

Small Grant Fund for EAAFP Working Groups & Task Forces

2025 Application Form

A. Details of Applicant

Institution/organisation: Biodiversity And Nature Conservation Association (BANCA)

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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>Formed in 2001 and officially registered in 2004, BANCA (Biodiversity And Nature Conservation Association) is one of Myanmar’s leading national nature conservation organizations. BANCA has collaborated with several international NGOs and projects, including BirdLife International and national networks such as the Myanmar Environment Restoration Conservation Network (MERN).</p> <p>In 2007, BANCA conducted surveys of globally important wintering grounds for the Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper in the Gulf of Mottama. Following these surveys, BANCA began addressing hunting threats to this species with support from the RSPB and in coordination with the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force. This initiative has been successful, and BANCA has since played a key role in establishing the Gulf of Mottama as a Ramsar Site in 2017, with an area extension in 2022.</p> <p>BANCA’s core expertise includes conservation of both coastal and inland freshwater wetlands, particularly focusing on threatened species such as the Spoon-billed Sandpiper in the Gulf of Mottama and Nanthar Marine National Park, as well as Baer’s Pochard conservation in Pyu Lake and Paleik Lake in central Myanmar.</p> <p>Since 2015, BANCA has been actively engaging local communities in the Gulf of Mottama by establishing Local Conservation Groups (LCGs)—seven LCGs in Mon State and four in Bago Region. Additionally, BANCA has helped establish two community-based organizations (CBOs): Kelatha Forever (KF) in Bilin Township and Ahlet Biodiversity Conservation Group (ABCG).</p> <p>Through collaboration with LCGs, CBOs, and partners such as Helvetas Myanmar, BANCA has been conducting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular monitoring of Spoon-billed Sandpipers and migratory shorebirds • SMART patrolling to protect critical habitats and advocating local authorities • Capacity-building training for local communities
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- Support for alternative livelihoods for former bird hunters

BANCA is also actively involved in EAAFP's Coordinating Group, facilitated by BirdLife International (Asia Region), through the Community of Practice (CoP) program.

Website: www.banca-env.org
 Facebook: *Biodiversity And Nature Conservation Association (BANCA)*

B. Prior Funding from EAAFP

Please indicate if you have received prior funding from the EAAFP via the Small Grant Fund for Working Groups and Task Forces and/or the World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Fund. Please include the project title, type of Small Grant, and year of receiving the funding.

- World Migratory Bird Day 2020 Event at the Gulf of Mottama in Myanmar, the World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Fund in 2020.
- Long term conservation of Baer's Pochard (*Aythya baeri*) and migratory waterbird species in Pyu Lake and Paleik Inn in Mandalay Region, Myanmar, the Small Grant Fund for Working Groups and Task Force, in 2021.
- Conservation the Baer's Pochard at two key wintering sites in central Myanmar, the Small Grant Fund for Working Groups and Task Force, in 2022.
- Welcoming the migratory bird for the first time at Paleik Lake in Mandalay region, central Myanmar, the World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Fund in 2022.
- Monitoring the Migratory Shorebirds in West Gulf of Mottama Ramsar Site, the Small Grant Fund for Working Groups and Task Force, in 2023.
- Strengthening the local engagement in Baer's Pochard conservation in central Myanmar, the Small Grant Fund for Working Groups and Task Force, in 2023.

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:

Baer's Pochard Task Force, Coordinator for Southern Asia, Dr. Thiri Dae We Aung

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

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

Name of Working Group or Task Force: **CEPA Working Group**

Title of Chair/ Coordinator:	Ms.	Tina	Redshaw
	(Ms, Mr, etc.)	Family Name	Given Name/s

**Email address of
Chair/Coordinator:** tina.redshaw@wwt.org.uk

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)

Community involved in Conservation of Spoon-billed Sandpiper and wetland ecosystem in the Gulf of Mottama along the Flyway Network Site in Myanmar

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

01 August 2025 – 30 April 2026 (8 months)

Project Proposal:

