



THE EAST ASIAN – EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day small grant Report Template

Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

1.1 Contact Information - Provide your contact information for this report

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Date of submission	October 15, 2025

1.2 Event Location - Where did your event take place?

Name of country	Philippines
Name of city	Manila
Name of event place/venue	Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park

1.3 Event Organiser - Who were organiser and/or sponsor for your event?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Pawikan Initiative – Main Organizer • DENR NCR Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park Protected Area Management Office – Venue Partner

1.4 Target Audience - Who were the participants for your event?

School students, teachers or parents	40 senior high school students, 10 senior high school teachers
University students	20 university students
Researchers, scientist birdwatchers	5 scientists 5 birdwatchers
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	5 PAMO staff
Decision or policy makers	
Media	
Others – specify	



1.5 Number of Participants - How many participants were there for your event?

- **39** senior high school students from Innovative Minds and Young Scientists Club of Tondo High School
- **5** senior high school teachers from Tondo High School – Senior High School
- **24** One Pawikan Initiative members
- **5** birdwatchers
- **5** LPPWP PAMO staff

Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)

EVENT AGENDA AND PROGRAMME

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR / REMARKS
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Arrival and Registration	Secretariat
8:30 – 8:40 AM	Preliminaries	Invocation and National Anthem
8:40 – 8:45 AM	Welcome Remarks	Mr. Christopher C. Villarin, Protected Area Superintendent, LPPWP PAMO
8:45 – 8:50 AM	Opening Message	Mr. Mark David S. De Guzman, Founder and Lead Convener, One Pawikan Initiative
8:50 – 8:55 AM	Rationale	Overview of World Migratory Bird Day and event objectives
8:55 – 9:00 AM	Introduction of Speaker 1	Host
9:00 – 9:20 AM	<i>Manila Bay Chirps: Cities for Birds</i>	Mr. John Castor C. Aguirre, Bird Expert, One Pawikan Initiative
9:20 – 9:25 AM	Introduction of Speaker 2	Host
9:25 – 9:45 AM	<i>On the Case of LPPWP</i>	Mr. Jun Rey J. Tabarno, Ecosystems Management Specialist I, LPPWP PAMO
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Guidelines for Bird Race	Orientation on mechanics and scoring
10:00 – 12:00 NN	Bird Race Proper	Interactive birdwatching and plogging activity
12:00 – 12:45 PM	Lunch Break	Meals for all participants
12:45 – 1:00 PM	Cleanup Guidelines	Orientation for the cleanup and trash audit
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Coastal Cleanup and Trash Audit	Participants' cleanup and data collection activity
1:30 – 1:40 PM	Sharing Session	Bird Race results and reflections
1:40 – 2:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies	Recognition and closing message

The event *Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands* was designed to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2025 under the global theme “*Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities.*” The program combined education, youth engagement, and conservation activities to highlight the ecological role of the Las Piñas–Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP) in the East Asian–Australasian Flyway.

Originally planned as a Birdwatching and Habitat Walk, the activity was restructured into a Bird Race to make the program more engaging and participatory. The Bird Race allowed



participants to apply bird identification skills in the field while integrating a cleanup component (plogging), aligning both biodiversity appreciation and environmental action.

Throughout the morning sessions, participants learned about migratory bird species, threats to urban wetlands, and local conservation efforts through presentations from field experts and LPPWP personnel. The afternoon sessions focused on hands-on engagement, including the Bird Race, coastal cleanup, and trash audit. These activities reinforced the importance of responsible stewardship of wetlands and their surrounding communities.

The structure of the agenda ensured a balanced flow between learning and field application—encouraging youth participants to become active advocates for wetland and migratory bird conservation in the Manila Bay area.

Section 3. BUDGET REPORT (Compulsory)

PROPOSED BUDGET

ITEM	PROPOSED AMOUNT (₱)
Birdwatching Equipment	12,000
Transportation (Participants)	5,000
Transportation (Officers)	3,000
Accommodation (Officers)	8,000
Food	15,000
Honorarium – Mark	2,000
Honorarium – Junrey	2,000
Honorarium – Castor	1,500
Printing of IEC Materials	5,000
Cleanup Drive Materials	1,000
Total Proposed	₱54,500.00
Remaining Balance (from Grant)	₱1,420.32

