

Item 5(b)- Annex V.

Activity plan for nature conservation in 2025

A. Work Plan for NEASPEC Flagship Species

Approach and modality

- **Implementation of Connectivity Conservation for Habitats of Flagship Migratory Birds:** Facilitate collaborative efforts among member States to strengthen multilateral cooperation for habitat connectivity, including field research, analysis, and capacity-building activities.
- **Capacity Building for Big Cats Conservation in North-East Asia:** Strengthen the capacity of policy makers and key stakeholders to align NEASPEC's conservation efforts with international big cat networks, fostering ecological connectivity and transboundary collaboration.

Key Activities

- **A.1: Implementation of the project “Connectivity conservation for habitats of flagship migratory birds in North-East Asia (Black-faced Spoonbills, Hooded Cranes, and White-naped Cranes)” (Q1-Q4):** The secretariat will continue to implement the new proposed project of Connectivity conservation for habitats of flagship migratory birds in North-East Asia (Black-faced Spoonbills, Hooded Cranes, and White-naped Cranes) to strengthen multilateral cooperation for connectivity conservation in North-East Asia and explore mechanisms for better-systemized cooperation. (Budget: USD 299,789).
 - *Remarks: The budget for Activity A.1 is funded by the Russian Federation and not drawn from the NEASPEC Core Fund.*
- **A.2: capacity building/workshop on creating the big cats network in North-East Asia (Q2 or Q3):** The secretariat proposes to advance capacity building to consider establishing a network on big cats in North-East Asia. This seeks to strategically align NEASPEC's efforts with established regional and international big cat conservation networks, enhancing both visibility and transboundary cooperation for ecological connectivity in Northeast Asia. (Budget: USD 11,250).

B. Work Plan for information and knowledge sharing

Approach and modality

- **Information and Knowledge Sharing on Biodiversity Conservation:** Develop a platform to enhance access to and exchange of biodiversity data, supported by research on data protocols and best practices on data sharing. Concurrent activities include drafting updates to conservation action plans and synthesizing findings for dissemination among stakeholders.

Key Activities

- **B.1: Integrated approach for information-sharing platform for biodiversity conservation under NEASPEC (tentatively Q2-Q3):** The secretariat proposes to develop an integrated approach for an information-sharing platform on biodiversity conservation under NEASPEC. This approach will consist of exploring viable options for effective information and data sharing and platforms development component to ensure practical application. The research will also identify suitable data-sharing protocols and draft guidelines on information and data-sharing practices within NEASPEC. (Budget: USD 15,000)
- **B.2: Joint revision on the Black-faced Spoonbill Action Plan (Q1-Q4):** The secretariat proposes to jointly revise the Black-faced Spoonbill Action Plan under the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) in collaboration with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Hong Kong and the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) Black-faced Spoonbill Working Group. (USD 11,250)
- **B.3: Editing of Key Findings from Transboundary Big Cat Conservation Efforts in North-East Asia (Q1):** The secretariat proposes to undertake an activity to edit and disseminate the main findings of the completed project on "Transboundary Cooperation for Conservation of Amur Tigers, Amur Leopards, and Snow Leopards in North-East Asia." This activity will synthesize key outcomes, including crucial data on species populations, habitats, and migration patterns, to ensure effective knowledge sharing among stakeholders. (USD 7,500)