



## **World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) Small Grant 2025 Application Form**

**WMBD Small Grant 2025 for East Asian–Australasian Flyway**

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## About World Migratory Bird Day 2025

World Migratory Bird Day (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 2025, WMBD will be held on 10 May and 11 October. This year, the theme is “Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities”.** The EAAFP Secretariat encourages Partners to celebrate WMBD twice a year.

## Introduction of EAAFP WMBD 2025 Small Grant

The Small Grant for 2025 World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has been established to provide financial support to [EAAFP Partners](#), [Task Forces](#), [Working Groups](#), and NGOs who plan to organize **public events and/or conservation action-oriented workshops** at national or local levels through participating in 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 the local language that aims to raise awareness of the need for conserving migratory waterbirds and the value of their habitats in the East Asian–Australasian Flyway.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants who plan to organize an event to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2025 need to be **based in 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 the 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 this in the budget session. Applications with similar content (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 the EAAFP WMBD 2025 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 your application as early as possible.

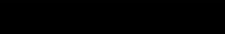
The deadline for application is **7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**. Please submit your application to the Communications Officer via email (Word or PDF document) to [secretariat@eaaflyway.net](mailto:secretariat@eaaflyway.net) and [communication@eaaflyway.net](mailto:communication@eaaflyway.net).

After the Secretariat receives your application, the approval of successful proposals is made by the Secretariat. Applicants will hear the result within two weeks after the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Successful applicants have the responsibility to help translate the World Migratory Bird Day materials into their own languages. These translations will be shared on the World Migratory Bird Day website (<https://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/>).

Date of Application: 03.04.2025

**Applicant Contact Information**

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|    | Name of applicant:   | DR. Jarin Tasnim  |
| a. | Name of the organisation:  | Sylhet Agricultural University  |
| b. | Applicant's position and division in the organisation                  | Research Assistant at Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, Sylhet Agricultural University, Sylhet - 3100  |
| c. | Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify): | Sylhet Agricultural University is an autonomous public university in Bangladesh   |
| d. | Email:   |   |
| e. | Postal address:  |   |
| f. | Office phone numbers:  |   |
| g. | Applicant's mobile number:   |   |
| h. | Website of organisation:   | N/A   |
| i. | Additional contact person  | Dr. Tilak Chandra Nath<br>Chairman & Associate Professor<br>Department of Parasitology<br>Faculty of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, Sylhet Agricultural University, Sylhet – 3100<br>Cell: <br>Mail: |

 Please check if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.
**1.1 Supporter Information**

|    |  |                                |
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|    | Name of supporter:   | DR. Md. Shahriar Rahman        |
| a. | Name of the organisation:  | Sylhet Agricultural University |
| b. | Supporter's position and division in the organisation                  |                                |
| c. | Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify): |                                |
| d. | Email:   |                                |
| e. | Postal address:  |                                |
| f. | Office phone numbers:  |                                |
| g. | Supporter's mobile number:   |                                |
| h. | Website of organisation:   |                                |
| i. | Additional contact person:   |                                |

