

Small Grant Fund for EAAFP Working Groups ask Forces

2025 Application Form

A. Details of Applicant

Institution/ organisation:	EAAFP YOUTH TASK FORCE		
Contact Details Name:	Miss	Teepol	Batrisyia
	Mr./Ms./Dr.	Family Name	Given Name
Position:	Vice Chair		
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Brief Background of the Institution/ organisation	<p><i>Please include relevant experience in wetlands and waterbird conservation, local community engagement, etc. Add website and social media links if available.</i></p> <p>The EAAFP (East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership) Youth Task Force serves as the youth counterpart of the EAAFP. Recognizing the critical role of migratory waterbirds in global biodiversity, the youth task force brings together young advocates, researchers, and conservationists from countries across the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. Committed to proactive measures in protecting their habitats, it operates at a flyway level through awareness raising, policy advocacy, youth empowerment, research and development, community engagement, and youth integration.</p>
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B. Prior Funding from EAAFP

N/A

C. Applicant's Membership of EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces

By ticking this box, you confirm your membership of a Working Group and/or Task Force of the EAAFP:

Please list the name/s of the WGs and TFs of which you are a member:

Youth Task Force, Shorebird Working Group

D. Relevant EAAFP Working Group or Task Force Chair/Coordinator - Details

Please contact the EAAFP Programme Coordinator at godwit@eaflyway.net if additional guidance is needed concerning this section.

Name of Working Group or Task Force: EAAFP Youth Task Force

Title of Chair/	Mr.	Tabilog	Matthew Vincent
Coordinator:	(Ms, Mr, etc.)	Family Name	Given Name/s

Email address of Chair/Coordinator: matthew.tabilog@gmail.com eaafpyouthtf@gmail.com

E. Project Proposal Details

Project Title: Please provide a concise and informative title of your entire project (not just the component for which EAAFP funds are sought)

Development of the EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan for 2025-2027

Project Duration: Please provide an approximate duration for your proposed project. This will help us to indicate the approximate reporting schedule.

July 11-13, 2025

Project Proposal:

Details of your entire project (not just the component for which EAAFP funds are sought)
(2.5 pages maximum)

1. Objectives:

1. To bring together the team heads and vice heads of the EAAFP Youth Task Force to foster active participation in developing the EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan for 2025-2027
2. To outline the plans and activities of the EAAFP Task Force for 2025-2027
3. To share current work and experiences in relation to youth empowerment and conservation on migratory birds and their habitat

2. Background: The EAAFP Youth Task Force is a newly established task force within the EAAFP. The Decision 10 of MOP11 highlighted the importance of youth mainstreaming within EAAFP, and its partner countries, organizations, and networks. To formally outline the plans and initiatives of the task force, it is ultimately important to develop the EAAFP Youth Task Force Workplan (2025-2027) which will serve as the foundation for the task force's responsibilities, future activities, and sustainability plan over the next three years.

3. Expected Outputs and Outcomes: *Please indicate the expected outputs and outcomes of this proposal. Refer to the guidance below:*

Outputs: Tangible and measurable products or deliverables as a direct result of the project activities such as the number of signages produced, number of consultations/workshops/meetings, reports and materials created, etc.

Outcomes: Long-term impact or benefits of the proposed activities such as up-to-date species population data, improved awareness of waterbird conservation, forged or strengthened relationships with indigenous and local communities, development of conservation actions, etc.

Outputs:

1. EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan (2025 -2027): A comprehensive plan outlining the aims, objectives, vision, goals, actions and/or activities and/or programs, schedule, indicators, etc.
2. Skill sharing workshop presentation: A collection of presentations for knowledge levelling and capacity building sharing on youth initiatives related to conservation of migratory birds.
3. Networking opportunities: Participants will gather in person for the first time, providing potential collaborations among Youth Members and/or partnerships with EAAFP.

