



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 **26th August 2025**. Please submit your application to the Communications Officer via email (Word or PDF document) to secretariat@eaaflyway.net and 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: _____08/08/2025_____

1. Applicant Contact Information

	Name of applicant:	Md Tofajjol Hosen
a	Name of the organisation:	Ashar Alo Youth Welfare Association & Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, SUST.
b	Applicant's position and division in the organisation	An undergraduate student majoring in Forestry and Environmental Science, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology. Volunteer at Ashar Alo Youth Welfare Association.
c	Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	Shahjalal University of Science and Technology is the first science and technology university in Bangladesh which is a public and research-based university. Ashar Alo Youth Welfare Association is a volunteer and youth-led community-based organisation (CBO) that works for the environment, climate justice, gender equality and human rights.
d	Email:	
e	Postal address:	N/A
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g	Applicant's mobile number:	
h	Website of organisation:	Facebook Page Link: Ashar Alo Youth Welfare Association
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:	
a.	Name of the organisation:	
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	
Birdwatching — field trip	
Monitoring/survey — field trip	
Educational activity/lecture	
Festival	
Media Event	
Movie/video	
Others – specify (Eco-friendly commitment)	

2.1 Please specify your proposed event plan and expected outcomes

Title of event:	Shared Spaces, Shared Responsibility: A Community-Based Bird Conservation Project in the Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems of Northeastern(Sylhet) Bangladesh.
Date of event:	10-18 October, 2025
Organizers:	Ashar Alo Youth Welfare Association & Department of Forestry and Environmental Science, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology.
Target participants:	The initiative will engage participants nationwide, with particular emphasis on local communities- such as tea garden workers, women, boatmen, and farmers- alongside youth and students from schools and universities. It will also actively involve diverse gender groups, NGO representatives, policymakers, researchers, and local government stakeholders including city corporations, the Forest Department, and the Department of Environment.
Expected number of participants:	850
<i>Event objectives and plan (max. 500 words):</i> Each winter, as icy winds sweep down from Siberia and Central Asia, Sylhet's wetlands burst into life. Thousands of migratory birds grace the	

skies above Hakaluki Haor, Baikka Beel, and Tanguar Haor, transforming the wetlands into vibrant mosaics of wings. Beyond these renowned sites, lesser-known wetlands like **Bagajan Haor, Shaplar Bill and others terrestrial ecosystems** silently host large flocks of native and migratory birds. However, due to their obscurity, these areas receive minimal conservation attention.

This project ventures into these overlooked landscapes, documenting avian diversity and piloting **community-based conservation practices**. By highlighting Sylhet's hidden bird havens, it aims to turn these silent spaces into secure sanctuaries through local engagement and stewardship.

Objectives:

1. **Promote Bird-Friendly Communities:** Inspire local stakeholders to understand and advocate for bird-friendly communities, emphasizing birds' ecological and economic value.
2. **Raise Awareness on Human Impacts:** Educate farmers, industry actors, and local residents about how human activities impact both migratory and resident bird populations.
3. **Highlight Birds' Socioeconomic Value:** Emphasize the role of birds in agriculture, fisheries, ecotourism, and overall community well-being.
4. **Engage Youth in Conservation:** Involve students in conservation through activities like essay writing, art contests, and birdwatching tours.
5. **Promote Gender-Inclusive Conservation:** Empower women's participation in conservation to foster inclusive and sustainable practices.

Event Plan:

1. **Eco-Friendly Event Commitment:** The event will be plastic-free and follow zero-waste principles to reduce environmental harm and set a sustainable example.
2. **Inaugural Session & Keynote Speeches:** The program will open with speeches from government officials, NGOs, youth leaders, and environmental clubs, enhanced with impactful photos and quotations.
3. **Community Engagement & Dialogue:** Local youth, women, fishermen, farmers, and policymakers will join a dialogue emphasizing the importance of birds and inclusive community action.
4. **Birdwatching & Field Tour:** A guided birdwatching session will be held in selected sites. Students selected via a competitive process will gain hands-on exposure to bird identification and habitat exploration.
5. **Education Campaign & Awareness Activities:** Activities include school art contests, online essay writing/wildlife photography, urban birding challenges, public lectures, and a road rally to raise awareness and distribute educational materials.

Expected Outcomes:

1. **Strengthened Community-Based Conservation Awareness:** Local communities will develop deeper understanding and ownership of bird conservation through education and dialogue.

2. Recognition of Lesser-Known Habitats: Bagajan Haor, Shaplar Bill, and nearby ecosystems will be documented for biodiversity and brought into conservation discourse.
3. Youth Engagement in Conservation Practices: Students will gain field experience and advocacy skills, cultivating future conservation leaders.
4. Gender-Inclusive Participation: Women's involvement will be promoted, contributing to more equitable and sustainable environmental action.
5. Institutional and Policy Engagement: Collaboration with authorities and NGOs is expected to support bird-friendly policies, eco-tourism strategies, and protection of overlooked habitats.

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:

Venue preparation and campaign arrangement	190 USD
Transportation and logistics	160 USD
Keynote speaker and presenter	150 USD
Education materials (e.g., note, pen)	65 USD
Social media maintenance, banners and certificates	110 USD
Contest prize	75 USD
Snacks for participants	100 USD
Birdwatching trip	150 USD

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:	No later than 25 October 2025 or within two weeks after the event(s).
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 secretariat@eaaflyway.net and communication@eaaflyway.net

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.

Full name:	
Name of the organisation:	
Name(s) of the division and/or position:	
Type of organisation — 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?

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

1.4 Event Type — Check the relevant categories below.

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:

1.5 Event Organiser — Who were organiser and/or sponsor for your event?

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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	
Total number of participants	

1.7 Outcome — What is the outcome from your event?

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1.8 Any additional comments? (Optional)

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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.

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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	
Total	

*Please keep the receipt in case auditing is needed.

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

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.