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

The intertidal wetlands of the Gulf of Mottama (GoM) in Myanmar form a vast estuarine system spanning Bago Region and Yangon in the west to Mon State in the east. The Gulf is recognized internationally for its importance to migratory waterbirds in the East Asian Australasian Flyway, including the world's largest wintering congregation of the threatened Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Calidris pygmaea*, alongside important fisheries. At present, the wetlands of the Gulf are impacted by illegal (wildlife) hunting, unsustainable and poorly regulated harvesting of inshore fish stocks of several commercially fished species, as well as systemic changes to its wider sedimentation and erosion regime. Local capacity to conserve the Gulf's wetlands is limited, and human communities have access to few livelihood opportunities. To improve the capacity of local people to participate in the conservation of the Gulf's marine ecosystems, this project is jointly led by BirdLife International and the Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association (BANCA) will strengthen the capacities of local conservation groups (LCGs) in at least seven villages across the Gulf of Mottama and Community-based Organisations namely Kelatha Forever (KF) and Ahlet Biodiversity Conservation Group (ABCG) by training local communities to address illegal hunting and fishing, undertake biodiversity monitoring, awareness of migratory shore bird and wetland ecosystem services to communities, whilst addressing broader environmental issues such as solid waste pollution. Our project will also contribute to improving local awareness while enhancing the conservation of intertidal biodiversity and migratory species.

Key project beneficiaries of our project include community members and schools in seven villages and four townships in the Gulf of Mottama (c. 17°12'28.7"N, 96°59'54.5"E). Globally threatened migratory species such as the Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Calidris pygmaea* (CR) and several Near Threatened shorebirds will directly benefit from this project. The Gulf of Mottama is known to be among the most important wintering grounds for the Spoon-billed Sandpiper in the world – the species has been recorded in globally significant numbers every season during field surveys organised by the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force.

Currently, there are several Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) working in the landscape. By training new LCGs made up of local community members, we will bolster biodiversity and monitoring capacity led by local people at the Gulf of Mottama. The involvement of local community members in our project will also allow us to leverage on local knowledge and relationships to further conservation efforts. This will also lay the foundation for a more sustainable conservation presence at the site. Our project's activities on awareness and engagement will therefore be fundamental in ensuring the long-term sustainability of conservation work in the Gulf of Mottama Ramsar Site.

The project aims to strengthen wetland and shorebird conservation efforts in the Gulf of Mottama by addressing illegal fishing and wildlife hunting, increasing local awareness, and restoring degraded mangrove areas. Key activities include assessing and monitoring illegal fishing and bird hunting, conducting shorebird surveys, and engaging local communities through consultations and conservation actions. To enhance awareness and participation, the project will organize capacity-building training for Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), distribute educational materials, and conduct awareness events such as World Migratory Bird Day and World Wetland Day. Additionally, the project will implement waste management initiatives and establish cooperation agreements with local villages. To support coastal ecosystem restoration, at least 10,000 mangrove saplings will be planted across five acres in Mon State, with regular monitoring to assess growth and survival. Using a participatory approach, the project will engage communities from five townships across Mon and Bago regions, ensuring inclusive conservation efforts with the involvement of women and youth. Public outreach will be further strengthened through social media awareness campaigns on BANCA's Facebook page.

The Blue Partnership Fund is supporting this project by contributing to key conservation efforts in the Gulf of Mottama. Through its funding, the project will assess and address illegal fishing and bird hunting, enhance local awareness and participation in marine biodiversity conservation, and restore degraded mangrove forests. This support enables BANCA and its partners to conduct field surveys, community consultations, and training programs while promoting

sustainable natural resource management. The project will also facilitate improved waste management and the protection of critical habitats, ensuring long-term benefits for both biodiversity and local communities.

This project, proposed for funding from EAAFP, aims to strengthen the capacity of Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in wetland and shorebird conservation. Capacity-building training will be conducted in Mon State and Bago Region, engaging local communities through a participatory approach in five target townships: Paung, Bilin, and Thaton in Mon State, and Thanatpin and Kawa in Bago Region.

