



## **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: April 7, 2025

**1. Applicant Contact Information**

	Name of applicant:	Queenie R. Agdalipe
a	Name of the organisation:	People Against False Solutions/ Green Eco - Warriors
b	Applicant's position and division in the organisation	Lead Convenor, People Against False Solutions Author and Illustrator for MoP12 event of EAAFP/ Partnerships and Grants Officer – Mangrove Matters PH
c	Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	Member, Green Eco - warriors NGO/ Youth – led organization
d	Email:	[REDACTED]
e	Postal address:	[REDACTED]
f	Office phone numbers:	[REDACTED]
g	Applicant's mobile number:	[REDACTED]
h	Website of organisation:	[REDACTED]

i. Additional contact person	

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

**1.1 Supporter Information**

Name of supporter:	Ninya Sarmiento
a. Name of the organisation:	EcoWaste Coalition
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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**2. 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 type="checkbox"/>
Others – specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Title of event:	Wings & Waves: A Coastal Celebration with Fisherfolk for World Migratory Bird Day
Date of event:	May 10 – 11, 2025
Organisers:	People Against False Solutions and Green Eco – Warriors

Target participants:	Small – scale fisherfolk, local youth ( 12 – 30 y.o)
Expected number of participants:	SSF ( 5 ); 35 youth campers

*Event objectives and plan (max. 500 words):*

**Objectives:**

- To raise awareness among coastal communities, especially youth, about the importance of migratory birds and their connection to sustainable fisheries.
- To foster collaboration between youth and local artisanal fishers, recognizing their vital role as the backbone of coastal communities and the archipelagic country, my home – the Philippines.
- To provide educational materials and resources about migratory birds and the ecosystems they rely on, focusing on their impact on local fisheries as well as ecosystem services.
- To build a sense of community and shared responsibility among youth and fisherfolk for the protection of marine and coastal ecosystems, of which migratory birds are also dependent on.

**People Against False Solutions (PAFS) is a youth – led and newly established organization, funded by EcoWaste Coalition and the Plastic Solutions fund, which has become the frontliner in the local fight against Waste – to – Energy Incineration in Iloilo City, Iloilo. Green Eco Warriors is a community – led environmental organization championing green and sustainable activities in Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, which is a widely coastal community dependent on agriculture and fisheries. Both are committed to empowering the next generation of environmental stewards and uplifting the role of artisanal fishers in sustainable practices, which are often overlooked in the road towards true conservation. This event seeks to deepen the understanding of the interconnectedness between migratory birds conservation and the health of our fisheries, while also honoring the cultural and practical contributions of artisanal fishers to our society.**

**Event Description:** The event will take place over the course of a weekend camping trip in a coastal area in *Barangay Talauguis, Zarraga, Iloilo* known for its biodiversity, particularly migratory birds where *Egret, Philippine duck, or Black – winged stilt* are spotted amongst others. The schedule will blend educational workshops, interactive activities, and opportunities for dialogue between youth participants and artisanal fishers. The camp will cover:

- 1. Workshops & Discussions:**
  - **Understanding Migratory Birds:** An introduction to migratory bird species, their migration patterns, and the role they play in the coastal ecosystem. As the Partnerships and Grant officer of Mangrove Matters PH, I will leverage the IEC materials that we have already obtained from few PH Ramsar Sites as well as the EAAFP network, following our involvement as EAAFP Youth Task Force for the incoming MoP12 in Cebu, Philippines.
  - **Fisheries and Migratory Birds:** A deep dive into the connection between healthy bird populations and thriving fisheries, highlighting sustainable practices that benefit both.
  - **The Role of Artisanal Fishers:** A session dedicated to the history, traditions, and challenges faced by artisanal fishers, including the ways they can contribute to

ecosystem preservation. We want to give them a platform in conservation and knowledge sharing.

**2. Hands-on Activities:**

- **Birdwatching and Identification:** Guided birdwatching sessions to help participants identify migratory bird species and understand their role in the ecosystem.
- **Eco-friendly Fishing Techniques:** Fisherfolk-led demonstrations on sustainable fishing practices and discussions on how local fishing communities can be key players in environmental conservation.

**3. Community Engagement:**

- **Dialogue with Local Artisanal Fishers:** Fisherfolk will share their experiences, challenges, and strategies for balancing livelihood with conservation efforts.
- **Youth-Fisherfolk Collaboration:** A collaborative activity where youth and fisherfolk can exchange ideas and create a community action plan for local conservation efforts.

**4. Closing Ceremony:**

- Participants will draft a collective **Youth Declaration** on the importance of protecting coastal ecosystems and fisheries, and preserving a home for migratory birds.
- Distribution of **IEC Materials** to schools, local communities, and local government units, spreading the message of migratory bird conservation and sustainable fisheries.

This event aims to cultivate a generation of young environmental leaders who understand the importance of migratory birds and fisheries and recognize the vital contributions of artisanal fishers to the sustainability of their coastal communities – knowing that we share an interconnected life system, and are stewards of the environment.

### 3. 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:

Transportation	200 USD
Accommodation ( Tents )	200 USD
Birdwatching guide honorarium	100 USD
Speaker Honorarium including Fisherfolk	200 USD

Food for organizers, campers, and small – scale fisherfolk	200 USD
IEC Materials	100 USD
<i>Other support from EcoWaste Coalition:  Speakers coming from Manila ( they will cover their own expenses )</i>	<i>300 USD ( from external funding )</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000 USD</b>

#### 4. 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:

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>