Outcomes:

1. Enhanced collaboration: As all Youth members will be meeting for the first time, this provides a platform for participants to strengthen their relationship with EAAFP and among task force members to facilitate collaborative initiatives for the work plan.
2. Knowledge sharing and capacity building: Common ground on knowledge and skill presentation among participants is built through sharing from different members. Conservation practices and initiatives are also shared through productive discussion, which enhances members' youth-led engagement to contribute meaningfully to the objectives of the work plan formulation.
3. Publication of work plan
The ultimate goal is to develop a clear direction to align the initiatives and actions with the EAAFP's strategy, such as the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019 - 2028 and the EAAFP CEPA Action Plan.

4. Project plan, timeline, and methods: *Please include the proposed timing of project implementation and completion, as well as the start and completion of fieldwork if applicable. Kindly also comment on the flexibility of the timeline of the project.*

July 11 - Arrival at Incheon
 July 12 - Crafting of the EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan (2025-2027)
 July 13-14 - Crafting and sending of the EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan to the EAAFP Youth Task Force Core Officers

PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAAFP YOUTH TASK FORCE WORK PLAN (2025-2027)

July 12:

Time	Activity	Team or Person/s-In-Charge
8:50-9:00	Registration	Pinyalak Satachaiwisit Secretariat and Finance Head EAAFP Youth Task Force

9:00-9:05	Welcome Remarks	Jennifer George Chief Executive EAAFP Secretariat
9:05-9:10	Rationale of the Activity	Batrisyia Teepol Vice-Chair EAAFP Youth Task Force
9:10-9:30	Ice Breaker	Knowledge and Capacity Building Heads
9:30-10:30	<p>Skill Sharing Session (hybrid)</p> <p>On the Youth-Led Conservation Efforts of Mangroves in the Philippines</p> <p>Youth for waterbirds: Education and Conservation of migratory waterbirds in Bangladesh</p> <p>Engaging Youth in Conservation: Environmental Education on Migratory Waterbirds and Their Habitats in Hong Kong</p> <p>(3 speakers, 20 minutes per presentation)</p>	<p>Matthew Vincent Tabilog Chair EAAFP Youth Task Force</p> <p>Naim Khandakar Research Vice Head EAAFP Youth Task Force</p> <p>Sung Ka Chun, Jacky Research Head EAAFP Youth Task Force</p>
10:30-12:00	Formalizing the Terms of Reference	Matthew Vincent Tabilog Chair EAAFP Youth Task Force
12:00-13:00	Networking Lunch	
13:00-14:30	<p>Workshop (in 3 groups):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What should be the overarching vision for the EAAFP Youth Task Force? 2. What are the challenges and issues faced by the EAAFP Youth Task Force that need to be addressed? 3. What skills and knowledge do the youth need to effectively contribute to the goals of the EAAFP Youth Task Force? 4. Which organizations, institutions, and stakeholders should the EAAFP Youth Task Force collaborate with to fulfill its goals? 5. How can the EAAFP Youth Task Force support the initiatives of the EAAFP Secretariat? 6. How can the EAAFP Youth Task Force ensure its initiatives are sustainable after 2027? 	Faysal Ahmad Knowledge and Capacity Building Head EAAFP Youth Task Force
14:30-15:00	Presentation of answers per group	Faysal Ahmad Knowledge and Capacity Building Head EAAFP Youth Task Force
15:00-17:00	Brainstorming of the major highlights of the	Naim Khandakar Research Vice Head

	EAAFP Youth Task Force for 2025-2027	EAAFP Youth Task Force
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July 13:

Time	Activity	Team or Person/s-In-Charge
8:50- 9:00	Arrival/Registration	Pinyalak Satachaiwisit Secretariat and Finance Head EAAFP Youth Task Force
9:00-10:00	<p>Skill Sharing Session (hybrid)</p> <p>Research and conservation efforts on migratory shorebird in Sarawak</p> <p>Pak Thale Nature Reserve: Salt Pans Management for Shorebird Habitats in Thailand</p> <p>Trans-cooperation among Working Group and Task Forces with EAAFP Secretariat</p> <p>(3 speakers, 20 minutes per presentation)</p>	<p>Batrisyia Teepol Vice-Chair EAAFP Youth Task Force</p> <p>Pinyalak Satachaiwisit Secretariat and Finance Head EAAFP Youth Task Force</p> <p>Minjae Baek Communications Officer EAAFP Secretariat</p>
10:00-12:00	Session 1: Crafting the EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan (2025-2027)	<p>Batrisyia Teepol Vice-Chair EAAFP Youth Task Force</p> <p>Sung Ka Chun Research Head EAAFP Youth Task Force</p>
12:00-13:00	Networking Lunch	
13:00-15:30	Session 2: Crafting the EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan (2025-2027)	<p>Batrisyia Teepol Vice-Chair EAAFP Youth Task Force</p> <p>Sung Ka Chun Research Head EAAFP Youth Task Force</p>
15:30-16:00	Finalize and Crafting the Executive Summary of EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan (2025-2027)	Ray Leung Communications Head EAAFP Youth Task Force
16:00-17:00	Open Forum and Reviewing of the Work Plan	Matthew Vincent Tabilog Chair EAAFP Youth Task Force