To raise awareness, we will organize educational events, including World Migratory Bird Day and World Wetland Day celebrations, and distribute Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials to local communities, ensuring at least 50% participation from women and youth. Awareness efforts will extend to social media outreach through BANCA's Facebook page. These activities will directly engage 200 participants across the targeted villages, fostering community involvement in wetland and shorebird conservation.

By adopting a participatory approach, the project will contribute to global conservation efforts for the Spoon-billed Sandpiper by implementing targeted conservation measures in its key wintering habitats in Myanmar. This will be achieved through strengthening the capacity of Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in wetland and shorebird conservation, raising awareness among local communities, and promoting sustainable practices.

- 1. Objectives:**
- To develop the capacity of the Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) and Community-based Organisations (CBOs) in community outreach and monitoring shorebirds in Gulf of Mottama.
 - To raise the education awareness about the value of coastal wetland ecosystem services, Gulf of Mottama is an internationally important wetland sites such as Ramsar and EAAFP network site in southern Myanmar into local communities living villages of five townships at the Gulf of Mottama.

2. Background:

The Gulf of Mottama, Ramsar Site in Myanmar is part of the overall Gulf of Mottama (GoM) which is the high productivity of the Site supports a rich biota including abundant invertebrates, important nursery areas for marine fish and up to 150,000 migratory water birds in the non-breeding season. These include three globally threatened species which are the endangered Great Knot (*Calidris tenuirostris*), but also birds of prey, such Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga* (VU) and the passerine Yellow-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza aureola*). The site is one of the world's most important wintering areas for the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper (*Calidris pygmaea*), hosting probably more than half of the remaining global population. It also hosts internationally important species in which it regularly supports at least 1% of the individuals of the population of seven waterbird species. In addition, it supports the livelihoods of thousands of people through fisheries, important at local, national and regional level.

For the long-term sustainable conservation in GoM, BANCA reformulated 7 LCGs (total of 71 members) in seven villages of Paung, Thaton, Bilin and Chaung zon Townships in Mon state and 6 LCGs (total of 46 members) in 6 villages in Bago region in 2022. Then, BANCA provided capacity building training about bird hunting survey, Biodiversity Conservation training, SMART patrolling and setting educational signboards.

By collaboration with Helvetas Myanmar, BANCA implemented CEPA knowledge sharing with GOMP staff, CEPA facilitating online training, CEPA training, SMART training, bird watching training and coaching in Bago Region in 2020,2021, 2022 and 2023. The purpose of collaboration with Helvetas Myanmar in conservation of Gulf of Mottama is to contribute on the implementation of empowering of Local Conservation Groups in Mon and Bago.

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

Expected Outputs:

- Two capacity building training to LCGs and CBOs in Mon State and Bago Region

- Four awareness events, including World migratory bird day, World wetland day will be celebrated in each Mon and Bago Region at the Gulf of Mottama.
- At least 200 local participants, including 50% women and youth, village leaders, local community members, LCG and CBO representatives, teachers, and schoolchildren from three townships in Mon State and two townships in Bago Region, will take part in the World Migratory Bird Day and World Wetland Day events.
- At least 400 copies of educational pamphlets and handouts about wetlands conservation and flyway network site, and waste management and some gifts will be distributed to villagers and members of LCGs and CBOs during the events.
- Two event reports will be produced.
- Two social media posts will be published through the organization Facebook Page

Expected Outcomes: The main outcome of this project is to support global efforts to conserve the Spoon-billed Sandpiper by implementing conservation measures in important wintering grounds in Myanmar.

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.

Project Plan: To strengthen the capacity of wetland and shore bird conservation in LCGs and CBOs, we will provide trainings in two areas, one in Mon State and one in Bago Region. To raise awareness of wetland and shore bird conservation, we will conduct awareness raising events, and the preparation and distribution of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials to the local communities including 50% of women and youth.

