



Waterbird Fund update

The Waterbird Fund (<https://waterbird.fund/>) was established in 2016 in response to the invitation of the UNEP African- Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands to create a fund to support waterbird monitoring. It was endorsed by the Convention on Migratory Species COP in 2017. The fund was established with the African-Eurasian Waterbird Monitoring Partnership, and is managed by Wetlands International. Although we encourage IWC national coordinators to promote the fund, it is not intended to replace or compete with national funding efforts. To date, the funds have mainly used to provide emergency support for IWC counts.

Targeted fundraising

In 2021 and 2022, the African-Eurasian Waterbird Monitoring Partnership made a special effort to raise funds for countries struggling with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and that are not covered by ongoing regional capacity building projects. In total €16,000 was shared between countries in East Africa (Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi) and Eastern Europe/Central Asia (Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan). These funds were identified or donated by the members of the African-Eurasian Waterbird Monitoring Partnership.

Untargeted fundraising

A form for general donations is on the waterbird.fund website (image below). This facilitates payments with credit cards, paypal and iDEAL (a Dutch payment mechanism). Information to make direct bank transfers is also provided. Donations can be made to the general Waterbird Fund or to specific regional programmes (including the African-Eurasian Waterbird Census). Since the establishment of the fund, €9,050 has been raised through this facility, including €5,150 fees from data requests. Most of the remaining total consists of donations from within the African-Eurasian Waterbird Monitoring Partnership, with only €300 raised from the wider public. These are usually donated following press releases or IWC related news articles in national media.

DONATION *

€5 ▾

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE THIS A REGULAR DONATION? *

One-time ▾

DONATE TO *

Waterbird Fund - General ▾

E-MAIL *

E-mail address (required)

FIRST NAME *

First name (required)

LAST NAME *

Last name (required)

TOTAL

5,00 €

PAYMENT METHOD *



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