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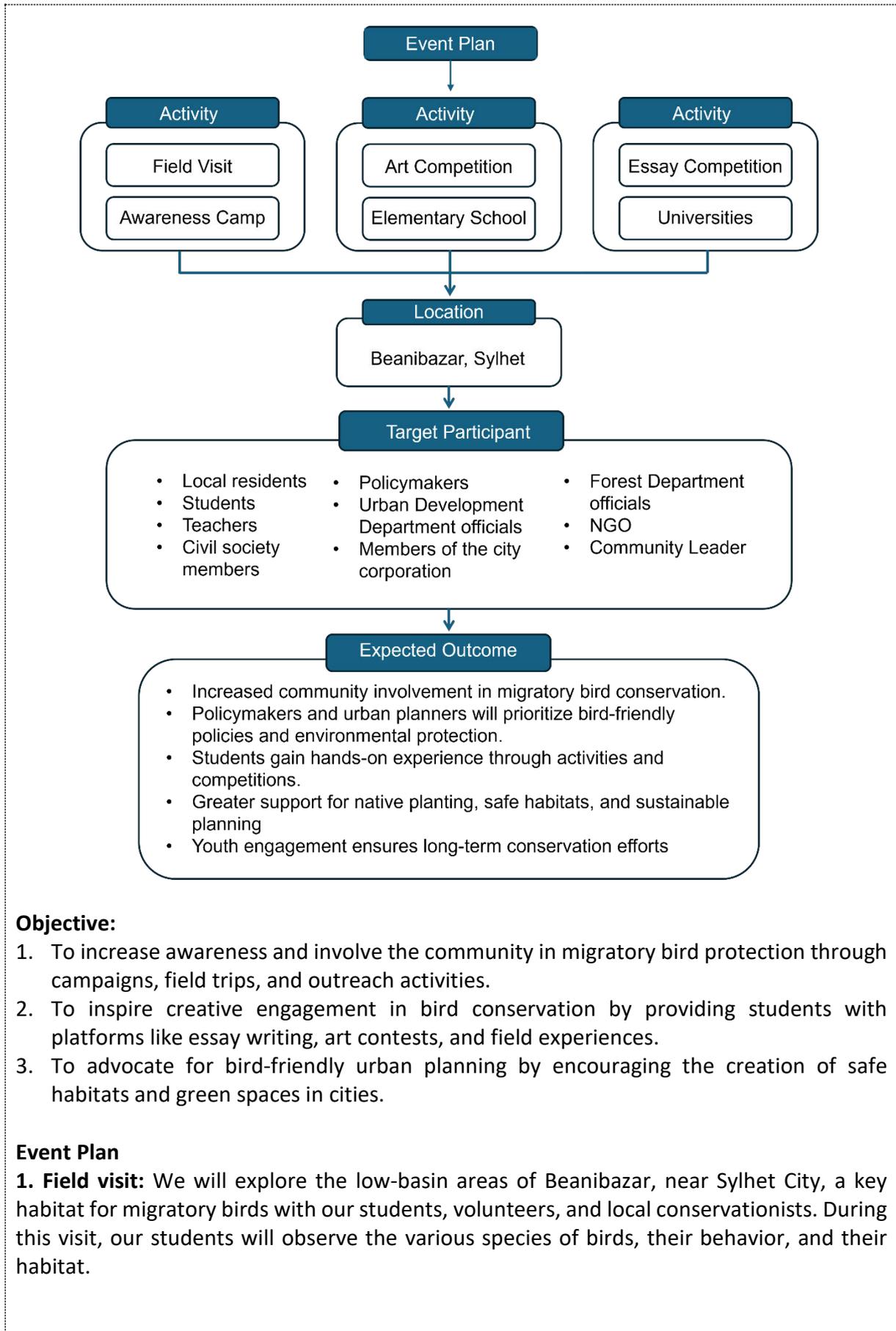
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**1. Proposed Event Plan and Expected Outcome (*Please check the relevant categories of your proposed event*)**

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Public awareness activity — local and/or national | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Birdwatching — field trip                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Monitoring/survey — field trip                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Educational activity/lecture                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Festival  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Media Event                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Movie/video                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Others – specify                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**2.1 Please specify your proposed event plan and expected outcomes**

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| Title of event:  | Raising public awareness through campaign and educational initiatives for migratory bird-friendly cities and communities in Sylhet division, Bangladesh.   |
| Date of event:   | 10 May 2025 (Tentative)  |
| Organisers:  | Department of Parasitology, Sylhet Agricultural University in collaboration with KDCA-SAU Youth Club and Parasite Resource Bank (PRB), Bangladesh  |
| Target participants:   | Local residents, students, teachers, civil society members, NGO representatives, policymakers, officials from the urban development department, forest department, the mayor, and members of the city corporation and union parishads. |
| Expected number of participants:   | 700  |
| Sylhet Division of Bangladesh experiences the annual migration of thousands of migratory birds. However, the rapid pace of urbanization, widespread deforestation, filling of wetland areas, and unplanned development of structures have significantly altered the flyways and natural habitats that once welcomed these birds. The need for conservation and awareness has never been more urgent. Without immediate conservation efforts, the seasonal spectacle of migratory birds in the Sylhet division may soon become a thing of the past. |  |



**Objective:**

1. To increase awareness and involve the community in migratory bird protection through campaigns, field trips, and outreach activities.
2. To inspire creative engagement in bird conservation by providing students with platforms like essay writing, art contests, and field experiences.
3. To advocate for bird-friendly urban planning by encouraging the creation of safe habitats and green spaces in cities.