ACTUAL EXPENSES

ITEM	DESCRIPTION / DETAILS	AMOUNT (₱)
Birdwatching Equipment	Field Lens (monocular telescope)	11,286
Accommodation	For Officers (₱1,800 + ₱1,854)	3,654
Event Materials	Keychains	2,925
	Sintra Board	7,000
	Sticker Labels	80
	Commitment Corner Print	360
	Tarpaulin Stand	225
Cleanup Drive Materials	Nitrile Gloves + Sacks (₱171 + ₱327)	498



Food	Dinner for onsite teams and staff (₱320 + ₱565 + ₱1,500) + Event Lunch (₱15,575)	17,960
Transportation	Participants & delegates (₱9,000) + Grab (₱449) + Return trip (₱717)	10,166
Prizes	Bird Race and Activities	1,759
Delivery Courier	Logistics	210
Honorarium	Speaker #1 (₱1,000) + Speaker #2 (₱1,000)	2,000
Water	Water gallons	114
Total Actual Expenses		₱58,237.00

SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (₱)
Total Grant Received	55,920.32
Total Actual Expenses	58,237.00
Difference (Over Budget)	-2,316.68

NARRATIVE REPORT ON THE BUDGET

The East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) grant amounting to ₱55,920.32 was allocated to support the implementation of the World Migratory Bird Day 2025 celebration entitled Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands, organized by the One Pawikan Initiative in partnership with the Las Piñas–Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP) Protected Area Management Office. The event aimed to raise awareness on the importance of wetlands and migratory bird conservation through educational activities, field learning, and community engagement.

The majority of the budget was utilized for the event logistics and learning materials. Birdwatching equipment, such as field lenses, were purchased to allow participants to observe migratory birds within the wetland park. These were procured in three separate transactions totaling ₱11,286, ensuring quality and accessibility during the birdwatching session.

Accommodation and transportation expenses were covered to support officers and participants traveling from different locations. This included lodging for officers amounting to ₱3,654, and transportation support for participants and delegates totaling ₱10,166, which included Grab rides and return trips.

For the educational and promotional materials, expenses were made for the production of sintra boards, sticker labels, and tarpaulins amounting to ₱7,665 in total. These materials were used during lectures, exhibit booths, and program branding. Keychains were also produced as tokens for participants and partners, amounting to ₱2,925.

The food and refreshments accounted for one of the largest portions of the budget, totaling ₱17,960, which covered meals for facilitators, staff, and participants throughout the event



duration. This ensured the comfort and participation of everyone involved in the outdoor and field-based activities.

To support the cleanup drive and on-site operations, materials such as nitrile gloves and sacks were purchased for ₱498, promoting active participation in maintaining the cleanliness of the wetlands. Prizes amounting to ₱1,759 were also provided for the Bird Race activity to encourage engagement among youth participants.

Honoraria were given to key speakers—₱1,000 each for Junrey and Castor—in recognition of their contributions to event coordination, field guidance, and overall program facilitation. Additional miscellaneous costs, such as courier delivery fees (₱210) and bottled water (₱114), were also covered under the grant.

The total actual expenses amounted to ₱58,237.00, which slightly exceeded the original grant by ₱2,316.68. This excess was covered through counterpart contributions to ensure the successful execution of all planned activities.

Overall, the EAAFP grant was efficiently and transparently utilized to fulfill the objectives of the Safe Havens event. The financial support enabled One Pawikan Initiative to conduct a meaningful and educational celebration of World Migratory Bird Day 2025, bringing together youth participants, conservation partners, and local communities to promote the protection of wetlands and migratory bird habitats within the Manila Bay area.

Section 4. SHORT SUMMARY REPORT (Compulsory) – This report will be shared on EAAFP website

In celebration of **World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2025**, the **One Pawikan Initiative**, in partnership with the **Las Piñas–Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP) Protected Area Management Office**, organized a two-day activity titled *“Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands”* on **October 11–12, 2025**, at the **Las Piñas–Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP)**—a Ramsar-designated site located along the coast of Manila Bay. The event was **sponsored by the East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)** through the **WMBD 2025 Small Grant Fund**, in alignment with the global theme *“Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities.”* The celebration highlighted the crucial role of urban wetlands as safe havens for migratory bird species along the **East Asian–Australasian Flyway (EAAF)**.

