



Information Note

The Twelfth Meeting of Partners of the
East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership
(EAAFP MOP12)

Hosted by the Republic of the Philippines

8–14 November 2025 | Shangri-La Mactan, Cebu, Philippines

as of 15 May 2025*

Note: Participants will be promptly informed of any updates to this document.





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GENERAL INFORMATION

Hosted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines in collaboration with the Secretariat of the East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP), the 12th Meeting of Partners (MOP12) is set to take place from 8 to 14 November 2025 in Cebu, Philippines.

This biennial event serves as a vital platform for our Partners to come together to review progress towards the Strategic Plan, chart the Partnership’s future direction, and strengthen our shared mission. It also offers a unique opportunity for Flyway Site Managers, Working Groups, and Task Forces to exchange experiences, forge new collaborations, and strategise actions.

With the theme *“Weaving Connections: Celebrating Migration, Traditional Knowledge, and Innovation across our Flyway,”* the gathering embodies the spirit of uniting diverse communities, fostering scientific innovation, and honouring shared traditional knowledge across the Flyway.

As of the release of this information note, the EAAFP Secretariat has issued three notifications to Partners regarding this event, including the tentative daily schedule below. For further details, please visit the event page at <https://eaaflyway.org> or contact the EAAFP Secretariat at mop12@eaaflyway.net.

Tentative Daily Schedule

8 November	Arrival of Participants; Launching of the EAAFP Youth Task Force’s Storybook (afternoon)
9 November	Pre-MOP events and Committee Meetings
10 November	MOP Plenary and Side Events
11 November	MOP Plenary and Side Events
12 November	MOP Plenary and Side Events
13 November	Field visit at Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary (EAAF007)
14 November	MOP Plenary and Side Events

REGISTRATION AND SIDE EVENTS

Registration

Please note that the registration information below applies to all participants **except Observers**, who will be provided with a separate registration form and deadline announced at a later date.

Partners (Focal Points and Flyway Site Managers), Governance Committees, Working Groups, and Task Forces may now register using the link below:

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/VG1brVzcLaxERcoV9>

Kindly note that registration deadlines are as follows: for general self-funded participants, registration closes on **12 September 2025**, while those applying for sponsorship must submit their registration by **8 August 2025**.

Funding support may be provided by the EAAFP Secretariat, subject to available resources and in accordance with the guidelines outlined in [Decision.06-Guidelines-for-MoP-sponsorship-PDF.pdf](#).

If you need to update your submitted information or cancel your participation, please contact the Secretariat at mop12@eaaflyway.net for assistance.

Side Events

If you are interested in hosting a side event, please complete the application form available here: <https://forms.gle/Pf6hhRvcQTwwFE9d8>.

The deadline for side event applications is **27 June 2025**.

VISA INFORMATION

As of the latest guidelines from the Philippine Bureau of Immigration and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), nationals from most countries may enter the Philippines without a visa for tourism or business purposes for a stay of up to 30 days, provided they have:

- A passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond their intended stay, and
- A return or onward ticket.

Citizens from countries not covered by the visa exemption policy must secure a visa prior to entering the Philippines, regardless of the purpose or duration of stay.

All foreign participants attending MOP12 in the Philippines are required to comply with the applicable Philippine visa regulations. Participants attending for official or conference-related purposes may apply for a 9(a) Temporary Visitor Visa, selecting “Business/Conference” as the purpose of travel.

For the list of visa-exempt countries and visa application guidelines, please refer to the Philippine Bureau of Immigration website via link: <https://dfa.gov.ph/list-of-countries-for-21-day-visa>.

For visa assistance, such as issuance of invitation letters or related inquiries, please contact the EAAFP Secretariat at mop12@eaaflyway.net.

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Airport

The Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA) serves as the primary gateway to the venue. The airport is approximately 20 minutes by car from Shangri-La Mactan, Cebu.

Flights

It is recommended to check for direct flights to Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA) for your convenience. If direct flights to MCIA are not available from your location, you may consider flying into Ninoy Aquino International Airport (MNL) in Manila, where connecting flights to Cebu are frequent and readily available.

