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Overview of NEASPEC Nature Conservation Strategy & 2021-2025 Strategic Plans

Workshop on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity for
Transboundary Cooperation

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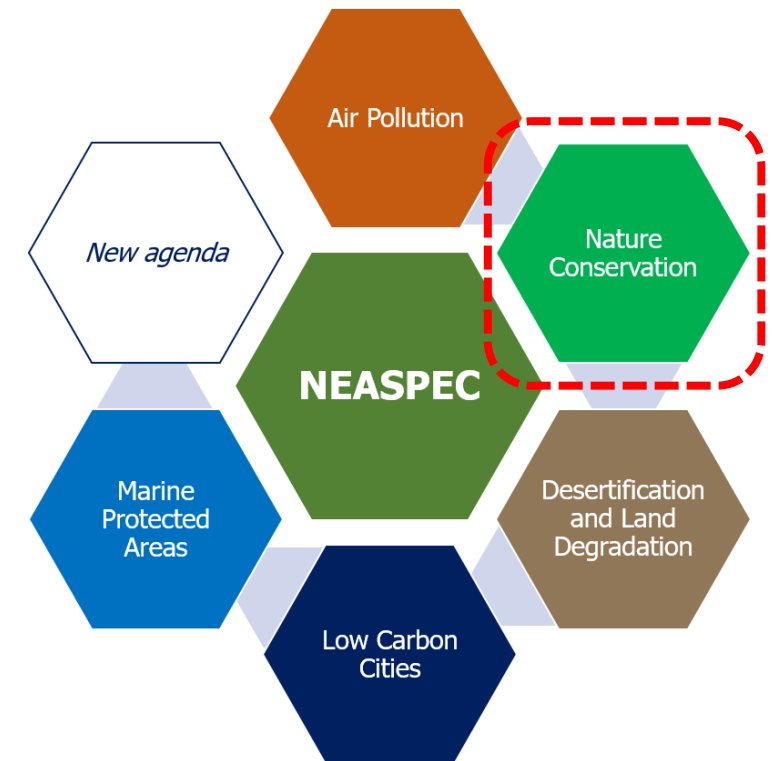
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NEASPEC



North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (NEASPEC)

- **Established:** 1993 as a comprehensive cooperation framework
- **Members:** China, DPR Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation
- **Objective:** Promote environmental cooperation and sustainable development in North-East Asia
- **30th Anniversary:** 2023 marked the 30th anniversary of NEASPEC. Member States reaffirmed its commitment via the statement.

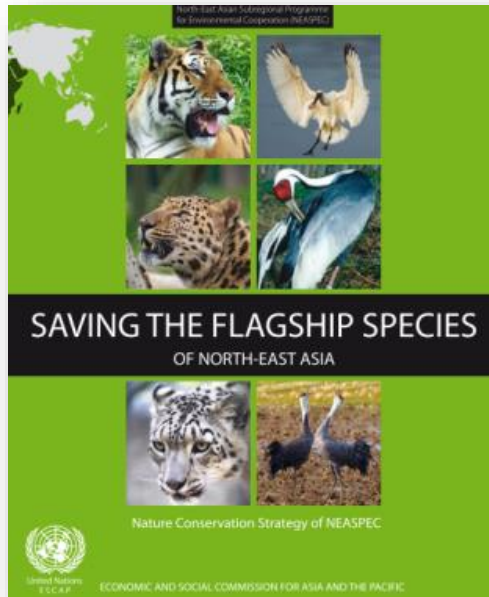


Nature Conservation Strategy



Background

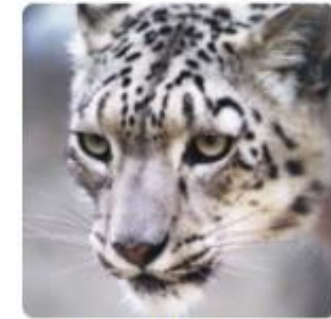
NEASPEC Nature Conservation Strategy SOM-12 (Beijing, 2007)