5. Expected benefit to the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitat / or key research outputs:

In addressing this question, please also identify which EAAFP Key Result Areas the project will contribute to (see the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019 – 2028).

The EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan (2025-2027) development project established through this proposal will yield major advantages for migratory waterbirds and their habitats by enabling young professionals to actively participate in conservation programs. Through youth involvement the project advances national as well as site-level partnerships (KRA 1.2, Objective 1) and strengthens educational programs conducted by youth for CEPA initiatives (KRA 2.1 and 2.2, Objective 2) and enables youth monitoring programs as a part of nationally coordinated efforts (KRA 3.1, Objective 3). The project will boost collaborative

research together with innovative conservation methodologies (KRA 3.5, Objective 3) and establish flyway-wide waterbird migratory conservation initiatives directed by youth (KRA 5.1, Objective 5). The work outputs from the Youth Task Force Work Plan (2025-2027) consist of workshop documentation and youth-managed conservation initiatives such as monitoring programs combined with awareness-raising projects. The project adopts EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019-2028 to incorporate youth-driven initiatives into the Partnership's framework which enables the development of future conservation leadership dedicated to migratory waterbirds and their habitats.

6. Alignment with EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces priorities:

Please indicate which of the EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces objectives and priorities are addressed in this project.

This project, the Development of the EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan for 2025-2027, aligns with the objectives and priorities of the EAAFP Youth Task Force.

1. CEPA Working Group (Communication, Education, Participation, and Awareness)

The project supports the CEPA Working Group's mission to enhance education, outreach, and youth engagement in migratory waterbird conservation. It will involve activities such as workshops, campaigns, and the creation of youth-focused communication strategies to raise awareness and engage young conservationists in EAAFP's initiatives.

2. Species-Specific and Habitat-Focused Working Groups

The work plan will include activities such as scientific research, citizen science, and community-based habitat restoration, aligning with the goals of species-specific groups (e.g., Baer's Pochard, Spoon-billed Sandpiper, and Black-faced Spoonbill) and habitat-focused groups (e.g., Seabird and Shorebird Working Groups). These efforts will contribute to the conservation of migratory waterbird species and their habitats.

3. Policy and Advocacy Initiatives

The project will strengthen youth participation in policy advocacy for the protection of migratory waterbirds and their habitats. It aligns with the objectives of Task Forces focusing on legal frameworks and conservation policies. Through partnerships with government agencies, NGOs, and research institutions, the Youth Task Force will advocate for better policies at national and international levels.

4. Community Engagement and Youth Integration

The Youth Task Force work plan emphasizes collaboration with local communities in Flyway Network Sites, ensuring that conservation efforts are inclusive and sustainable. This directly supports Decision 10 of MOP11, which calls for stronger youth participation in EAAFP activities and youth representation in Working Groups and Task Forces, helping to integrate young leaders into EAAFP's governance structures.

5. The Sustainability of the EAAFP WG/TF

This project will provide Youth Task Force members with a deeper understanding of the Working Groups and Task Forces within EAAFP. In the future, this will enable them to join other WG/TFs based on their interests and skills. This initiative will be beneficial in maintaining leadership succession and ensuring the continuity of work within each WG/TF in EAAFP.

In summary, this project supports the broader goals of EAAFP Youth Task Force by fostering awareness, advocacy, research, and community participation in migratory waterbird conservation, with a specific focus on empowering youth as active contributors to these efforts.