Arrival and Departure Requirements

Visitors arriving in and departing from the Philippines are required to register on eTravel, a web-based platform for immigration, health surveillance, and customs. Registration can be done within 72 hours prior to the travel date. To access, visit <https://etravel.gov.ph/> or download the eGovPH app from App Store or Google Play.

Transportation Options in Cebu

- **Airport Taxi or Ride-Hailing Applications:** Approximate fare to Shangri-La Mactan ranges from PHP 400 to 600 or USD 7 to 11.
- **Hotel Airport Shuttle:** Contact Shangri-La Mactan or your booked hotel directly for shuttle service availability and pricing.

When using a taxi, kindly ensure the driver uses the meter or agrees on the fare in advance to avoid overcharging.

Ride-Hailing Applications Available in Cebu



Grab



Indrive



Joyride

All apps are available on both Android and iOS. It is recommended to download and set up an account ahead of your trip.

For Grab users, you can link Kakao Pay, Alipay, or AlipayHK as alternative payment methods to credit cards. Besides ride-hailing, Grab also offers food delivery services.

For safety reasons, it is recommended to book a taxi or car rather than a motorcycle for your transportation.

VENUE

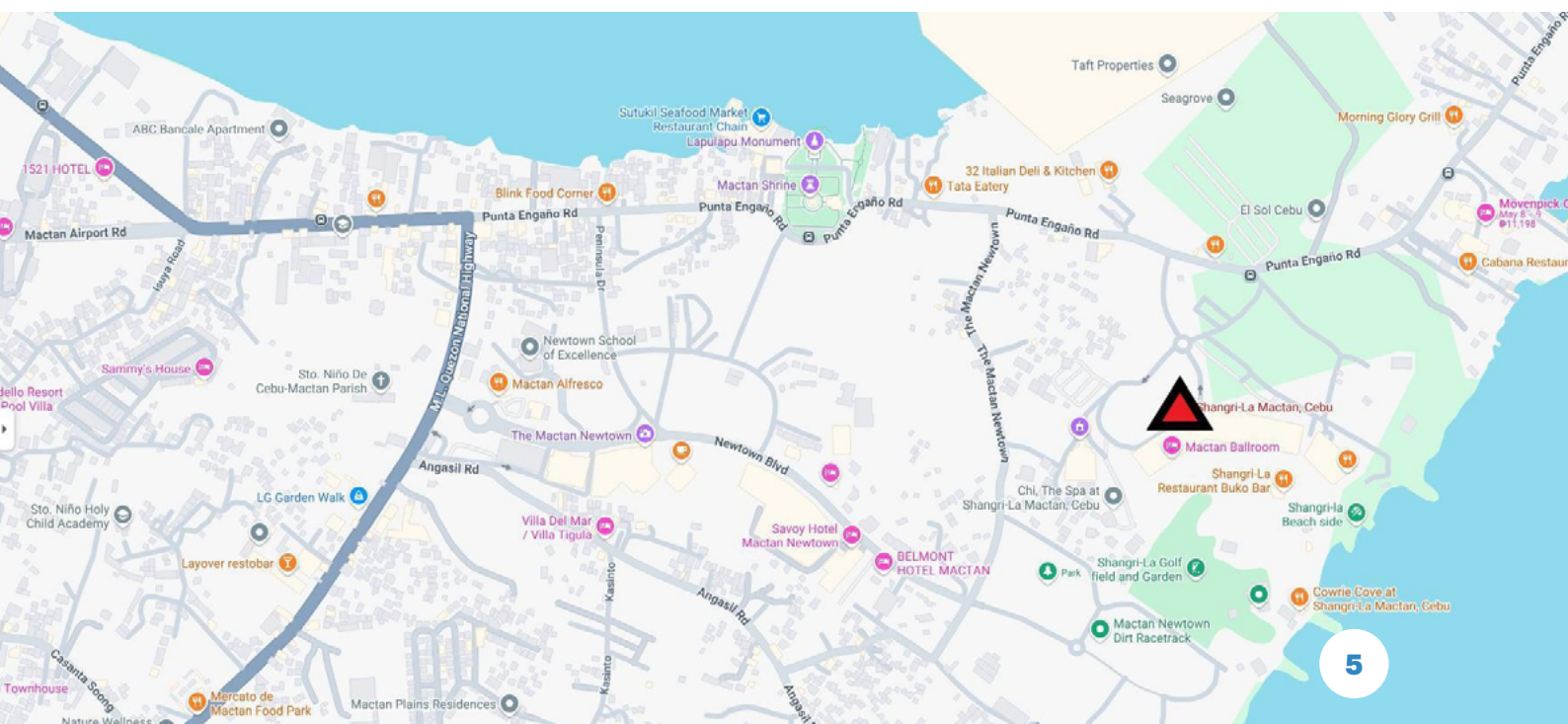
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HOTEL INFORMATION