**Event Plan**

**1. Field visit:** We will explore the low-basin areas of Beanibazar, near Sylhet City, a key habitat for migratory birds with our students, volunteers, and local conservationists. During this visit, our students will observe the various species of birds, their behavior, and their habitat.

**2. Awareness campaign:** An awareness campaign will bring together local residents, students, teachers, civil society members, NGO representatives, policymakers, officials from the urban development department, forest department, the mayor, and members of the city corporation and union parishads. The event will feature a discussion on the challenges migratory birds face due to human activities and urban expansion, emphasizing the need for conservation and the development of bird-friendly spaces in our communities. The campaign will inspire people to plant native flowers and gardens, making cities safer for migratory birds. It will also highlight the importance of working together locally and globally to include green spaces and water areas in urban planning. School students will be invited to share their knowledge and express their creativity through an interactive art program.

**3. Essay competition:** We will circulate an online essay competition where the students from the universities can participate and write essays under the theme of “The Role of Cities and Communities in Protecting Migratory Birds”. This will be further evaluated by our university teachers and the best entries will be awarded.

**4. Developing educational outreach materials:** We will disseminate the Bengali print poster created by EAAFP with the WMBD 2025 theme to further enhance our outreach efforts and promote a unified conservation message. Photos of WMBD 2025 Ambassador Birds and threatened migratory birds along with bird-friendly cities and communities will be displayed.

#### Expected Outcome

1. Local residents, students, and policymakers will understand the importance of protecting migratory birds and their habitats, leading to increased community involvement in conservation efforts.
2. The field visit, essay competition, and art contest will provide students with direct experience and creative ways to engage with bird conservation.
3. More people will be encouraged to plant native flowers, create safe habitats, and support sustainable urban planning for migratory birds.
4. Policymakers, urban planners, and community leaders will be more aware of the need for bird-friendly policies and environmental protection in city planning.
5. Educational outreach and youth engagement will help sustain conservation efforts, inspiring future generations to protect migratory birds.

## 2. Proposed Event Budget Plan

Please specify budget plan of your proposed event

Total: 1000 USD

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

Budget breakdown:

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| Venue Rent, Campaign arrangement and maintenance          | 200 USD |
| Transportation Cost                                       | 100 USD |
| Snacks for Participant                                    | 250 USD |
| Leaflets (2000), Posters (2000), Banner (1), T-Shirt (30) | 300 USD |
| Prize for winners of essay and art competition            | 75 USD  |
| Keynote Speakers and Presenter                            | 75 USD  |

**3. Can you support translating the WMBD materials into your language?**

Yes  No

With the 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:**

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| Report deadline:      | <b>No later than 24 May 2025 or within two weeks after the event(s).</b>  |
| Required information: | Name of organiser(s), target participants, programme, outcome summary and finance supporting documents  |
| Submit to:            | EAAFP Secretariat via email (Word or PDF document) at <a href="mailto:secretariat@eaaflyway.net">secretariat@eaaflyway.net</a> and <a href="mailto:communication@eaaflyway.net">communication@eaaflyway.net</a> |

**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.**

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| Full name:   |  |
| Name of the organisation:                                      |  |
| Name(s) of the division and/or position:                       |  |
| Type of organisation —<br>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 check if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.

**1.2 Event Title**

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**1.3 Event Location — Where did your event take place?**

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

**1.4 Event Type — Check the relevant categories below.**

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| Public awareness activity — local and/or national: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Field trip (e.g. Birdwatching):                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Monitoring/survey:                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Educational activity/lecture:                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Festival:  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Media event (e.g., press release):                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Movie/video:                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Others — specify: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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1.5 Event Organiser — Who were organiser and/or sponsor for your event?

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                           |                     |
| <b>Total number of participants</b>        |                     |

1.7 Outcome — What is the outcome from your event?

1.8 Any additional comments? (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                       |     |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |     |

\*Please keep the receipt in case auditing is needed.

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

|                     |  |
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| 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 for publication on the EAAFP website.
- Post the printed poster to the EAAFP Secretariat if you can and have one available.
- Take plenty of photos of events or activities featuring the WMBD poster and send us these photos in .jpg or .png format; and videos if you have any.
- The logos of WMBD and EAAFP must be displayed on all your printed and digital promotional materials.