



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: 05/08/2023

1. Information of applicant

	Name of applicant:	Naim Khandakar
a.	Name of the organization:	Jagannath University
b.	Applicant's position and division in the organization	Research Assistant, Department of Zoology, Jagannath University, Dhaka-1100, Bangladesh
c.	Type of the organization - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other – specify):	Autonomous Public Institute of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
d.	Email:	[REDACTED]
e.	Postal address:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
f.	Office phone numbers:	[REDACTED]
g.	Applicant's Mobile number:	[REDACTED]
h.	Website of organization:	jnu.ac.bd
i.	Additional contact person	<i>Delip K. Das</i> <i>Assistant Professor</i> Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Department of Zoology, Jagannath University Dhaka-1100, Bangladesh E-mail: bisharqa1095@gmail.com Phone: +8801913154961 & <i>PhD Candidate</i> University of Groningen Faculty of Science and Engineering Groningen Institute of Evolutionary Life Sciences (GELIEFS) The Netherlands Phone: +31687208920

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

	Name of supporter:	
a.	Name of the organization:	
b.	Supporter's position and division in the organization	
c.	Type of the organization - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other – specify):	

d.	Email:	
e.	Postal address:	
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g.	Supporter's Mobile number:	
h.	Website of organization:	
i.	Additional contact person	

Please tick if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.

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:	Saving migratory waterbirds before it's too late: Ensuring the conservation through community education in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna delta, an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) in Bangladesh
Date of event:	14 October, 2023
Organizers:	Jagannath University, Bangladesh
Target participants:	Local community people, school going children, birds hunters, fishers, local government agencies, forest department officials, and representatives from NGOs.
Expected number of participants:	1,000
<i>Event objectives and plan (max. 500 words):</i>	
<p>The Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna delta is the largest and most productive delta in the world. It carries a huge amount of sediment starting from the Himalayas and joins through some of the mightiest rivers of the earth and empties into the Bay of Bengal through the Meghna river basin of Bangladesh. The BirdLife International has recognized the Meghna river basin area as an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) where thousands of migratory shorebirds spend their winter. This meghna basin area is not only important for the globally Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper (<i>Calidris pygmaea</i>) but also critical for numerous globally threatened migratory shorebirds of the East Asian Australasian flyway, such as Endangered Nordmann's Greenshank (<i>Tringa guttifer</i>) and Great Knot (<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>).</p>	

But, the Meghna basin's dynamic areas are currently being impacted by commercial agriculture, housing development, shoreline erosion, pollution, and to a lesser extent, illegal waterbird hunting. In addition, fishing activities in the channels and on the mudflats frequently disturb foraging and roosting migratory waterbirds.

However, awareness among the coastal communities in the Meghna basin area is still lacking and not far-reaching. Unfortunately most of the people of the areas are unaware regarding waterbirds and their habitat conservation. Moreover superstition prevailing among masses concerning about waterbirds population is rather in the way of their conservation. Participation of the local people in conservation is crucial for long-term conservation programs and the sustainability of magnificent habitats and the numerous species that rely on them. Thus, improving the awareness of local community to protect migratory waterbirds and their habitats are extremely important and necessary.

The main aim of celebrating World Migratory Bird Day is enhancing local people's awareness through community educational programs.

1. *To build awareness among local people including school going students and teachers about migratory waterbirds and the importance of conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats.*

A discussion session about migratory birds and the importance of conservation of migratory waterbirds, and laws prohibiting hunting will be organized with the participation of local fishermen, bird hunters, boatmen, Bangladesh Forest Department officials and representatives from local NGOs.

Using visual presentations, an interactive session about migratory birds will be conducted in a local school with the engagement of students and teachers. In addition, an art contest on the theme of migratory waterbirds and their habitats will be held during the event, and awarded to the school student. Photos exhibition of threatened migratory waterbirds will be displayed at the venue.

2. *To introduce and engage local young people and school going students about identifying migratory waterbird by bird watching.*

Students and local young people will be invited to a bird watching program to observe and identify migratory waterbirds.

3. *To strengthen public awareness through dissemination of awareness materials.*

Poster and leaflet will be developed and distributed to the school students, local community with the information about the importance of conserving migratory waterbirds and their habitats, and the laws against hunting migratory birds. We will distribute the print poster with the theme of WMBD 2023 in Bengali produced by EAAFP.

3. Proposed Event Budget Plan:

Please specify budget plan of your proposed event

Total: **1,000 USD**

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

Budget breakdown:

Venue preparation and banner printing	50 USD
Drawing paper supply to students during art program	50 USD
Award boxes for students	90 USD
Food for participants	120 USD
Poster and leaflets development and production in Bengali (each 1,000 copies)	490 USD
Transportation	100 USD
Government Tax (10%)	100 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 .

ANNEX 1

Standard format for the World Migratory Bird Day Final Report Template

Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

1.1 Contact Information - Provide your contact information for this report

Full Name	
Name of the organisation	
Name(s) of the division and/or position	
Type of the organisation - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other	
Email	
Postal address	
Office phone numbers	
(Your) Cell number (optional)	
Fax (optional)	
Website (optional)	
Additional contact person (optional)	
Date of submission	

- Please tick if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.

1.2 Event title (Compulsory):

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1.3 Event Location - Where did your event take place (Compulsory)?

Name of country	
Name of city	
Name of event place/venue	

1.4 Event Type - Check the relevant categories below (Compulsory)

Public awareness activity – local and/or national	
Field Trip (e.g. Birdwatching)	
Monitoring/survey	
Educational activity/lecture	
Festival	

Media event (e.g. press release)	
Movie/video	
Others – specify	

1.5 Event Organiser - Who were organiser and/or sponsor for your event (**Compulsory**)?

1.6 Target Audience - Who were the participants for your event (**Compulsory**)?

Target Audience types	Number participated
School students, teachers or parents	
University students	
Researchers, scientist	
birdwatchers	
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	
Media	
Others – specify	
Total number of Participants	

1.7 Outcome - What is the outcome from your event (**Compulsory**)?

1.8 Any additional comment? (Optional)

Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory**)**

Provide your event agenda, programme or discussion paper in details here. If your event was recorded or held online, please share the links.

Section 3. SHORT SUMMARY REPORT (Compulsory)

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)

Section 4. EXPENDITURE REPORT (Compulsory)

Expense items	USD
e.g. venue	
e.g. transportation	
e.g. birdwatching guide (amount x no. of guides)	
Others – specify	
Funding from other sources	
Total	

*Please keep the receipt in case auditing is needed.

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

Name of Photo/Video	e.g. photo 1 or video 1
Photo/Video	Please insert a photo here
Credit info	Please provide credit information for this photo/video
Link	Please provide a link of this photo/video (e.g. FB posting or Flickr link)

Note:

- Email us the electronic file (JPEG or PDF) of your language version of the WMBD poster published for the 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.