

# Asian Waterbird Conservation Fund

Public awareness campaign to enhance the conservation of migratory shorebird and their habitat at Chao Mai Marine National Park, Trang Province, Southern Thailand

Progress Report : December 2006

1. **Contact person**

Asae Sayaka, Wetlands International-Thailand Office

2. **Project commencement date**

1st June 2006

3. **Expected project completion date**

31st August 2006

4. **Summary of activities organised:**

a) **Production of awareness material**

Five hundred copies of poster on “Chao Mai wetland biodiversity” have been produced. It has been distributed widely to relevant agencies e.g. schools with the project area, Chao Mai Marine National Park, Libong Non-Hunting Area. Eight hundred project brochures has been produced and distributed widely. Posters and brochures also are being distributed in schools for awareness rising.

b) **Training workshop on Wetlands and Migratory Shorebirds Conservation**

A local training workshop on “wetlands and migratory Shorebirds Conservation” was held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at Kok Libong. Twenty (20). Participants to the training workshop was representatives from different



local organizations e.g. local communities, Administrative Organization, The training course included presentation on Wetland and shorebird conservation. The training also presented wetland benefits, values and functions, the training also allowed participants discussed the problems. The training also included a field visit to the site. Prior to the training, field visited and community surveyed have been carried out by WI Thailand office staff. The visited aimed to understanding local context and seeking local needs.

With additional financial support from CPF, the project also carried out a study on “relationship between shorebird and its food habitat”. A technical report will be compiled and published soon



**Project staff acted as a training facilitator**

The project as a whole has been very successful. The training gave a very good background of the shorebird status and raising local awareness and understanding.

The recommendations of the follow up implementation will be addressed by relevant government agencies. Meanwhile Wetlands International-Thailand Office will continue its support to local government in the identification of follow-up activities for implementation, as one its priorities.

Local communities now have a better understanding of the concept of wise use of shorebird and wetland conservation.

The general objectives of this project (and relation to the specific target groups) have all been achieved. There was small difficulty of the training workshop was that the training proposed with a

number of 80 participants but with internal and poor preparation from Wetlands International Thailand Office team, only 20 participants attended.

Wetlands International Thailand Office will work with relevant government agencies to

- organize a “National Workshop for development of shorebird action plan later November 2006. Originally this proposed workshop planned to be held in September 2006. But with small changes within responsible government agencies. Wetlands International Thailand Office decided to postponed it. The postponement was based on the reason that future effective management of shorebird and wetland conservation is based on a commitment of responsible government agencies.
- Raise fund to deliver intensive training courses on wetland and shorebird conservation. During field visited and community surveyed, site managers have explored Wetlands International Thailand Office to conduct training need assessment and provide intensive training course to their staff and local people. They suggested that course should include application of Ramsar Convention and how to integrate development and conservation.
- Wetlands International-Thailand Office will work with AWC National Coordinator to plan AWC 2007 counting.

## **5. Acknowledgement**

This project has been carried out with financial support from the Asian Waterbird Conservation Fund. Many thanks to Mr. Parinya Bantito, Ms. Benchawan Teerakul and Miss Rusnee Uma of Wetlands International Thailand Office for their support and ensuring this project were implemented effectively.