



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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Date of submission	

1.2 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

Name of country	Philippines
Name of city	Municipality of Alegria and Mainit, Surigao del Norte
Name of event place/venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alegria Stand Alone National High School in Alegria, Surigao del Norte ● Mainit National High School in Mainit, Surigao del Norte ● Boulevard, Brgy. Quezon, Mainit, Surigao del Norte ● Lake Mainit, Surigao del Norte

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

Organizer – DENR Caraga - Regional Office

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

School students, teachers or parents	/
University students	
Researchers, scientist	
Birdwatchers	/



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Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	/
Decision or policy makers	
Media	
Others – specify	The Local Government Unit of Mainit and Alegria, both in the province of Surigao del Norte

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

40 - Alegria Stand Alone National High School in Alegria, Surigao del Norte (CEPA campaign)
69 - Mainit National High School in Mainit, Surigao del Norte (CEPA campaign)
10 - Boulevard, Brgy. Quezon, Mainit, Surigao del Norte (Bird Watching)
6 - Lake Mainit, Surigao del Norte (Population survey and Habitat Monitoring)

Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

Provide your event agenda, programme or discussion paper here.

Celebration of World Migratory Bird Day CY 2023 in Lake Mainit Key Biodiversity Area

(EVENT AGENDA / PROGRAMME)

October 10, 2023

Radio broadcasting during the DENR Caraga’s Radio Program “Ikaw, Ako ug ang Kina-iyahan” at the Hope Radio Butuan, Butuan City. The radio broadcasting had discussed the significance of the celebration of World Migratory Bird Day CY 2023, and what the people can do to help the conservation of migratory birds. Same were also streamed live on the DENR’s official Facebook page.

October 20, 2023

Conduct of CEPA Campaign to Highschool students in Lake Mainit, Surigao del Norte as well as distribution of CEPA materials.

7:00-9:00AM – Travel from Butuan City to Mainit, Surigao del Norte

9:00-10:00AM – Courtesy Call with the LGU Mainit, Surigao del Norte through the MENRO

10:00-10:30AM – Courtesy Call with the school teachers in Mainit National High School

10:30AM-12:00NN - CEPA Campaign with the High School Students and distribution of CEPA materials.

- Invocation
- Welcome Remarks
- Intent of the CEPA Campaign
- CEPA discussion



- Distribution of CEPA materials
- Distribution of snacks
- Closing Remarks

1:00-1:30PM- Travel from Mainit to Alegria, Surigao del Norte
1:30-2:00PM- Courtesy call with the LGU Alegria, Surigao del Norte
2:00-3:00PM – Courtesy Call with the school teachers in Alegria Stand Alone Senior High School
3:00-4:30PM- CEPA Campaign with the High school students and distribution of CEPA materials

- Invocation
- Welcome Remarks
- Intent of the CEPA Campaign
- CEPA discussion
- Distribution of CEPA materials
- Distribution of snacks
- Closing Remarks

4:30-5:00PM- Exit meeting with the LGU Alegria Municipal Mayor

October 21, 2023

Conduct of Bird Watching and Migratory Bird Count

3:00-5:00AM – Travel from Butuan City to Mainit, Surigao del Norte
5:00-7:30AM – Conduct of Bird Watching along the boulevard and Migratory Bird Count through boat survey
7:30-10:00AM – Exit Meeting
10:00AM onwards - Homebound

Section 3. BUDGET REPORT (Compulsory)

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

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

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



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Butuan City - The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Caraga, in partnership with the East Asia Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP), joined hands with the Local Government Units (LGUs) of Mainit and Alegria, Surigao del Norte, to commemorate World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2023. Held at Lake Mainit Key Biodiversity Area (LMKBA), the event aimed to raise awareness, educate the public, and engage stakeholders in the conservation efforts for migratory birds and wetlands.

The celebration included activities such as the Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) campaign, a population survey, and habitat monitoring of migratory birds in Lake Mainit. The CEPA campaign took place in two phases, with radio broadcasting on October 10, 2023, during DENR Caraga's weekly radio program "Ikaw, Ako ug ang Kinaiyahan" over Hope Radio, Butuan City. The second approach involved an on-site visit to select secondary schools in Mainit and Alegria on October 20, 2023.

At least 75 participants, including students, teachers, and LGU representatives, attended the CEPA campaign at Mainit National High School in Mainit, Surigao del Norte. During the event, the MENRO of LGU Mainit expressed gratitude for choosing their locality as a target audience, emphasizing the timeliness of the campaign. He highlighted the importance of educating the younger generation about migratory birds and wetlands to ensure their active involvement in conservation efforts.

