



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: 26 August 2025**1. Applicant Contact Information**

	Name of applicant:	Thiri Sandar Zaw (Ms.)
a.	Name of the organisation:	Biodiversity And Nature Conservation Association (BANCA)
b.	Applicant's position and division in the organisation	Program Officer – Research and Conservation Program
c.	Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	NGO
d.	Email:	
e.	Postal address:	
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g.	Applicant's mobile number:	
h.	Website of organisation:	https://www.banca-env.org/
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	

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

2. Proposed Event Plan and Expected Outcome (Please check the relevant categories of your proposed event)

Public awareness activity — local and/or national	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birdwatching — field trip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring/survey — field trip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational activity/lecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media Event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Movie/video	<input type="checkbox"/>

Others – specify	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2.1 Please specify your proposed event plan and expected outcomes

Title of event:	Welcoming migratory birds to Paleik Lake with teens
Date of event:	11 th October 2025
Organisers:	Biodiversity And Nature Conservation Association
Target participants:	The students of middle school - (12 – 15) years old
Expected number of participants:	100

Event objectives and plan (max. 500 words):

The proportion of Myanmar Inland natural wetlands is smaller (12%) and the most threatened into the land area of the Indo Burma region (Indo Burma wetland outlook 2022). As a consequence of extensive conversion particularly for the rice cultivation, aquaculture ponds, reservoirs and urbanization mainly in central Myanmar. Paleik Lake is a natural oxbow floodplain of the Myint Nge River is one of the major tributaries of the Ayeyarwady River in Mandalay region. Paleik is a small inland wetland (480 hectares) and the water levels are linked to the natural inundation cycle of the Ayeyarwaddy River, land use pattern always change and water abstraction from the Myit Nge River for irrigated agriculture. However, the Paleik Lake has the riverine ecosystem from the Ayeyarwady River through the Myit Nge River. Due to the ecosystem services, the Paleik Lake is recognized as Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) and Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) as well as the birding sites for ecotourism in Mandalay region. The Paleik habitat mainly provides as food and shelter for globally threatened migratory diving duck species such as Baer's Pochard (*Aythya baeri*) (CR), Common Pochard (*Aythya ferina*) (VU), and other more abundant species including Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*) (LC), Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) (LC) and Black-headed Ibis (*Threskiornis melanocephalus*) (NT) and also provides a breeding ground for other waterbird species. Furthermore, the water level is significantly support for the life cycle of *Ottelia chordata* is important for providing the food to diving duck species and sheltering space for fish species. In Paleik Lake has occurred the 49 water bird species with over 4500 water bird numbers in small hectares (480 hectares). In 2023, Paleik Lake has recognized as a East Asian Australasian Flyway Network Site (EAAF 154) because of the critical species: Baer's Pochard and 1% threshold of Greylag Goose. Now, BANCA has proposed to be as a Ramsar Site because the lake provides the riverine ecosystem to local communities for irrigation water and natural fertilizer to agriculture.

However, the local communities are weak to know the ecosystem value of Paleik Lake and coexistence the migration of water bird species that the Paleik Lake is a essential migratory destination for bird species in the world. Thus, we will organize for welcoming party for migratory water bird species in coming migration period with teenagers who did not touch the Paleik Lake wetland ecosystem service and benefit of the migratory water bird species in their region. For understanding the value of their wetland ecosystem services and love to migratory water bird species into the Paleik Lake to as a birders and love their wetland in future. Therefore, we will celebrate the world migratory bird day at a middle school at Myauk Kaing village surrounding in Paleik Lake on 11th October 2025. We choose the teenagers perhaps Grade (6 to 8) – 13 to 15 years old among the other age because they are approaching adulthood, this age is the age when curiosity is at its peak and thinking skills are developing. Also the teachers, they will raise their news knowledge on wetland are importance to our living organisms and contribute to their school children in their subject such as Science and Geography in their school from now on.

3. Proposed Event Budget Plan

Please specify budget plan of your proposed event

Total: 100 USD

Please note that ideal budget scale is approximately 1,000 USD to each country

Budget breakdown:

Transportation for Ygn to Mandalay region for BANCA staffs (200) and (100) for students for visited the wetland site (Paleik Lake)	200USD
Refreshment for students & teachers	130 USD
Grift for students & teachers (water bottle for using the plastic instead)	500 USD
Vinyl & pamphlet on WMBD Themes	170 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:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.5 Event Organiser — Who were organiser and/or sponsor for your event?

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?

1.8 Any additional comments? (Optional)

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.

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.