

## NEASPEC Nature Conservation Programme “Conservation and Rehabilitation of Habitats for Key Migratory Birds in North-East Asia”

### North-East Asian Young Conservation Leadership Programme (NEA YCLP)

**Date:** May 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 (5 days)

**Place:** Republic of Korea

(Ganghwa Island, Han and Imjin Estuary and Mt. Bukhansan National Park)

**Co-organized by:** Environmental Ecosystem Research Foundation (ERF Korea)  
and Ganghwa Peoples’ Network

**Co-hosted by:** UNESCAP-ENEA, NEASPEC<sup>1</sup>, KSEE<sup>2</sup> and KNPS<sup>3</sup>

**Language:** English

## 1. Background of the Programme

To support and implement the NEASPEC Nature Conservation Strategy<sup>4</sup> for key migratory bird species (Black-faced Spoonbill, Hooded Crane, and White-naped Crane), NEASPEC undertakes the project ‘Conservation and Rehabilitation of Habitats for Key Migratory Birds’ during 2013-2015.

The Project’s objectives are to contribute the conservation of target species; and to promote transboundary and intergovernmental cooperation and enhance coordinated mechanism for their conservation. Under these objectives, scoping surveys<sup>5</sup>, joint studies<sup>6</sup> and capacity building and awareness raising programme are carried out on the three NEASPEC flagship migratory bird species by national focal points of the Project<sup>7</sup>.

With respect to capacity building and awareness raising programme, the Korean Society of

<sup>1</sup> North-East Asian Sub-regional Programme for Environmental Cooperation

<sup>2</sup> Korean Society of Environment and Ecology

<sup>3</sup> Korean National Park Service

<sup>4</sup> For more information on NEASPEC and the Conservation Strategy, see <http://www.neaspec.org/>

<sup>5</sup> Scoping survey sites for **Black-faced Spoonbills**: Xingrentuo/ Yuanbaotuo (China), Hakata Bay (Japan) and Incheon (ROK); for **Hooded Cranes**: Lindian (China), Izumi (Japan) and Cheonsu Bay (ROK); and for **White-naped Cranes**: DIPA and adjacent territories (including Dalai Lake for China), and Khurkh-Khuiten River Valley Areas of the Onon River Basin and general distribution range in eastern Mongolia.

<sup>6</sup> Two joint study sites have been selected: Korean Demilitarized Zone Area (Korean DMZ Area) and Dauria International Protected Area (DIPA). The joint study to Korean DMZ area was carried out between 31<sup>st</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and the Study to the DIPA will be in the later of the year.

<sup>7</sup> Project national focal points are Chinese Academy of Forestry (China), Korean Society of Environment and Ecology (KSEE for Republic of Korea), State Nature Biosphere Reserve “Daurisky” (Russia), Wild Bird Society of Japan (WBSJ for Japan) and Wildlife Science and Conservation Centre (Mongolia).

Environment and Ecology (KSEE), the national focal point of the Project for the Republic of Korea, will organize the training programme for young scientists and practitioners in North-East Asian countries; and UNESCAP East and North-East Asia Office, as NEASPEC secretariat overseeing the overall Project. Following the training programme for early career leaders for 5 days, an international education programme for junior high school students in local community where Black-faced Spoonbills mainly inhabited in Republic of Korea will be held for raising awareness among local community.

## **2. Expected Outcomes of the Programme**

- 2.1 Gaining relevant knowledge and skills for the conservation of flagship species and its habitat;
- 2.2 International workshop on Conservation and Rehabilitation of Habitats for Key Migratory Birds with special emphasis on Black-faced Spoonbills;
- 2.3 Supports professional development and conservation action in local places in the sub-region;
- 2.4 Building the network among early career conservationists, senior conservation leaders and multi-layered conservation organizations in the sub-region.

## **3. Composition of the Programme and Training Subjects**

The 5-day training programme will be consisted of an one-day indoor session, International workshop, and a four-day outdoor session. Most part of the programme will be conducted in interactive mode outside. The programme focuses on topics including:

- Conservation history and Challenges in the North-East Asia;
- Multi-layered and multi-lateral governance on conservation of migratory birds and their habitats in the region;
- Integrated ecosystem-based approach to conserve birds' habitat;
- Biotope survey, Habitat mapping and Better Land Use;
- Cooperation for transboundary protected areas;
- Sustainable development for local community including eco-tourism, and;
- Communication and Education skills for Conservation

## **4. Provisional Trainers**

- 4.1 Noritaka Ichida (Senior Advisor of BirdLife Asia)
- 4.2 Sandra Hails (Chair of EAAFP CEPA Working Group)
- 4.3 Xianji Wen (Conservation Manager, South China Wetlands Programme, WWF HK)
- 4.4 NAM Sangmin (Vice Head of UNESCAP ENEA)
- 4.5 Spike Millington (Chief Director, EAAFP secretariat) (TBC)
- 4.6 HEO Hagyoung (Senior Researcher, KNPS)
- 4.7 CHOE Heeyoung (Senior Researcher, KNPS)
- 4.8 HAN Bongho (Professor, Dep. Of Landscape Architect, University of Seoul)
- 4.9 KIM Kyungwon (Chief Director, NEA Eco-network Centre, ERF Korea)

4.10 BAK Sunyoung (Int'l Cooperation Director, ERF Korea)

## 5. Eligible trainees

20 (approximately but at most) early career leaders from North-East Asian countries (graduate or doctoral students related with nature conservation; local practitioners who have been working for less than 5 years)

## 6. Tentative Programme (as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015)

Date and details		Place
<b>Day 0: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (Saturday)</b>		
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overseas participants arrival</li> </ul>	
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>KT&amp;G Ganghwa Training Institute</b>	Ganghwa county, Incheon city
<b>Day 1: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (Sunday) : International workshop on <i>Conservation and Rehabilitation of Habitats for Key Migratory Birds with special emphasis on Black-faced Spoonbills</i></b>		
<b>Accommodation</b>		
<b>Day 2: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (Monday)</b>		
0800-1700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training session I: Habitat mapping and better land use for conservation of Black-faced Spoonbills</li> </ul>	Ganghwa Island and Incheon City (Gyeonggi bay)
<b>Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>KT&amp;G Ganghwa Training Institute</b></li> </ul>	Ganghwa county, Incheon city
<b>Day 3: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (Tuesday)</b>		
0800-1700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training Session II: Habitat management of transboundary protected area and International cooperation</li> </ul>	Korean DMZ area (Panmunjeom and Jangdan Peninsula)
<b>Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>KT&amp;G Ganghwa Training Institute</b></li> </ul>	Ganghwa county, Incheon city

<b>Day 4: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (Wednesday)</b>		
0800-1700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training Session III: Conservation strategy based on catchment management</li> </ul>	Mt. Bukhansan National Park
<b>Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>KT&amp;G Ganghwa Training Institute</b></li> </ul>	Ganghwa county, Incheon city
<b>Day 5: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 (Tuesday)</b>		
08:00-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training Session IV: Conservation and management of Ramsar site and its adjacent area</li> </ul>	Songdo Ramsar site, Incheon city
13:00-14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch</li> </ul>	
14:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap-up workshop among participants</li> </ul>	UNESCAP ENEA Office (Songdo, Incheon)
17:00-20:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farewell Dinner hosted by UNESCAP ENEA</li> </ul>	
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hotel in Songdo, Inchoen</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Day 6: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 (Friday)</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overseas participants depart for home</b></li> </ul>	

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