



## 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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| Type of the organisation - Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other | NGO   |
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| Additional contact person (optional)                           | Gankhuyag Purev-Ochir<br>Director of Mongolian Bird Conservation Center<br>[REDACTED]<br>[REDACTED] |
| Date of submission   |   |

#### 1.2 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

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|---------------------------|---|
| Name of country           | Mongolia                                  |
| Name of city              | Dashbalbar soum, Dornod Province          |
| Name of event place/venue | Dashbalbar Soum Elmentary school building |

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

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| The event was organized by the Mongolian Bird Conservation Center with support from Mr. Bazorig, a geography teacher at Dashbalbar soum school. Guest lecturer Ms. Odontuya (Odnoo), Executive Director of SLS Consulting LLC, also contributed by delivering an engaging talk on nature tourism, bird-friendly cities, and conservation, sharing her expertise and passion for environmental education. |
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#### 1.4 Target Audience - Who were the participants for your event?

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| School students, teachers or parents       | + (~100) |
| University students                        | + (2)    |
| Researchers, scientist                     | + (4)    |
| birdwatchers                               | + (2)    |
| Site managers for flyway site and wetlands | + (2)    |
| Decision or policy makers                  | -        |



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| Media            | 0 |
| Others – specify |   |

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

Approximately 110 people

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

| Activity 1. Lecture   | Comment  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation about World Migratory Bird Day [Bulgan]</li> <li>- Presentation about migratory birds [MBCC]</li> <li>- Presentation on bird-friendly cities and solutions [Odontuya]</li> <li>- Quiz competition (5 questions with prizes)</li> <li>- Campaign video screening – Open to all interested teachers and students of the general education school</li> </ul> | Participant : 2 class, 50 student (Elementary and middle school) |
| Activity 2. Nest hunting  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bird nest hunting</li> <li>- Discusion on how to identify birds</li> </ul>   | Participant : 20 students  |
| Activity 3. Ebird observation   |  |
| E bird observation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dashbalbar soum</li> <li>- Aong the Ulz river and Chukh lake</li> </ul>   | Participant: 5 people (MBCC specialist and volenteers)           |

**Section 3. BUDGET REPORT (Compulsory)**

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| Transportation (invited 9 school children with 3 teachers)            | \$300 |
| Transportation (2 ornithologists from Chukh by public bus)            | \$50  |
| Birdwatching checklist printing (1 page for 20 people)                | \$10  |
| T-shirts for organizers and participants of bird watching (20 people) | \$300 |
| One day accommodation (invited 9 schoolchildren with 3 teachers)      | \$300 |
| Gifts for the competition participants                                | \$50  |

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

hosted the World Migratory Bird Day 2025 celebration under the theme “Shared Spaces: The Birds and Their Homes” in Dashbalbar soum, Dornod Province, Eastern Mongolia. This was the first WMBD event conducted in this remote village (population ~3,200),

aiming to reach underserved communities with limited access to environmental education.

The event focused on youth engagement through interactive learning and hands-on birdwatching activities. The program was specifically designed to promote awareness about migratory birds and their habitats, breeding biology, and the significance of conservation in both urban and rural settings. The venue for the activities was the school hall of Dashbalbar soum school, which committed to supporting the event.

#### Activities

##### Activity 1. Nest Exploration & Outdoor Bird Activities

Date: 10 May 2025

Participants: 20 people

Students participated in a bird nest monitoring walk around the village, where they learned to identify local breeding bird species and observed their nests in the wild. Fun and interactive outdoor sessions covered bird identification, migration patterns, and bird conservation concepts. Although no active nests were found at that time, participants discovered eight Barn Swallow nests and one House Sparrow nest within the village.



Image 1. Small bird observation in the Dashbalbar soum



Image 2. Barn swallow nest



Image 3-4. We used go pro to check what's inside the nest

#### Activity 2. Bird Observation using eBird

On 10 May 2025, to mark World Migratory Bird Day, a bird survey was conducted at Chukh Lake and Dashbalbar soum, Dornod Province, Mongolia. Participating students actively contributed to a global bird count by recording bird sightings on the eBird platform as part of the celebration event. Over the course of nearly 12 hours, three observers documented a total of 70 bird species. Highlights included globally threatened species such as the Swan Goose, White-naped Crane, Ferruginous Duck, Falcated Duck, and the critically endangered Far Eastern Curlew. Large flocks of waterbirds were also observed, including 466 Eurasian Coots and 118 Common Pochards. The diversity of raptors, cranes, shorebirds, and passerines underscored the importance of Chukh Lake as a key migratory stopover site in eastern Mongolia.