Self-funded participants are responsible for arranging and settling all accommodation and incidental expenses directly with their chosen hotel. Sponsored participants are advised to contact the Secretariat directly to coordinate their accommodation details.

When planning your stay, please note that MOP12 will officially commence on Monday, 10 November 2025, with pre-MOP events scheduled over the preceding weekend.

Shangri-La Mactan, Cebu

A special rate has been arranged for MOP12 participants at Shangri-La Mactan, Cebu. To avail of these rates, participants may indicate that they are attending the **EAAFP MOP12** when making their reservation.

Special Room Rates (inclusive of taxes and other charges) for MOP12 at Shangri-La Mactan:

Room Type	Single / Double
Deluxe Room / Premier Room	PHP 8,592.50 / USD 151 per night
Deluxe Seaview Room	PHP 10,433.75 / USD 183 per night
Ocean Club Room	PHP 14,730.00 / USD 258 per night
Veranda Suite	PHP 27,005.00 / USD 474 per night
Panorama Suite	PHP 30,073.75 / USD 527 per night

Room availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. Early booking is highly encouraged.

Alternative Nearby Hotels:

If you prefer other accommodation options, the following nearby hotels within 5 kilometers from the venue may be considered:

Hotel	Star Rating	Distance from the venue in kilometers	Estimated travel time to the venue in minutes	Regular Rates Start at
Be Resort Mactan Address: Punta Engaño Rd, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu Phone: (032) 236 8888 https://beresortmactan.com/	★ ★ ★	1.1 km	3 mins	approx. PHP 4,700 / USD 85 per night
Savoy Hotel Mactan Newtown Address: The Mactan Newtown, Newtown Blvd, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu Phone: (032) 494 4000 https://www.savoyhotelmactan.com.ph/en	★ ★ ★ ★	1.3 km	4 mins	approx. PHP 4,700 / USD 85 per night
Belmont Hotel Mactan Address: 8248+P6P The Mactan Newtown, Newtown Blvd, Lapu-Lapu City, 6015 Cebu Phone: (032) 520 4100 https://www.belmontmactan.com.ph/	★ ★ ★ ★	2.3 km	8 mins	approx. PHP 6,000 / USD 105 per night
Chateau by the Sea Address: 827G+XMP, Barangay Buot, Punta Engaño, Lapu-Lapu City, 6015 Cebu Phone: (032) 505 7701 https://chateaubythesea.com.ph/	★ ★ ★ ★	1.5 km	5 mins	approx. PHP 8,000 / USD 140 per night

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Mövenpick Cebu Address: Mactan Island, Punta Engaño Rd, Lapu-Lapu City, 6015 Cebu Phone: (032) 252 7777 https://movenpick.accor.com/en/asia/philippines/cebu/hotel-mactan-island-cebu.html	★★★★★	0.7 km	3 mins	approx. PHP 10,000 / USD 175 per night

SHUTTLE SERVICE TO/FROM VENUE

A shuttle service will be provided for participants booked at nearby hotels. Designated pick-up and drop-off points will be arranged to ensure convenient access to the venue.

Further details regarding the schedule and locations will be shared closer to the event date.