Timeline:

- Capacity building training to LCGs and CBO in Mon State and Bago Region in September 2026
- Preparation of IEC materials and awareness events in Mon State and Bago Region in September and October 2025
- World Migratory Bird Day events in Bilin Township, Mon State in October 2025
- World Migratory Bird Day events in Kawa Township, Bago Region in October 2025
- World Wetland Day events in Bilin Township, Mon State in February 2026
- World Wetland Day events in Kawa Township, Bago Region in February 2026.
- Upload awareness of wetland and Spoon-billed Sandpiper conservation in social media (BANCA's Facebook) – one time in October 2025 and another one post in January 2026.

Methods:

The project will be implemented using the participatory approach, engaging local communities from three townships in Mon State (Paung, Bilin and Thaton) and two townships in Bago Region (Thanatpin and Kawa).

We will organize members of LCGs and CBOs from these townships and provide capacity-building training. One training session will be conducted in Mon State and another in Bago Region.

The awareness raising activities including World Migratory Bird Day and World Wetland Day events, will be held in Bilin Township, Mon State and also Kawa Township in Bago Region. These events will involve local communities, including women and youth from all five townships. We will distribute educational materials to local communities during these events, targeting 200 participants across the villages of five townships in Mon and Bago Region.

	<p>Additionally, public awareness will be enhanced through social media outreach via BANCA's Facebook page.</p>
<p>5. Expected benefit to the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitat / or key research outputs:</p>	<p><i>In addressing this question, please also identify which EAAFP Key Result Areas the project will contribute to (see the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019 – 2028).</i></p> <p>KRA 1.5 Develop the protection of migratory shorebirds and site by sharing the results from monitoring shorebirds and illegal activities to the relevant stakeholders</p> <p>KRA 2.1: Raising the education awareness activities contribute for conservation of migratory water/shore birds and their habitats in National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and EAAFP's CEPA action plan as well as Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force.</p> <p>KRA 5.1 Actively collaborating with local government and local communities to develop participatory approaches to awareness and law enforcement for illegal hunting of migratory shore bird species. This will help to reduce the problem next winter and start to better protect threatened and protected populations under national legislation.</p> <p>KRA 5.2 A national species action plan for Spoon-billed Sandpiper would help to secure greater support from local stakeholders and government because it can relate better to national policy drivers than the current International Single Species Action Plan (ISSAP). This action plan can also help in developing Regional Action Plans for geographical regions as well as national wetland action plan in Myanmar.</p>
<p>6. Alignment with EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces priorities:</p>	<p><i>Please indicate which of the EAAFP Working Groups and Task Forces objectives and priorities are addressed in this project.</i></p> <p>This project is alignment with Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force. Priority actions include:</p> <p>Almost the project activities are focusing on CEPA program in aligned with CEPA Action Plan (2023-2028), especially, objective (II) "People in the EAAF are aware of migratory waterbirds, the habitats that they depend upon and participate in their conservation". Therefore, the project will be deeply contributed for enhancing the CEPA program and support local communities for protecting the species and their habitats along the Flyway Site Network and Ramsar site.</p> <p>By collaborating with local conservation groups, and international partners like the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP), the project contributes to strengthening conservation networks at both local and regional levels. This aligns with the SBS TF's goal of fostering cooperation to protect key sites along the flyway.</p>
<p>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>	<p>Raising awareness programs on the coastal wetland ecosystem services and migratory shore bird species especially the Spoon-billed Sandpiper is principal for local people to engage the site management of Spoon-billed Sandpiper wintering sites in Myanmar. Among then, the Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) are great achievement for conservation the Spoon-billed Sandpiper and other migratory shore bird species and its habitat management in Gulf of Mottama. However, the CEPA programs is shortage at the coastal villages along Mon State and Bago Region at the Gulf of Mottama. And, organization development of CBO, Kelatha Forever (KF) and Ahlet Biodiversity Conservation Group (ABCG), is limited because they need the capacity on conservation strategy, funding and operation procedures and networking to local community and regional government in Mon State. Therefore, BANCA apply the grant for raising the education awareness on Spoon-billed Sandpiper including migratory Shore bird species and coastal wetland conservation is essential for their livelihood and opportunity to engage them in Spoon-billed Sandpiper conservation.</p>
<p>8. Confirm that the part(s) of the project for which</p>	<p><i>Please indicate YES or NO.</i></p>

