Conservation and Rehabilitation of Habitats for Key Migratory Birds in North-East Asia

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I. Background



http://www.neaspec.org/envir-impera.asp

Black-faced Spoonbill



Hooded Crane



http://maps.iucnredlist.org/index.html

White naped Crane



http://maps.iucnredlist.org/index.html

Project Strategies

In order to implement its proposed strategies of the Nature Conservation Strategy for White-naped Cranes, Hooded Cranes, and Black-faced Spoonbills.









Key wetland habitats in Korea

Rice paddies, River, Estuary and Tidal-flats are key wetlands in Korea for White-naped Cranes, Hooded Cranes, and Black-faced Spoonbills



Ganghwa Island , breeding site of BFS



Cholwon Basin, wintering site of White-naped Cranes



Imjin River wintering site of White-naped Cranes



Southern tidal flat of Ganghwa Island , habitat of BFS and Cranes



Suncheon Bay, wintering sites of Hooded Crane



Han River Estuary, wintering site of White-naped Cranes

II. Scoping survey

1. Objectives

Selecting key habitats for conservation and rehabilitation of target species in North-East Asian subregion	(related to the Strategy for the BFS no. 2-d, and for the Cranes no. 1-d)
Undertaking a precise and comprehensive survey on the key habitats for the development of the North-East Asian Habitats Conservation Plan	(related to the Strategy for the BFS no.5 and for the Cranes no. 6)
Establishment of a subregional monitoring scheme and information sharing network among the key habitats	(related to the Strategy for the BFS no. 3 and for the Cranes no. 1-a)

Sites that are officially enlisted under EAAFP FSN(Flyway Site Network), IBA of Birdlife International, Ramsar Site etc.	(related to the Strategy for the BFS no. 1-a, and for the Cranes no. 8-a)
Sites that are breeding, staging or wintering grounds of target species and require urgent rehabilitation and management of habitats through international support	(related to the Strategy for the BFS no.5 and for the Cranes no. 1)
Sites that require improved local community involvement as a key condition for rehabilitation and management	(related to the Strategy for the BFS no. 5 and for the Cranes no. 2)

3. Provisional Research Format of Survey I

	(*Revision of RIS)
Country	
Name of the Site	
Overview of the site	
Geographical location	latitude/longitude
Geographical location	General location
	Area (in hectares)
Physical Fosturo	Elevation
r nysical i eature	General physical features (including catchment area)
	Hydrological values
Habitat Types	Presence
	dominance
Ecological features	General features
	Noteworthy flora
	Noteworthy fauna
Socioeconomic and cultural features	Social and cultural values
	Land tenure/ownership
	Current land (including water) use
Threaten factors (past, present or potential)	affecting the site's ecological character
Conservation measures taken	
Stakeholder Participation	Major stakeholders of the site
	Potential target groups for conservation of the site
	Need of local and/or national development
	Ecotourism value

4. Provisional Research Format of Survey II

(*Revision of species account from Cranes, 199		
Summary of the site related to target species		
(Breeding/staging/wintering) Population numbers and trends of species in the sit	e	
Historic and present distribution of species in the s	ite	
Characteristics of habitat and ecology		
Principal threats		
	Legal and cultural protection	
	International agreements and cooperation	
	Habitat protection and management	
Current concervation measures	Surveys/Monitoring/Censuses	
	Research	
	Non-governmental Organizations(NGOs)	
	Education and Training	
	Captive propagation and reintroduction	
Major stakeholders of the site		
Potential target groups for conservation of the site		
Need of local and/or national development		
Ecotourism value		

III. Joint Study

1. Objectives

Conducting joint study on the target sites in particular in transboundary areas	(related to the Strategy for the BFS no. 2-c and for the Cranes no. 6-b)
Conducting a comprehensive study with participation of ornithologists, landscape planners , community development experts, local authorities, local inhabitants, local media and NGOs	(related to the Strategy for the BFS no. 2-b, and for the Cranes no. 2-b and 5-d)
Producing Environmental-Ecology Planning (EEP) on the target sites, including zoning of core zone, buffer zone and cooperation zone with management and sustainable development plan of the site	(related to the Strategy for the BFS no. 5 and for the Cranes no. 6)
Preparing the North East Asian Habitats Conservation Plan	(related to the Strategy for the BFS no. 5 and for the Cranes no. 6)

process

Goal-setting of the joint study

Composition of the joint study team Preparation

Habitat Mapping I (Habitat structure mapping)

Habitat Mapping II (Threatened factors mapping)

Suggestion of future direction

2. Provisional methodology and process of the study

1) Goal-setting of the joint study

Item Content		Detail
Goal-setting of the joint study	Joint study on two key habitats in the sub-region	Establishment of conservation and rehabi litation plan through habitat mapping

ltem	Content	Detail	
	NEASPEC Secretariat	Support to administrative work	
Composition of the joint study team	KSEE	Facilitating organization of the team	
	National experts and resource persons	Providing expertise of species, habitat mapping, land use, local community development etc.	

ltem	Content	Detail	
	baration Desk-study for gathering relative data and producing a basic plan for joint study	Selection of mapping area	
Preparation		Posing mapping unit and basic habitat type	
		Producing preliminary plan using GIS	

(1) Selection of mapping area



Movement in breeding site of BFS between North and South Korea

Source from WBSJ, 2005





Source from Birdlife International

Example: selection of mapping area of Incheon city



Posing mapping unit



Project Map of migratory routes for Siberian Crane & project sites ((Map: www.thegef.org).



Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program Staff Directory by Area of Responsibility

Posing basic habitat(Biotope) type



(3) Producing preliminary plan using GIS



Map of habitat mapping by field survey

Yancheng National Nature Reserve



The four fraction images (a – fresh water, b – salty water, c – soil, and d – vegetation) derived from the spectral mixture analysis of the Landsat 5 TM image.

Source from, Y. Zhang et al.(2009) Coastal wetland vegetation classification with a Landsat Thematic Mapper image

Coastal wetland vegetation distribution developed with the hybrid approach from the Landsat TM image.





ltem	Content	Detail
Field Study Joint study to the key habitats		Field workshop with local community
	Joint study to the key habitats	Synthesis of targeted species' inhabit condition, compleme nt by field survey
		Appearance mapping of species
		Mapping of threatening factors and socio-economic status

(1) Field workshop with local community







Habitat map ping in the field

(2) Synthesis of targeted species' inhabit condition complementing by field survey

범례

현존_위해join	B2. 인공형 하천	G1. 산림	J1. 구릉형 경지정리 논경작지	L1. 조경수식재지	P2. 공공시설	S1. 하수처리장
세분류_범	C1. 자연형 농수로	G2. 관목식생지	J2. 구릉형 자연형 논경작지	M1. 농촌주택지	P3. 대규모체육시설지	S2. 펌프장
A1. 자갈톱	C2. 인공형 농수로	G3. 산림훼손지	🛑 J3. 경지정리 논경작지	M2. 단독주택지	P4. 수련원	S3. 배수장
A2. 모래톱	D1. 하천보	H1. 묘지	🛑 J4. 자연형 논경작지	N1. 농공단지	P5. 체육시설지	T1. 도로
A3. 하천둔치	E1. 버드나무 수림대	H2. 묵논	K1. 과수원	N2. 상업시설지	Q1. 축사	T2. 농로
A4. 하천제방	E2. 아까시나무 수림대	H3. 묵밭	K2. 밭경작지	N3. 전망대	Q2. 견사	T3. 주차장
A5. 하천옹벽	F1. 둠벙	H4. 건조초지	K3. 묘포장	N4. 전시관	R1. 공업지	U1. 문화재
A6. 수면	📕 F2. 자연형 소류지	H5. 습지초지	K4. 시설경작지	01. 주상혼합지	R2. 액체비료저장소	V1. 군사지역
B1. 자연형 하천	F3. 저수지	1. 나지	K5. 인삼밭	P1. 교육시설	R3. 창고	V2. 건설현장
						V3. 야적장





Habitat map of cranes' distribution (FEB. 26-27, 2012)



*Source: 철원군 중장기 발전계획 (철원군, 2010)

5) Habitat Mapping

Digitizing of data, habitat typology of roosting and feeding site, revision of habitat typology by discussion, and Habitat structure mapping through GIS



(1) Digitizing of data



Data digitizing using Autocad



The main areas used by the Hooded Cranes from October 2008 – March 2009.









Synthesis of threatening factors in habitat, Typology of threatening factors, Creating mapping unit (polygon, line, point), and Mapping of threatened factors through GIS



Habitat Type	Threatening factors in habitat Content
Point	Residential area, Commercial area, industrial area, Observatory,
Line	Road, Artificial river, Revetment etc.
Bolygon	Agricultural industrial complex, Sports facilities, Construction sites,
Polygon	Open-storage area etc.

(2) Typology of threatening factors



Typology of threatening factors

(3) Creating mapping unit (polygon, line, point)

Point unit - Residential area

Line unit - Road

Point unit - Storage etc

Point unit – Construction sites

Landscape planning for better management on target habitats

Zoning of the sites (core zone, buffer zone, and cooperation zone), producing a strategy for conservation and better management of the sites, and Establishment of land use and landscape management plan

DMZ Eco corridor Eco-network of crane's wintering sites MAB, Ramsar sites etc.

(1) Zoning of the sites

Core zone, Buffer zone, and Cooperation zone

Mai Po & Inner Deep Bay Compose of various type of wetlands

Source from WWF Hongkong

(3) Establishment of land use and landscape management plan

IV. Vision and future

Conservation of endangered species & habitat through the environmental ecological planning

Ramsar Site in NEA

EAAFP Flyway Site in NEA

Important Birds Area in NEA

Protected Areas in NEA

Source from The World Database on Protected Areas

Potential Priority Areas of the Yellow Sea

Source from The Yellow Sea Ecoregion Planning Programme, 2006

Ecological Network of the Russian Far East

Three Core Eco-Axes of Korean Peninsula

Source from MOE, Korea (2010)

NEASPEC Nature Conservation Site for Sub-regional cooperation