FIELD TRIP

OLANGO ISLAND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY [EAAF007]

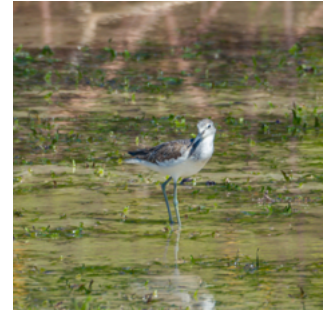
Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary (OIWS) [EAAF007], the Philippines' first Flyway Network Site, is a low-lying island surrounded by extensive intertidal sandflats, mangroves, seagrass beds, coral reefs, and islets. Recognised for its ecological importance, it is one of the ten Ramsar sites in the Philippines designated as Wetlands of International Importance under the Convention on Wetlands.

For your comfort and safety during the field trip to OIWS, it is recommended to wear appropriate clothing that provides protection from both the sun and rain. Comfortable, lightweight, and quick-drying clothes are ideal.

Rubber-soled footwear is strongly recommended as it provides better grip on potentially uneven or slippery boardwalks and helps minimise noise while walking along the paths.

Please remember to bring hats or umbrellas for additional sun and rain protection.

Further details about the field trip will be shared as soon as they are available.



LANGUAGE

The official language of MOP12 will be **English**.

DOCUMENTS

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session workshop documents, as no additional hard copies will be provided on site. Printer access will be limited, so the use of electronic copies is encouraged. All documents will be available for download on the dedicated [MOP12](#) meeting webpage.

DRESS CODE

Participants are expected to wear business casual attire throughout the event. For the welcome reception, participants are encouraged to wear cultural or traditional attire representing their country or region.

WEATHER AND TIME ZONE

Cebu has a tropical climate, characterised by warm and humid conditions throughout the year. In November, participants can expect average temperatures between 25–30°C. While it is generally the tail end of the rainy season, occasional rain showers may still occur, so participants are advised to bring light rain gear or an umbrella.

Time Zone: Philippine Standard Time (PST) – UTC+8

HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

COVID-19

The Philippines no longer requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or quarantine for inbound travellers. All passengers are admitted regardless of vaccination status.

Yellow Fever & Other Vaccines

No special vaccinations are required for general entry. Yellow fever vaccination is only mandatory if you are arriving from a yellow fever–endemic country

On-site Medical Support

Shangri-La Mactan provides an on-call doctor for guests. Nearby medical facilities include the following:

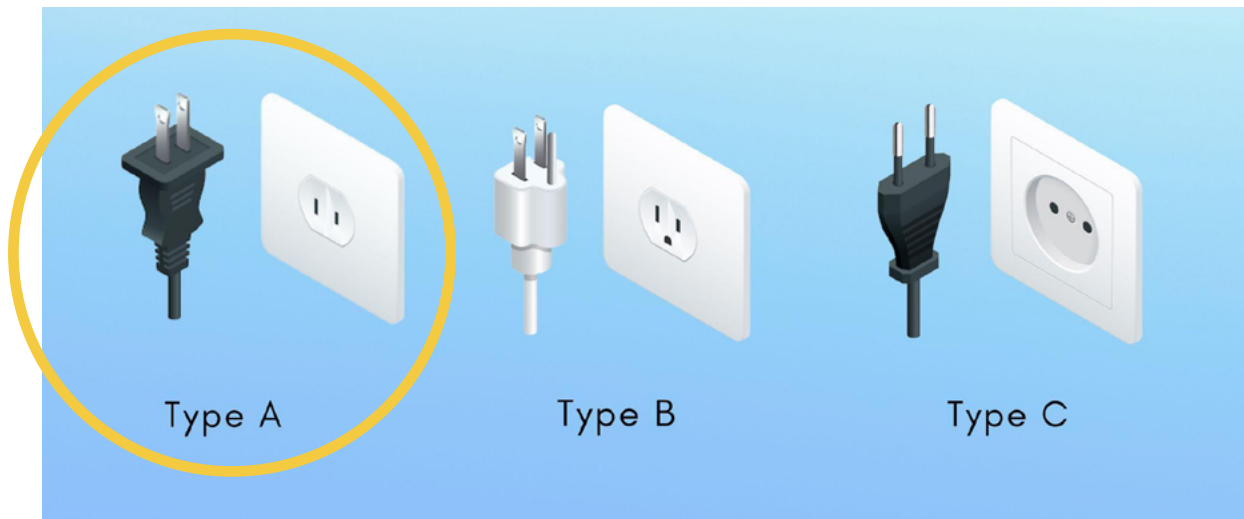
- **Mactan Doctors' Hospital:** <https://cdg.cebudocgroup.com.ph/> | Email: info@cebudocgroup.com.ph | Phone: +63 032 239-7002 to 7016
- **Chong Hua Hospital Mandaue:** <https://www.chonghua.com.ph/> | Email: info_mandaue@chonghua.com.ph | Phone: +63 032 233-8000