On October 11, the **Las Piñas–Parañaque Wetland Park Protected Area Management Office (LPPWP PAMO)** led an **interactive learning exhibit** in partnership with various government and non-government organizations supporting wetland conservation. The activity brought together birdwatchers, students, educators, and environmental advocates to learn about the ecological importance of the LPPWP and the broader Manila Bay ecosystem. The **One Pawikan Initiative** was invited to set up an **interactive learning booth**, which highlighted the role of youth in wetland and migratory bird conservation, as well as the organization’s ongoing sea turtle conservation efforts and their connection to coastal and wetland ecosystems. Through engaging displays and educational materials, participants gained a deeper understanding of how protecting wetlands also safeguards marine wildlife and migratory bird habitats.



The main youth-focused program, *Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands*, took place on **October 12, 2025**, gathering a total of **78 participants**—comprising **39 senior high school students, 5 senior high school teachers, 24 youth members of One Pawikan Initiative** (20 of whom are university students), **5 birdwatchers and scientists**, and **5 LPPWP PAMO staff members**. The event aimed to strengthen youth understanding of wetland and migratory bird conservation through lectures, citizen science activities, and environmental action.

Two lectures were presented during the program. **Mr. John Castor C. Aguirre** of One Pawikan Initiative delivered the session “*Manila Bay Chirps: Cities for Birds*,” followed by **Mr. Jun Rey J. Tabarno**, Ecosystems Management Specialist I of the LPPWP PAMO, who discussed “*On the Case of LPPWP*.” Both talks emphasized the importance of conserving Manila Bay’s remaining wetlands and the need to promote urban spaces that are ecologically inclusive for birds and people alike.

Following the lectures, participants joined the **Bird Race**, a citizen science activity designed to enhance bird identification skills and promote outdoor learning. Participants were divided into four teams and tasked with documenting bird species observed within the wetland park using the **Merlin Bird ID** and **eBird** applications. The activity incorporated **plogging**, where teams collected litter during their birdwatching, integrating conservation education with practical environmental action. **Team 1** recorded the highest number of sightings with **35 bird species**, followed by **Team 4 (27 species), Team 2 (25 species), and Team 3 (11 species)**.

The day also featured a **Coastal Cleanup and Trash Audit** along the park’s shoreline, yielding a total of **109.9 kilograms of marine debris**. The audit recorded **47 kg of plastic waste (8 sacks), 20.8 kg of rubber and glass shards (5 sacks), 21.4 kg of personal hygiene waste (5 sacks), and 20.7 kg of polystyrene materials (4 sacks)**. This collective effort contributed to restoring the site’s coastal habitat while generating data useful for future waste management initiatives.

The event concluded with a **closing and awarding ceremony**, recognizing the participants’ commitment and the winning team’s achievements in both bird documentation and waste collection.

Overall, *Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands* successfully engaged young individuals in active conservation learning, combining science, environmental stewardship, and community participation. Through the generous support of the **East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)** under the **WMBD 2025 Small Grant Fund**, the activity underscored the importance of collaboration in safeguarding wetlands and migratory bird habitats for generations to come.

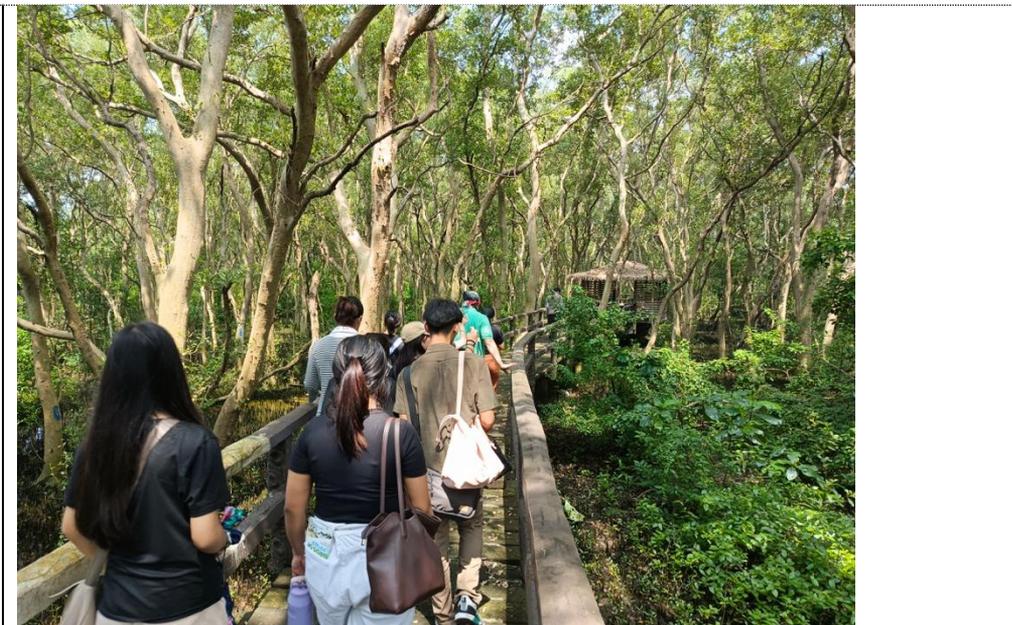
Section 5. PHOTO, VIDEO & MATERIALS (Compulsory):