<p>EAAFP funds are requested can be undertaken even if no co-funding is available</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. BANCA applied the Blue Partnership Fund through BirdLife International. But the project is mainly focus on mangrove restoration, monitoring of illegal hunting and waste management at the villages of three townships (Paung, Thaton and Bilin) in Mon State and two townships (Thanatpin and Kawa) in Bago Region. This project is jointly led by BirdLife Internatioal and the Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association (BANCA) to improve the capacity of local people to participate in the conservation of the Gulf’s marine ecosystems. This project will strengthen the capacities of local conservation groups (LCGs) in at least seven villages across the Gulf of Mottama by training local communities to address illegal hunting and fishing, undertake biodiversity monitoring, whilst addressing broader environmental issues such as solid waste pollution. However, there were very limited to improving local awareness while enhancing the conservation of intertidal biodiversity and migratory species. To full fill this gap in conservation of Gulf of Mottama, we need the EAAFP funding to stimulate the awareness on protection of Spoon-billed Sandpiper and other migratory shore bird species and to improve the capacity of two Community-based organisations such as Kelatha Forever and Ahlet Biodiversity Conservation Group.</p>
<p>9. Continued project:</p>	<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> <p>BANCA has received the funding from Blue Partnership Fund jointly with BirdLife International for mangrove restoration, monitoring of illegal fishing and hunting and community-based waste management in Gulf of Mottama. Under the previous funds, monitoring of illegal activites which are seriously cause wetland degradation and shore bird population decline will be implemented. During rising costs, we will developed the strategy of CEPA works addressing to the result of previous project on illegal activities at the Mottam and implement community outreach activities such as awareness raising activities-campaign, events and training to LCG members and two CBOs such as KF and ABCG. Without additional co-funding from EAAFP, we cannot conduct as it would be too expensive. Therefore, if it is a continuation (with EAAFP small grant fund), only the CEPA program can be conducted for sustainable conservation in the Gulf of Mottama.</p>
<p>10. Scientific references cited in the Application:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EAAFP_CEPA Action Plan (2023-2028) 2. EAAFP_STRATEGIC PLAN (2019_2028) 3. Bird watching training and survey of Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper 2013-2014 BANCA unpublished report. 4. Pyae Phyo Aung et al. (2015). Monitoring Programme for the Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper in its most important wintering grounds in Myanmar. unpublished report for BANCA 5. Pyae Phyo Aung et al. (2016). Monitoring Programme for the Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper in its most important wintering grounds in Myanmar. unpublished report for BANCA 6. Pyae Phyo Aung et al. (2017). Monitoring Programme for the Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper in its most important wintering grounds in Myanmar. unpublished report for BANCA www.iucnredlist.org 7. Zöckler, C, Htin Hla, T, Clark, N, Syroechkovskiy, E, Yakushev, N, Daengphayon, S and Robinson, R (2010). Hunting in Myanmar is probably

the main cause of the decline of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Calidris pygmaeus*. Wader Study Group Bulletin 117(1): 1–8

8. Zöckler, C., T. Zaw Naing, S. Moses, R. Nou Soe & T. Htin Hla (2014): The importance of the Myanmar Coast for Water Birds. *Stilt* 66: 37-51. Sandpiper
9. Zöckler, C, et al (2016). The Wintering Distribution of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper. The winter distribution of the Spoon billed *Calidris pygmaeus*. doi:10.1017/S0959270915000295
10. <https://eaaflyway.net/spoon-billed-sandpiper-task-force/>

F. Experience of Applicant Relevant to the Proposed Project

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BANCA has been at the forefront of Spoon-billed Sandpiper (*Calidris pygmaea*) conservation in Myanmar, particularly in the Gulf of Mottama (GoM), one of the most critical wintering sites for this globally endangered shorebird. Since 2008, BANCA has been conducting systematic surveys and conservation activities to protect this species and its coastal wetland habitat. BANCA played a vital role in confirming the Gulf of Mottama as a crucial non-breeding site for the Spoon-billed Sandpiper. Regular population monitoring and habitat assessments have provided essential data for conservation planning.