Amur Tiger



Amur Leopard



Snow Leopard



Black-faced Spoonbill



White-naped Crane



Hooded Crane

Overall goals

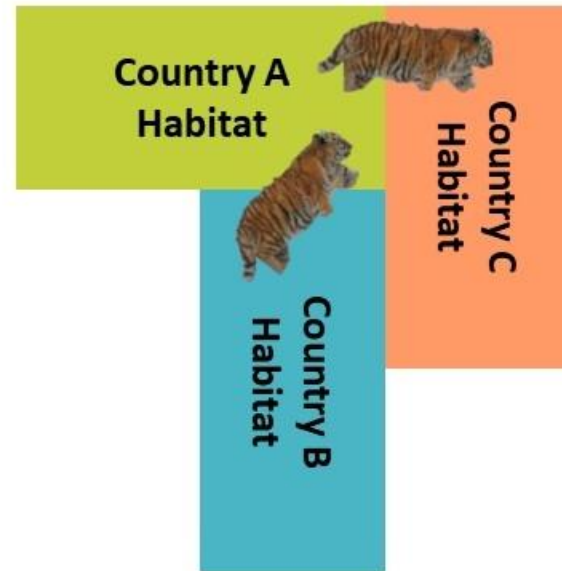
1. Contribute to **biodiversity conservation in NEA** by ensuring the survival of target species;
2. Promote **transboundary and inter-governmental cooperation**;
3. Enhance **coordinated mechanisms** for the conservation of target species and their habitats.

Overall approach

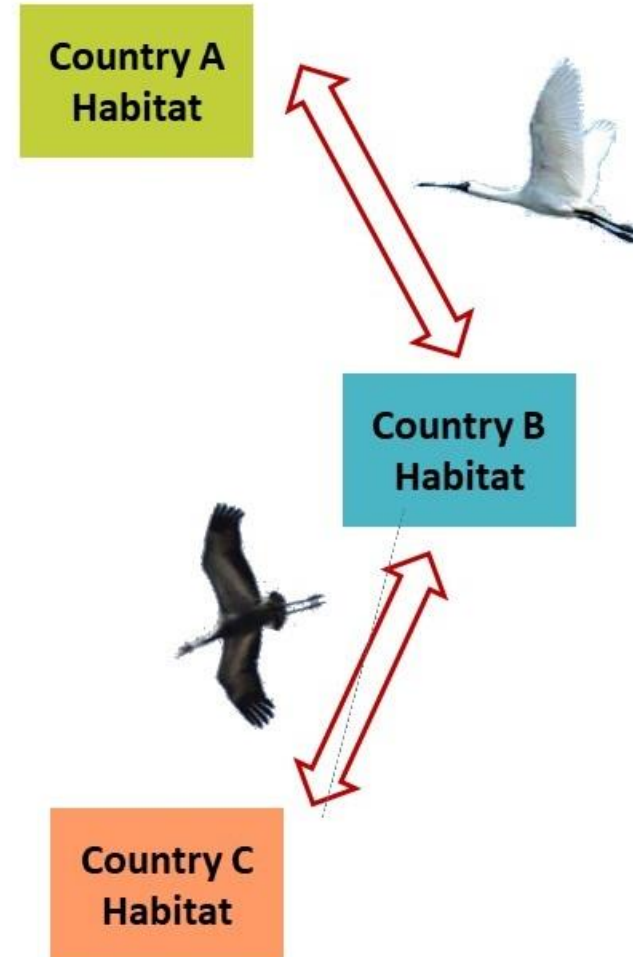
- Build on existing schemes to **create synergies, promote partnership with existing activities and networks**.
- Support the **subregional implementation of international agreements** such as CBD, CMS, CITES and other relevant agreements.

Connectivity conservation

1. Physically- and Ecologically- Connected



2. Ecologically-Connected



NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2021-2025



Process towards Strategic Plan 2021-2025


SOM-23, 2019: Preliminary evaluation of implementing the Strategic Plan 2016-2020



March-April 2020: Stakeholder survey (163 participants)

April-August 2020: Independent evaluation; June- inputs for SP 2021-2025

June-July 2020: Review of relevant mechanisms' activities, and regional & global context of NEASPEC work



July 2020: Circulation of background document and draft SP 2021-2025

August 2020: National Focal Points meeting on the SP 2021-2025; and additional feedback

NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2021-2025: Biodiversity and Nature Conservation

Objectives:

By 2025, build and/or strengthen institutional arrangements on the conservation of flagship species and their habitats in support of the NEASPEC Nature Conservation Strategy, national biodiversity strategy and action plan, the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework and the SDG 15.

Activities

Support **strengthening bilateral, multilateral and multistakeholder cooperation**, for institutionalizing cross-border and connectivity conservation between national protected areas including protected wetlands in the Tumen River area

Facilitate **capacity building and knowledge sharing on ecosystem approach/management** in habitats and protected areas of the flagship species

Facilitate **capacity building and knowledge sharing on the conservation of flagship species**, including monitoring and prevention of wildlife diseases

Liaise with **multilateral, regional and global mechanisms on biodiversity and nature conservation** and develop partnership activities

Looking Forward: 2026-2030 – what trends should NEASPEC capture?

- The strategy will be through the consultative process among stakeholders, and general directions may include:
 - Expand transboundary conservation efforts across North-East Asia
 - Deepen cooperation on emerging biodiversity challenges
 - Strengthen integration with global biodiversity initiatives
- First and foremost, we would like to hear from you!





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