Name of Photo/Video	World Migratory Bird Day Exhibit 2025 setup
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<p>Credit info Name of Photo/Vid eo</p>	<p>© Mark David S. De Guzman, One Pawikan Initiative Participants of the Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands</p>
<p>Photo/Vid eo</p>	
<p>Credit info Name of Photo/Vid eo</p>	<p>© Mark David S. De Guzman, One Pawikan Initiative Program Proper during the Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands</p>

<p>Photo/Video</p>	
<p>Credit info</p>	<p>Mark David S. De Guzman, One Pawikan Initiative</p>
<p>Name of Photo/Video</p>	<p>Briefing of Team 2 before the Bird Race</p>
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<p>Credit info</p>	<p>Mark David S. De Guzman, One Pawikan Initiative</p>
<p>Name of Photo/Video</p>	<p>Team 2 at the Bird Hide of LPPWP during the Bird Race</p>

<p>Photo/Video</p>	
<p>Credit info</p>	<p>Mark David S. De Guzman, One Pawikan Initiative</p>
<p>Name of Photo/Video</p>	<p>Team 1 during the Bird Race at the Wetland Center</p>
<p>Photo/Video</p>	
<p>Credit info</p>	<p>Mark David S. De Guzman, One Pawikan Initiative</p>
<p>Name of Photo/Video</p>	<p>Participants at the Mangrove Boardwalk of LPPWP during the Bird Race</p>

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<p>Credit info</p>	<p>© Mark David S. De Guzman, One Pawikan Initiative</p>
<p>Name of Photo/Vid eo</p>	<p>Team 4 at the Bird Hide during the Bird Race</p>
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<p>Credit info</p>	<p>© Mark David S. De Guzman, One Pawikan Initiative</p>
<p>Name of Photo/Vid eo</p>	<p>Team 3 at the Beach Forest during the Bird Race</p>

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<p>Credit info</p>	<p>© Mark David S. De Guzman, One Pawikan Initiative</p>
<p>Name of Photo/Video</p>	<p>One Pawikan Initiative members and participants during the cleanup drive</p>

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<p>Credit info</p>	<p>Mark David S. De Guzman, One Pawikan Initiative</p>
<p>Name of Photo/Video</p>	<p>Closing Ceremonies of the Program</p>

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<p>Link</p>	<p>Google Drive Link of the Photos and Video during the event: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y6c6KKC8CUiMABjkDcg1yNVJLZUApEtT?usp=share_link</p> <p>Video Highlights from the Event: https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CYfo4mPQT/?mibextid=wwXlfr</p>

1.7 Outcome - What is the outcome from your event?

Overview

The celebration of **World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2025**, themed “*Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities*,” was successfully conducted through the event **Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands**, held on **October 11–12, 2025** at the **Las Piñas–Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP)**. This initiative aimed to strengthen youth involvement in wetland and migratory bird conservation while promoting the ecological significance of Manila Bay as a vital stopover along the **East Asian–Australasian Flyway (EAAF)**.

Day 1: Interactive Learning Exhibit

On **October 11**, the **LPPWP Protected Area Management Office (PAMO)** led an **interactive learning exhibit** in partnership with government agencies and non-government organizations dedicated to wetland conservation. The **One Pawikan Initiative** was invited to install an **interactive learning booth**, emphasizing the role of youth in conservation efforts and showcasing the organization’s work in sea turtle protection and its connection to coastal and wetland habitats.



The exhibit served as a venue for collaboration among birdwatchers, students, educators, and environmental advocates who explored the interconnectedness between wetland and marine ecosystems. Through visual displays and educational discussions, participants gained insight into the importance of habitat protection and the shared responsibility in safeguarding biodiversity within the Manila Bay area.

Day 2: Youth Program and Field Activities

The second day, **October 12**, featured the main youth-centered program organized by the **One Pawikan Initiative**, gathering **78 participants** composed of **39 senior high school students, 5 teachers, 24 youth members of One Pawikan Initiative** (20 university students), **5 birdwatchers/scientists**, and **5 LPPWP PAMO staff**.