7. Explain the part(s) of your project for which you are seeking EAAFP funds in this Application <i>(provide details in the Project Budget section below):</i>	<p>This fund will be used to gather the committee members of the Youth Task Force at EAAFP headquarters for in person discussion and development of the 2025-2027 work plan. Most of the expenses will be spent on transportation costs of the Youth Task Force Heads and Vice heads with a value of USD3,700. Meal allowance of USD100 per person is budgeted for a total of ten pax for the trip. A contingency fund of USD300 is set aside to cover unanticipated costs that might incur.</p>
8. Confirm that the part(s) of the project for which EAAFP funds are requested can be undertaken even if no co-funding is available	<p><i>Please indicate YES or NO.</i></p> <p><i>If co-funding has been requested or confirmed from other sources, please state the details here. The actual amount should be reflected in the table below (C. Project Budget).</i></p> <p>YES</p>
9. Continued project:	<p><i>Please specify whether this proposed project is a continuation of a previous project funded by the EAAFP Small Grant Fund for Working Groups and Task Forces or the World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Fund. If it is a continuation, identify which effort listed in part “B. Prior funding from the EAAFP” is being carried forward.</i></p>
10. Scientific references cited in the Application:	

F. Experience of Applicant Relevant to the Proposed Project

Batrisyia Teepol, the current Vice Chair of the EAAFP Youth Task Force has been dedicated to migratory shorebird research and conservation since 2018, with a strong focus on protecting threatened species throughout their wintering ground. As a recipient of two prestigious Conservation Leadership Awards, she has demonstrated significant leadership in the field. In addition to her research work, she has actively contributed to the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) Kuching Branch, a local NGO in Malaysia, where she has taken on key administrative and secretarial roles. For two years, she served as the Vice Chair of the MNS Kuching Branch, collaborating closely with committee members to design and implement engaging nature-based activities for members, lead various conservation projects, and foster capacity building for younger members. She has also worked extensively on building partnerships, collaborating with other NGOs and government agencies to amplify the impact of their conservation initiatives.

Throughout her tenure with the MNS Kuching Branch, she has managed numerous shorebird-related projects, overseeing their successful execution. Her current academic pursuits bring her to the Conservation Ecology Lab at King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) in Bangkok, where she is conducting research on the movements and habitat use of threatened migratory shorebirds wintering in Kuching, Sarawak. Field research is central to her work, where she applies her expertise in the behaviour and ecology of migratory shorebirds, specifically those that use Southeast Asia as a key wintering ground.

Please also include a recent maximum 2-page CV or list non-academic research experience and experience with migratory waterbird and wetland conservation e.g. work experience, volunteer experience, bird banding, birdwatching.

G. Project Budget

Please outline the costs of your entire project, not just the project component(s) for which funds are being sought from the EAAFP.

Item (Please list)	Total Project Budget (USD)	Co-funding confirmed from sources other than EAAFP (source and amount in USD)	Co-funding applied for from sources other than EAAFP (source and amount in USD)	Funding requested from EAAFP (USD)
Roundtrip Airfare from Hong Kong to Incheon (Jacky and Ray)	400			400
Roundtrip Airfare from Kushiro to Incheon (Tabby)	400			400
Roundtrip Airfare from Dhaka to Incheon (Naim)	500			500
Roundtrip Airfare from Indonesia to Incheon (Yono and Akbar)	500			500
Roundtrip Airfare from Bangkok to Incheon (Bat and Khem)	500			500
Roundtrip Airfare from Beijing to Incheon (Faysal)	200			200
Roundtrip Airfare from Vientiane to Incheon (Deanna)	400			400
Accommodation for 10 pax for 2 nights = Airbnb; room sharing	800			800
Food for 10 pax (100 x 10)	1000			1300
Total amount requested from EAAFP Small Grants Fund: (in USD)				5000 USD

Budget justification: Please provide a brief description and justification of all major budgetary items requested, indicating any that are essential to the project and/or conference for which you are applying (250 words maximum):

The majority of the budget will be used for transportation costs for the EAAFP Youth Task Force Heads to travel to Incheon for an in-person meeting to develop the EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan for 2025-2027.