Sun & Heat Safety

Participants are advised to take sun protection measures by wearing sunglasses, applying sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher, and staying well-hydrated.

ELECTRICITY

The standard electrical voltage in the Philippines is 220V, with a frequency of 60Hz. Power plugs used are typically Type A, Type B, and Type C, though Type A (two flat parallel pins) is the most commonly used. Participants from countries using different plug types are advised to bring a suitable power plug adapter.



CURRENCY

Currency

The official currency of the Philippines is the Philippine Peso (PHP). As of May 13, 2025, the exchange rate is approximately:

$$1 \text{ USD} = 55.73 \text{ PHP}$$

Please note that exchange rates may fluctuate.

Currency Exchange and ATMs

Currency exchange services are available at major airports, hotels, banks, and malls throughout Cebu.

ATMs are widely accessible and accept major international cards, including Visa, MasterCard, Cirrus, and Maestro.

Credit cards such as American Express, MasterCard, Visa, and JCB are commonly accepted in hotels, restaurants, and larger retail establishments.

However, it is advisable to carry some local currency (Philippine Peso) for small purchases, transportation, and locations where card payments may not be accepted.

BUSINESS HOURS

Most establishments are open daily from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Convenience stores and some restaurants operate 24/7.

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY

Cebu is generally considered a safe destination for travellers. For emergencies, dial 911 for police, fire, or ambulance services.

- Cebu City Command Center: 166 or 262-1424, 0932 537 7770, 0917 839 9896
- Cebu City Fire Station: 0942 790 7907, (032) 256 0541, (032) 256 0542

DISCLAIMER

The EAAFP Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident, or travel insurance; compensation for death, disability, or loss; or any personal or property damages incurred during travel or attendance.

Participants are strongly advised to secure international medical and travel insurance covering the entire duration of their travel and attendance prior to departure from their home country.

EXPLORE THE PHILIPPINES

We warmly encourage all participants to extend their stay and immerse themselves in the Philippines' unparalleled natural beauty, vibrant culture, and renowned hospitality. Cebu, known as the "Queen City of the South," offers a wealth of experiences, from its historic landmarks and delicious local cuisine to world-class beaches and dive spots. Check out the Cebu City virtual tour here: <https://mata.ph/cebu/>.

For travel inspiration and planning in Cebu and beyond, visit <https://thephilippines.online/> to explore the unique attractions and adventures the Philippines has to offer.

The Philippines is also a paradise for birdwatching enthusiasts, offering numerous sites that showcase its remarkable avian biodiversity, including over 250 endemic bird species. To learn more about these species, explore the [Philippines Country Factsheet](#) by BirdLife International (2025). For information on premier birdwatching locations, visit birdwatch.ph.



MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

The EAAFP Secretariat wishes to extend its heartfelt gratitude to our host, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines, for their unwavering support, dedication, and hard work in preparing for the 12th Meeting of Partners of EAAFP.

Their commitment and close collaboration have been instrumental in shaping what promises to be a meaningful and successful event. We are deeply appreciative of the efforts made by the entire team on the ground in the Philippines, whose local knowledge, logistical coordination, and warm hospitality have been key to ensuring a welcoming and productive environment for all participants.





THANK YOU

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