



World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) Small Grant 2023
Application Form

WMBD Small Grant 2023 for East Asian - Australasian Flyway
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About World Migratory Bird Day 2023

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 2023, WMBD will be held on 13 May and 14 October. This year, the theme is "Water: Sustaining Bird Life".** The EAAFP Secretariat encourages Partners to celebrate WMBD twice a year.

Introduction of EAAFP WMBD 2023 Small Grant

The Small Grant for 2023 [World Migratory Bird Day](#) (WMBD) has been established to provide financial support to [EAAFP Partners](#) and [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

Applicants who plan to organize an event to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2023 need to **base in the EAAFP Partner countries**. In addition, EAAFP 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, you can co-fund the event with other sources, but please indicate in the budget session. Applications with similar contents (location, target participants etc.) to previous years may not be accepted. We also encourage proposals to promote Flyway Network Sites for the WMBD activities.

Information of the application

Firstly, Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria set for funding assistance under EAAFP WMBD 2023 Small Grants Programme.

For your budget planning, please note a maximum of 1,000 USD will be allocated to each country. We recommend you submit the application form as early as possible.

The deadline for application is **31st August, 2023**. Please submit an application form to 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. Applicants 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: 2023/08/29**1. Information of applicant**

	Name of applicant:	Bulgan Odmaa
a.	Name of the organization:	Mongolian Bird Conservation Center
b.	Applicant's position and division in the organization	Research specialist, Eastern Branch of Mongolian Bird Conservation Center
c.	Type of the organization - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other – specify):	NGO
d.	Email:	[REDACTED]
e.	Postal address:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
f.	Office phone numbers:	[REDACTED]
g.	Applicant's Mobile number:	[REDACTED]
h.	Website of organization:	www.mbcc.mn
i.	Additional contact person	Gankhuyag Purev-Ochir Director of Mongolian Bird Conservation Center [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

 Please tick if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.
1.1 Information of supporter/Co-organizer

	Name of supporter:	Oleg Goroshko
a.	Name of the organization:	State Nature Biosphere Reserve "Dauria"
b.	Supporter's position and division in the organization	Deputy-director
c.	Type of the organization - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other – specify):	Government
d.	Email:	[REDACTED]
e.	Postal address:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
f.	Office phone numbers:	[REDACTED]
g.	[REDACTED]	8(924)3742911
h.	Website of organization:	http://daurzapoved.com/
i.	Additional contact person	Amarkhuu Gungaa Mongolian Bird Conservation Center [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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2. Proposed Event Plan and Expected Outcome (Please tick the relevant categories of your proposed event):

Public awareness activity – local and/or national	√
Birdwatching - field trip	√
Monitoring/survey – field trip	√
Educational activity/lecture	√
Festival	
Media Event	√
Movie/video	√
Others – specify	

2.1 Please specify your proposed event plan and expected outcomes

Title of event:	Global Big Day together at Kherlen river
Date of event:	2023/10/14
Organizers:	Mongolian Bird Conservation Center
Target participants:	Eco club teachers and students from the province
Expected number of participants:	50

Event objectives and plan (max. 500 words):

The Mongolian Bird Conservation Center (MBCC) was established in 2015. One of the main strengths of the organization is the extensive experience in multi-faceted bird research that our scientists and researchers possess.

Over the past five years, MBCC has been actively engaged in implementing conservation projects and conducting comprehensive bird surveys in the eastern region. In 2018, we started the Chukh Bird Research Station (CBRS) in the Dornod Province of Eastern Mongolia. The primary objective of CBRS is to facilitate a long-term and sustainable monitoring of the breeding and migratory shorebird populations around Chukh Lake.

Drawing from our experiences in the eastern region, we made the decision to establish a dedicated branch in the area, named the Eastern Branch of MBCC. Our branch is centrally located in the Dornod Aimag. Here, our main objective is to foster close collaboration with local communities, championing ecological education and proactively participating in conservation endeavors.