Various topics discussed during the CEPA campaigns include the significance of WMBD, the importance of migratory birds and their habitats--the wetlands, the threats they face, and relevant environmental laws. Students actively participated in the program, sharing their impressions and responding to questions from resource speakers.

As part of the campaign, students who actively engaged with the speakers were rewarded with CEPA materials, such as notebooks and T-shirts bearing the celebration theme, "Water: Sustaining Bird Life." All participants received key chains depicting the WMBD celebration, further promoting awareness. T-shirts and notebooks were given to the concerned LGU, teachers, and resource speakers as tokens of appreciation for their support.

The campaign extended to Alegria Stand Alone Senior High School in Alegria, Surigao del Norte, where a similar program was conducted, with the participation of 40 individuals, including local officials, teachers, and students.

A population survey and habitat monitoring in Lake Mainit KBA took place the following day, involving the participants during the CEPA in the schools and LGU representatives. The resource persons demonstrated how to use spotting scopes, binoculars, and long-range cameras to observe and document migratory bird species and the techniques for counting them.

The group observed and recorded at least 936 individuals comprising nine (9) species of migratory birds during the survey. Species recorded include Little, Intermediate, and

Great egrets, Sandpipers, Tufted ducks, Yellow bittern, Javan pond heron, Whiskered tern, and Purple heron.

The initiative aimed to encourage students to become wildlife enthusiasts, and environmentalists while fostering an appreciation for the migratory bird species and the importance of Lake Mainit as a wetland for their survival during their migration. Through these activities, the DENR Caraga and its partners seek to instil the importance of conservation in the present generation, emphasizing the need to protect the environment, natural resources, and all wildlife species for a sustainable future.

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

Name of Photo/Video	Bird Watching at Lake Mainit Boulevard, and Population Survey and Habitat Monitoring within Lake Mainit KBA
Photo/Video	<p data-bbox="563 837 686 869"><i>Figure 1.</i></p>  <p data-bbox="563 1339 686 1370"><i>Figure 2.</i></p>  <p data-bbox="563 1883 1449 2029">DENR personnel distributing CEPA materials (customized notebooks) to the students who participated during the CEPA campaign in Mainit National High School (Figure 1) and Alegria Stand Alone Senior High School (Figure 2).</p>

Figure 3.



Figure 4.



Students of Mainit National High School along with DENR 13 personnel participating in bird watching of migratory birds using binoculars and spotting scope at Lake Mainit Boulevard (Figure 1 and 2). The CDD staff assisted the enlightened the students on the various migratory bird species that annually visit Lake Mainit KBA.

Figure 5.



Figure 6.



DENR-13 CDD staff alongside the Mainit MENR Officer, rode a motorized boat to conduct a population survey within Lake Mainit KBA (Figure 3 and 4). The team was able to observe and record notable migratory avial species such as Great and Little egrets, Tufted ducks, Yellow bittern, Javan pond heron, Whiskered tern, and Purple heron.

Figure 7.



PhotoOps of WMBD team composed of DENR-13 CDD personnel, MENRO-Mainit, LGU-Mainit, and lastly SHS students of Mainit National High School.

Credit info

Pictures provided by DENR 13 file

Link

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/199534650@N02/>

1.7 Outcome - What is the outcome from your event?

The WMBD celebration in Lake Mainit Key Biodiversity Area was successful and meaningful. Our stakeholders, including students at Lake Mainit have gained additional knowledge and increased their awareness of the conservation of migratory birds as well as the importance and significance of Lake Mainit. The involvement of students in our conservation efforts will surely bring gradual



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positive results for the present and future generations. Inculcating in them the value of wildlife species and our wetland during the CEPA campaign and on-site monitoring will promote active participation in citizen science initiatives to meet our common goal. The target audience was appreciative of the environmental efforts done by the DENR and the EAAFP, especially for the migratory birds in Lake Mainit. Unfortunately, the production and distribution of a 1-minute Audio-Video Presentation (AVP) were not undertaken due to unprecedented circumstances, such as a lack of digital creators to quote for the production since, according to them, the five thousand pesos were not enough to compensate for their services and a lack of registered business digital creators in our locality. The technical personnel in charge have not anticipated this occurrence, and we admit the mistakes on our end. Nonetheless, this office has found other ways to compensate by doing radio broadcasting to cater to a wider audience. Furthermore, this office has instructed our field offices to commemorate the celebration of World Migratory Bird Day, although they don't have an allotted budget for this. Most of our field offices complied with the instructions. Also, the PowerPoint presentation and CEPA material design used during the WMBD will be used in future DENR conservation efforts, such as during the celebration of next year's Annual Waterbird Census, World Wetlands Day, World Wildlife Day, and WMBD May.

Any additional comment? (Optional)

None

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.