The learning sessions began with two lectures:

- *“Manila Bay Chirps: Cities for Birds”* by **Mr. John Castor C. Aguirre**, Bird Expert and Member of One Pawikan Initiative
- *“On the Case of LPPWP”* by **Mr. Jun Rey J. Tabarno**, Ecosystems Management Specialist I, LPPWP PAMO

The sessions deepened participants’ understanding of migratory bird ecology, the threats to wetland habitats, and the importance of creating urban spaces that are safe for both wildlife and people.

To make the learning more engaging, the originally planned *Birdwatching and Habitat Walk* was replaced with a **Bird Race**—a team-based citizen science activity where participants identified bird species using the **Merlin Bird ID** and **eBird** apps while collecting trash along designated routes.

The results were as follows:

- **Team 1:** 35 bird species; 47 kg of trash collected (Winner)
- **Team 4:** 27 species; 20.7 kg of trash
- **Team 2:** 25 species; 21.4 kg of trash
- **Team 3:** 11 species; 20.8 kg of trash

The **Cleanup and Trash Audit** conducted afterward yielded a total of **109.9 kilograms of marine debris**, consisting of:

- **47 kg** of plastic waste (8 sacks)
- **20.8 kg** of rubber and glass shards (5 sacks)
- **21.4 kg** of personal hygiene waste (5 sacks)
- **20.7 kg** of polystyrene materials (4 sacks)



Outcomes and Impact

The *Safe Havens* event achieved substantial outcomes, both educational and environmental, reflecting the project's alignment with the objectives of the EAAFP and WMBD campaign.

1. Strengthened Youth Engagement in Conservation:

The event successfully empowered young participants to take an active role in environmental protection. Many students expressed enthusiasm to continue monitoring birds in their local areas through eBird and to engage in coastal cleanup initiatives beyond the project duration.

2. Enhanced Knowledge and Awareness:

Participants demonstrated improved understanding of migratory bird ecology, the threats facing Manila Bay wetlands, and the need for community-based conservation. Post-activity reflections indicated increased appreciation for the interconnectedness of coastal, marine, and wetland ecosystems.

3. Capacity Building in Citizen Science:

Through the Bird Race, students learned how to properly observe, identify, and record bird species using digital tools such as **Merlin Bird ID** and **eBird**. This contributed to new data entries on local migratory bird sightings, which support ongoing biodiversity monitoring in LPPWP.

4. Tangible Environmental Action:

The cleanup drive successfully removed **over 109 kilograms of marine debris**, directly improving habitat quality for migratory birds and other coastal species. The trash audit data provided valuable insights into the types and sources of pollution affecting LPPWP's ecosystem, informing future waste management campaigns.

5. Strengthened Institutional and Community Partnerships:

The collaboration between **One Pawikan Initiative**, **LPPWP PAMO**, and supporting organizations demonstrated the value of collective action. The event fostered stronger ties between youth networks, local authorities, and environmental groups working within the Manila Bay area.

6. Increased Visibility and Public Engagement:

The event gained significant attention through onsite participation and online engagement. Participants shared their experiences and learnings through social media, helping amplify the message of *Shared Spaces* and encouraging more youth to join wetland conservation efforts.

7. Contribution to Global Conservation Goals:

By aligning with the WMBD theme and the objectives of the **Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)**, the event contributed to advancing **SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities)** and **SDG 15 (Life on Land)**.

Conclusion



The *Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands* event was a resounding success, combining education, citizen science, and environmental action in a youth-centered framework. The program not only strengthened awareness of migratory bird and wetland conservation but also cultivated a new generation of local conservation advocates committed to protecting Manila Bay’s remaining ecosystems.

Through the generous support of the **East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)** under the **World Migratory Bird Day 2025 Small Grant Fund**, the initiative demonstrated how collaborative, community-based efforts can create lasting impact—transforming wetlands into genuine “safe havens” for both birds and people.

Any additional comment? (Optional)

Note:

- Email us the electronic file (JPEG or PDF) of your language version of the WMBD poster published for EAAFP website;
- Post its printed poster to the **EAAFP Secretariat**, if you can and have one;
- Take enough photos from events or activities with this WMBD poster and send us lots of photos in jpg or png format; and videos as well if you have one.
- Logos of WMBD and EAAFP have to be shown on all your printed and digital promotional materials.