Image 5. Lake bird observation

### Activity 3. Educational Lecture

Venue: Dashbalbar soum school classes

Participant: ~60 schoolchildren, teachers, and rangers

We delivered lectures on birdwatching, the importance of WMBD, and the breeding biology of urban birds. The lecture was followed by a Q&A session, allowing students to interact directly with bird experts. This session helped build foundational understanding and sparked curiosity in students about birds and their ecological roles.



Image 6. Middle school students of Dashbalbar soum



Image 7. Elementary school students of Dashbalbar soum

#### Recognition and Rewards

All participants received a calendar featuring bird species as a token of appreciation for their involvement. The calendar included images and information about key migratory birds found in the Mongol Daguur region, helping to extend awareness beyond the event itself. Additionally, students who showed outstanding participation during the birdwatching and educational activities were acknowledged with small prizes such as stationery.



Image 8. Students holding calendars and stationery prizes

Through this WMBD 2025 event, MBCC will bring together children from rural areas, creating a platform for shared learning and cross-regional friendships centered around bird conservation. It will help build a long-lasting connection between the next generation and nature, especially in areas where such programs have never been implemented before.

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

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| Name of Photo/Video | Image 1-7   |
| Photo/Video         | All photos attached to the email  |
| Credit info         | MBCC  |
| Link                | <a href="https://www.instagram.com/chukh_bird_research_station/">https://www.instagram.com/chukh_bird_research_station/</a> |

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

**1- Improved Knowledge on Birds**

Children gained valuable knowledge about birds, particularly their breeding biology. They learned more about breeding passerines near their hometowns. We also encouraged students from different soums to observe swallow nests in their local areas as part of an extended citizen science activity.

**2. Small Event in the Capital City**

Our volunteers, who also served as a co-lecturer during the main event, held a small talk in Ulaanbaatar about bird conservation and her volunteer experience at the Chukh

Bird Research Station. As part of this session, she presented a slideshow on “Bird-Friendly Cities.” Ten people attended the talk.

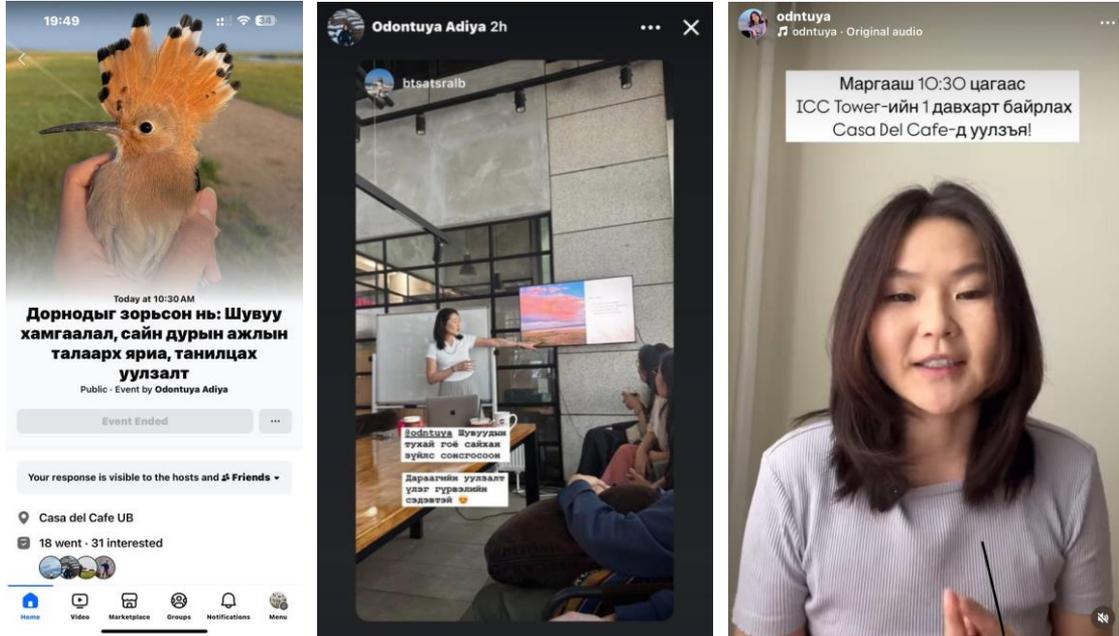


Photo. Event documentation photos

Link:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/984089353749373/?acontext=%7B%22event\\_action\\_history%22%3A%7B%22surface%22%3A%22home%22%7D%2C%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22attachment%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%7D%2C%22ref\\_notif\\_type%22%3Anull%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/984089353749373/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22surface%22%3A%22home%22%7D%2C%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22attachment%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%7D%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D)

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.