

The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society

Asia Conservation Fund

2025 – 2026

Background

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The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society (HKBWS) promotes appreciation and protection of birds and their habitats through education, research, habitat management, environmental monitoring and conservation advocacy to achieve the vision of “People and birds living in harmony as nature continues to thrive.”

HKBWS was founded in 1957. It became a charitable organization in 2002, BirdLife International Partner in 2013, the 38th partner of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) in 2020 and member of International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) in 2022.

About HKBWS Asia Conservation Fund

HKBWS Asia Conservation Fund supports registered organizations, especially non-governmental and non-profit organizations in Asia and the region along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, aiming to facilitate effective bird conservation through research & monitoring, education and capacity building.

The fund is open for applications once a year, with a higher priority given to i) projects which target species that occur in Hong Kong or on the East Asian-Australasian Flyway; and ii) project(s) that assist the relevant country in meeting [Aichi Biodiversity Targets](#) and implementing its action plan. Funds are from donations of members and supporters of the Hong Kong Bird Watching Society.

Application Details

Funding Strategy for 2025-2026

The fund aims to support projects involving waterbird or land bird species that occur on the East Asian-Australasian Flyway.

Eligible Candidates

Registered organizations, especially non-governmental and non-profit organizations that can legally operate in their relevant country or the project area, can apply for this fund. We only accept one application from each organization per year.

Funding Amount

The maximum amount for a project is **USD\$2,000**. The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society reserves the rights of final decision of the approved amount for each successful application.

Applicants should make sure their affiliation can receive funding from Hong Kong.

How to apply?

Applicants can apply via Email

Applicants have to submit the following documents to lkenneth@hkbws.org.hk

1. A completed application form, which should not exceed 4 pages
2. A copy of documents which demonstrate that the organization can legally operate in their relevant country or the project area

Application Deadline

22 June 2026 (Sunday) Hong Kong time 12:00 noon (GMT +08:00)

Application Process

The Asia Conservation Fund Committee will review all applications within two months of the application deadline. The application results with approved funding amount will be notified through email.

Funding Payment Details

The funding will be transferred in two installments. HKBWS will send the first installment of the funding after an agreement is signed by both sides, and the final installment will be transferred after HKBWS receives all the required reports and deliverables. Details can be seen in the next section. The applicant should ensure that their bank can receive telegraphic transfers from Hong Kong and should also provide HKBWS with the relevant bank details.

Reporting and Deliverables

Successful applicants are required to submit the following items within one month of the project end date:

- (1) A final report including project findings and outcomes
- (2) A financial report
- (3) At least 10 photographs
- (4) An executive summary of 200-300 words

The executive summary and selected photos will be posted onto HKBWS's bulletin, website and social media channels.

Data Ownership and Copyright

- (1) The applicant has the ownership of the data generated from the project and, the applicant is encouraged to submit the results of the project to international peer-reviewed journals, update the process of submission, share such publication with HKBWS.
- (2) HKBWS reserves the right to use the results, including the project findings and outcomes, on any publicity.

Acknowledgement

Successful applicants must acknowledge HKBWS Asia Conservation Fund in any publications or productions resulting from the sponsored project. The fund must be cited as 'HKBWS Asia Conservation Fund.'

Termination of project

If the applicant is unable to deliver the project items agreed during the project period, the organization-in-charge or the responsible staff of the project must inform HKBWS at the earliest convenience. Also, the applicant is required to submit the project determination report and return of all remaining funds to HKBWS within a month after informing HKBWS.

Enquiries

If you have any enquiries, please contact us at lkenneth@hkbws.org.hk.