In 2012, BANCA has worked closely with local communities, fishers, and authorities to raise awareness about the significance of GoM's mudflats. Education campaigns, training workshops, and alternative livelihood programs have helped reduce threats such as habitat destruction and bird trapping.

In 2017, BANCA's conservation efforts contributed to the designation of the Gulf of Mottama as a Ramsar Site in 2017, ensuring international recognition and protection for this vital wetland ecosystem. BANCA collaborates with local and international partners, including the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force, to implement conservation actions, strengthen local capacity, and advocate for sustainable wetland management.

From 2015 to 2024, BANCA integrated wetland conservation approaches. We had collaborated with Helvetas Myanmar to promote sustainable fisheries, ecotourism, and improved land-use planning to balance biodiversity conservation with community livelihoods in Mon State and Bago Region at the Gulf of Mottama.

Moving forward, BANCA remains committed to ensuring the long-term survival of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper in Myanmar especially at the Gulf of Mottama through continued research, conservation interventions, and strong community engagement.

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 (Blue Partnership Fund- amount in USD)	Co-funding applied for from sources other than EAAFP (BANCA amount in USD)	Funding requested from EAAFP (USD)
Equipment: Copier x 1 for producing educational and training documents for all participants.	1100	0	300	800
Consumable items: Capacity building trainings: 8 days x 4 persons* \$12 per day/person	384	200	0	184
Awareness raising activities for two events (World Migratory Bird Day and World Wetland Day): 16 days x 4 persons*\$12 per day/person	768	0		768
Travel and accommodation: (details) Transportation for capacity building trainings awareness events - World Migratory Bird Day & World Wetland Day events (Mon and Bago): 24 days x \$97	2328	1200	0	1128
Accommodation for capacity building trainings awareness events - World Migratory Bird Day & World Wetland Day events (Mon and Bago): 18 nights x 4 persons* \$10 per day/person	720	436	0	284
Computing & clerical: (details)				
Others: Stationaries, internet, communication fee for staff and Bank charges.	200	50	50	100
Refreshment and gifts for participants (World Migratory Bird Day and World Wetland Day events) in Mon and Bago: 100-person x 4 events x \$ 5 per day/person for awareness activities	2000	164	0	1736
Total amount requested from EAAFP Small Grants Fund: (in USD)				5000

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):

Equipment: A copier will be purchased to print training and educational materials for local communities. This investment will help reduce long-term costs and ensure sustainability in conservation efforts.

Consumable Items for Staff: The budget included a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) of \$12 per person/ four staff members for 8 days (4 days in each Mon and Bago) to conduct capacity-building training in Bilin and Kawa townships. Additionally, two events (WMBD & WWD) will be held in each township. DSA will be provided for 16 days (8 days in each Mon and Bago) at \$12 per person per day

Travel and Accommodation: A car will be hired for all activities including capacity building trainings (8 days), awareness events (16 days) at a daily rate of \$97 for 24 days. For accommodation, the team will stay at guesthouse in Mon and Bago Region to minimize costs. The costs will cover four persons for 18 nights (excluding 4 nights for travel days) at \$10 per night/person.

Other: Stationery will be provided for four awareness events. Communication fees (telephone and internet) and bank charges will be covered. All together we will use \$200.

Refreshments and educational gifts (T-shirts, caps, etc.) will be given to 100 participants at each World Migratory Bird Day and World Wetland Day event in Mon and Bago, at \$5 per person per event.

BANCA will provide in-kind contributions for staff time and administration, while the Blue Partnership Fund will support resource persons, DSA, travel, awareness events, and training costs.

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: *Thiri Dae We Aung*

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 EAAFP Secretariat at secretariat@eaaflyway.net and the Programme Coordinator at godwit@eaaflyway.net.

The EAAFP 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 EAAFP webpage and communicated via email