Within the activities of our branch here in Dornod Aimag, we have established close collaborations with various local environmental organizations and projects starting from January. Furthermore, we have fostered relationships with institutions such as the Dornod School of the National University of Mongolia and elementary schools in Choibalsan as part of our outreach and educational efforts. Our commitment to collaboration underscores our dedication to advancing ecological awareness and conservation in the region.

Since January, we have highlighted the significant activities of our branch dedicated to ecological awareness, including:

- 1- In February, Children's Bird Painting Competition
- 2- In March, "Birds of Dornod Province" photo exhibition
- 3- In May, Global Big Day

4- In July, displayed bird photo exhibition in Choibalsan Airport of Dornod Province

5- In August, "I'am a bird watcher" trip in collaboration with the Dornod Library

Furthermore, in addition to our primary activities, we have been actively celebrating environmental days such as Biodiversity Day, Earth Hour, World Environment Day, and more. These engagements are organized by local communities.

Through collaboration and help from environmental organizations from Dornod Aimag, we successfully organized the World Migratory Bird Day event in May. Aimed specifically at elementary school teachers and students, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation, with some participants traveling 190km to join the activities. Given the success and demand, we're planning to celebrate WMBD again in October, catering to local students, including those from universities. The local community's eagerness for such events, as well as requests from local school teachers, have led us to prepare for the October celebration since then.

So here is our planned activities to be carried out are as follows:

- 1- Bird Census: Our team will conduct a bird census at Bayannuur Lake and key bird-watching sites around the city, involving ecoclub teachers. All the observations are using the eBird application.
- 2- Seminar - "WMBD 2023 Water: Sustaining Bird Life": This session will feature three presentations covering global WMBD significance, the importance of water for migratory birds, and basic bird-watching knowledge. After discussion led by Oleg Goroshko from Daurisky NR, an experienced bird surveyor, will follow. Participants will receive t-shirts and checklist for bird of the area.
- 3- Birdwatching - Field Trip: After the seminar students will embark on a birdwatching excursion around Kherlen River. The timing aligns with spring migration, offering the best opportunity to observe migratory passerines and waterbird species.
- 4- Media Event - Movie Night: We'll conclude the day by renting a small cinema space for 20-30 people and screening "The Big Year" (2011), a movie centered around birds, for the kids. Following the screening, we plan to facilitate a brief discussion session.

3. Proposed Event Budget Plan:

Please specify budget plan of your proposed event

Total: 1350 USD = 1000 USD (EAAFP) + 200 USD (MBCC) + 80 USD (Sukh inder)

Please note that ideal budget scale is approximately 1,000 USD to each country

Budget breakdown:

Printing costs: Checklist for common bird of the area	100 USD
Printing cost : Event banner, posters	60 USD
Field materials: Snacks and drinks	40 USD
Tea break and snacks for kids from local Eco-clubs during birdwatching trip and lecture	320 USD
Print T-shirt (40 per)	400 USD
Rental: Theater / Coffee shop	80 USD

Others – specify	
Contribution from MBCC Educational materials: Birds of Dornod province book for teachers (8 book)	150 USD
Contribution from MBCC Transportation: lecturer trip and accommodation from Ulaanbaatar /two individuals/	120 USD
Contribution from MBCC Movie translation	-
Contribution from Sukh Inder LLC: Bus rental	80 USD

4. Can you support translating the WMBD materials to your language?

Yes No

With support from EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Fund, you need to:

- 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>)
- **Logos of WMBD and EAAFP have to be shown on all your printed and digital promotional materials.**
- **Reporting:** 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.

Important notes:

Report deadline:	No later than 28th October 2023 or within two weeks after the event(s).
Required information:	Name of organiser, target participants, programme, outcome summary and finance supporting documents
Submit to:	EAAFP Secretariat via email (Word or PDF document) at communication@eaaflyway.net and wmbd@eaaflyway.net .

