spoonbill Specialist Group
 2020 - Present Member, The Waterbird Society
 2018 - Present Committee member, Selangor Branch Bird Group of Malaysian Nature Society
 2021 Country Delegate, Global Youth Summit by International Union for Conservation of Nature
 2020 Country Delegate, Flyway Youth Forum by Youth Engaged in Wetlands and East-Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership
 2020 - 2021 Trainee, Applied remote sensing training program on (1) Hyperspectral Data for Land and Coastal Systems, (2) Mapping and Monitoring Lakes and Reservoirs with Satellite Observations and (3) Remote Sensing for Mangroves in Support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals by National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 2019 - 2020 Volunteer, Asian Waterbird Census by Malaysian Nature Society
 2019 Trainee in wildlife research project, Borneo Field Course by Tropical Biology Association
 2018 Volunteer, Hornbill Volunteer Programme by Malaysian Nature Society
 2018 Participant, Wildlife Conservation Course by Wildlife Conservation and Research Unit, University of Oxford
 2016 Volunteer, Malaysia National Zoo

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.

E. Project Budget (please outline costs of your entire project, not just the component(s) for which funds are being sought from EAAFP)

	Item (Please list)	Budget (USD)	Co-funding acquired (source and amount in USD)	Co-funding applied for (source and amount in USD)	Support requested from EAAFP (USD)
Equipment: (details)	Camera	600	-	600	600
Consumable items (details)	Pre-meeting preparation (handouts, meeting materials)	1,117	1,117		
	Meeting package (venue, facilities rental and catering)	9,874	9,784		
	Food subsistence in field	1,165	1,165		
Travel and accommodation (details)	Travel for attending meeting in different district along the NCSC	988	388	600	600

	Boat rental for field survey	5,526	5,126	400	400
	Travel between field sites and jetty	218	218		
	Accommodation	1,456	1,456		
Computing & clerical (details)	Post-meeting report production	607	607		
	Project Staff Cost	4,396	4,396		
	Publication of Introduction to Coastal Waterbirds Trainers Manual	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Other (details)	Insurance for local guide and field assistant	583	583		
	Honorarium for local guide and field assistant	2,913	2,913		
	World Migratory Bird Day Celebration and book launching for trainers manual	400	-	400	400
Total amount requested from EAAFP Small Grants Fund: (in USD)					5,000

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):

- 1) *Equipment:* A budget compact digital camera will be used for recording and documenting all habitat conditions on ground and photographic evidence of migratory waterbirds usage of the habitats.
- 2) *Consumable items:* Three items are budgeted including (1) Pre-meeting materials including handouts, infosheet and meeting materials will be prepared and disseminate to the stakeholders in meeting for their reference, (2) venue, facilities rental for conducting the physical meetings with local stakeholders and (3) Food subsistence for local community and staff during field work.
- 3) *Travel and accommodation:* Travel expenses including mileage, tolls, parking and ferry fares to islands for both meeting and field works are budgeted. Accommodation is budgeted for temporary stay in other districts for both field works and attending meeting.
- 4) *Computing & clerical:* Three items are budgeted including (1) Post meeting production including preparation of meeting minutes, appreciation letter to government personnel, reports and action plan printing, (2) Staff cost for officer to conduct project activities, (3) Publication of Introduction to Coastal Waterbirds Trainers Manual which includes designing cost, personnel cost for editing, book printing and postage to disseminate books to stakeholders.
- 5) *Other:* Three items budgeted including (1) Insurance for local guide and field assistant, (2) Honorarium for local community as guide, (3) Celebration of World Migratory Bird Day which includes e-version of trainers manual launching, staff cost for event and publication preparation.

F. 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 box you are agreeing to the above statement:

G. Application Checklist

All relevant sections of this Application have been completed.	Yes	No
Full payment details have been provided on the final page.	Yes	No
Application is being submitted electronically as one single document.	Yes	No
Application is being submitted in MS Word format.	Yes	No
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.	Yes	No

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

EAAFP will acknowledge the receipt of your Application.

Applications close at 5pm (Seoul Time) on 6 February 2022
Results will be announced on 7 March 2022 on EAAFP Webpage and via email

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Decision: _____

Authorised: __ / __ / __ _____

Entered: __ / __ / __ _____

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 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.