The majority of the budget will be allocated to transportation costs for the EAAFP Youth Task Force Heads to attend an in-person meeting in Incheon for the development of the EAAFP Youth Task Force Work Plan for 2025-2027. This face-to-face meeting is essential for effective collaboration, planning, and decision-making among the Youth Task Force members from various countries.

- **Roundtrip Airfare:** Airfare for team members traveling from Hong Kong, Kushiro, Dhaka, Indonesia, Bangkok, Beijing, and Vientiane to Incheon accounts for a significant portion of the budget. These costs are necessary to ensure the participation of all key members in the planning session. The airfare costs vary due to different departure locations, and these flights are essential to bring the diverse team together for the meeting.
- **Accommodation:** Accommodation for 10 participants for 2 nights will be provided through Airbnb with room sharing. This cost is budgeted to ensure affordable and comfortable lodging for the team during their stay.
- **Food:** A food allowance of USD 100 per participant for two days (totaling USD 1,000) is allocated to cover meals, ensuring participants are well-supported during the meeting.
- **Contingency Fund:** A contingency fund of USD 300 is included to cover unforeseen expenses or emergencies during the trip.

This budget is crucial to facilitate the successful in-person meeting, allowing the team to develop a comprehensive and impactful Youth Task Force Work Plan. The funding requested is vital for ensuring that all necessary resources are available for the efficient conduct of this meeting, leading to the successful implementation of the Youth Task Force initiatives.

H. Application Checklist

All relevant sections of this Application have been completed.	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full payment details have been provided in Section I Payment Details.	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Application is being submitted electronically as one single document.	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Application is being submitted in MS Word format.	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applications that do not comply with these guidelines will be returned to the applicant.

I. Payment Details

To ensure prompt payment of successful applications please complete the following details:

J. Grand conditions

In accordance with the application criteria, the following conditions must be met:

1. Funds are to be strictly used for the purposes of implementation of the project as per the application form and budget provided.
2. Grants are awarded on the strict understanding that funds will be exempt from institutional administration charges unless a Partner government law so requires.
3. Lead investigators are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits from government authorities, indigenous communities, ethics committees etc., to undertake approved research or monitoring studies.
4. You are able to undertake and complete the project, with the funds received from the SGF. This should be possible even if you do not receive co-funding from other sources that you propose/may have applied for from other sources, as mentioned in Section F. budget table in the application.
5. Project completion is required within 18 months of the close of the application period, which would be 19 September 2026.
6. You are required to submit to the EAAFP Secretariat at secretariat@eaaflyway.net and copy the Programme Coordinator at godwit@eaaflyway.net and the Relevant Working Group or Task Force Chairs/Coordinators with the following:
 - a final report within 3 months of the completion of the project;
 - a short write-up with photos for the EAAFP newsletter and website as well as a report to the relevant Working Group or Task Force within 3 months of the completion of the project; and
 - a copy of any publications that result from your grant.
7. You are required to acknowledge the EAAFP and the Small Grant Fund in any presentations, publications, reports or promotional material arising from this work.
8. You are required to include a logo of the EAAFP on any display material you will be preparing. Please email the EAAFP Secretariat at secretariat@eaaflyway.net and copy the Programme Coordinator at godwit@eaaflyway.net to obtain an electronic copy of the EAAFP logo.

K. Declaration

Applicant's Full Name: *Batrisyia Binti Teepol*

I have discussed the contents of this Application with the relevant Chair/s and Coordinator/s of the Working Group and/or Task Force and they have been carbon copied (cc) to this application submission as evidence that they have seen and supported this application.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, all documentation and information submitted or made available by me is true, accurate, and complete.

By ticking the box, you are agreeing to the above statements:

L. Application submission

Please email your application as a single document to the respective Working Group or Task Force Chair/Coordinator and **copy** the EAFP Secretariat at secretariat@eaaflyway.net and the Programme Coordinator at godwit@eaaflyway.net.

The EAFP Secretariat will acknowledge the receipt of your application.

Applications close at 5:00 pm (KST) on 19 March 2025

Results will be announced by 22 May 2025 on the EAFP webpage and communicated via email