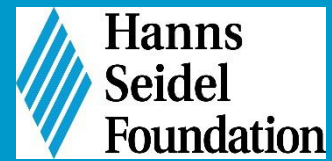


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"In the service of democracy, peace and development" –
this is the motto that describes the work and mission of the Hanns Seidel Foundation
in more than 50 countries worldwide.

HSF Korea supports the process of reconciliation on the Korean peninsula.
In **South Korea**, this includes regional development,
in which the border region (DMZ) is especially focused upon.
In **North Korea**, HSF attempts to contribute to the peaceful development
in the region through activities aiming for international integration
and cooperation of the DPRK in the field of the environment.



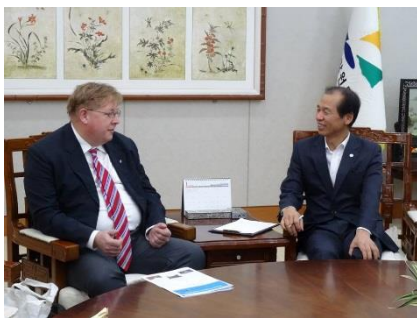
Our Work in 2016

in the Fields of Wetlands and Birds on the Korean Peninsula

Since more than 20 years the Hanns Seidel Foundation conducts projects on the Korean Peninsula with the goal to support the reconciliation and sustainable development in the region. Since 2003 HSF Korea also works in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Over the years, the projects more and more focused on environment cooperation. Currently one of the main projects of HSF Korea is a EU-funded project on sustainable reforestation. The second part of HSFs' work is a project together with the Ramsar Secretariat and other international partners on the conservation and wise use of wetlands in the DPRK. In 2016 several activities in North Korea, South Korea and third-countries, such as China and Mongolia, supported the exchange and cooperation in the field of environment in Northeast Asia.

HSF Korea and Gangwon Province

In January 2016 Governor Choi Moon-soon of Gangwon Province and Dr. Bernhard Seliger, Representative of Hanns Seidel Foundation Korea, met in Gangwon-do Provincial Office to discuss further cooperation and exchange between Gangwon Province and HSF Korea.



Since the first MOU in 2006 Gangwon province and Hanns Seidel Foundation Korea have been cooperating for 10 years in the field of sustainable development of the inner-Korean border area.

Cooperation between Birds Korea and HSF Korea – Migratory Birds on the Korean Peninsula

After several joint activities since 2014, HSF Korea and Birds Korea signed an

MOU in March and agreed to collaborate in joint activities related to environment conservation on the Korean Peninsula. Several activities in North Korea and South Korea, and in the border region, were implemented in 2016.



In Goseong County of Gangwon Province in South Korea six Marine bird surveys were conducted. Like the province, Goseong County is divided by the DMZ into south and north. The surveys are part of a research on biodiversity conservation at the inner-Korean border.

In February, a survey was conducted on the Chinese side of the Sino-Korean border. Areas following the border from Hunchun over Yanji to Paektusan were assessed. On the other side of the Sino-Korean border in Rason Special Economic Zone another two surveys were conducted. A

publication about all research activities is expected for 2017.

Workshop on Protected Area Management and the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species



In February 2016 HSF participated at the "Regional Workshop on Protected Area Management and the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species". The workshop brought together more than one hundred participants from different countries, including China, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and was organized by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

While the first two days focused on the management of Protected Areas, the last

two days dealt with the topic of the “IUCN Red List of Threatened Species”. Both parts included case studies of the participating countries.

The workshop served as an example how cooperation and exchange can continue despite growing tensions and threats in the Northeast Asia region.

HSF Korea becomes the 35th member of the East Asia – Australasian Flyway Partnership

In April 2016 Hanns Seidel Foundation Korea became the 35th member of the East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP). The EAAFP is a network of partners within the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, one of nine major migratory routes recognized globally and aims to protect migratory waterbirds, their habitat and the livelihoods of people dependent upon them.



“We are proud to be partners of the flyway partnership together with 15 national governments along the flyway, major international nature protection associations and NGO in the field of nature and bird protection,” said Dr. Bernhard Seliger, representative of Hanns Seidel Foundation in Korea. “We hope in particular we can contribute to promote better understanding of the challenges of the flyway across the Korean Peninsula, including the North and South.”

National Workshop on the “International Day for Biological Diversity”

On May 18th, a National Workshop on occasion of the “International Day for Biological Diversity” was organized by the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection (MOLEP) of the DPRK, supported by Hanns Seidel Foundation in cooperation with the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.



Experts from Birds Korea, the EAAFP, IUCN and from Beijing Forestry University were invited as international experts. More than 100 Korean participants from MOLEP, the State Academy of Sciences and related institutions as well as representatives from most provinces of the DPRK took part. The activity was part of the project by the Ramsar Secretariat and HSF Korea to support the conservation and wise use of wetlands in the DPRK. The workshop assessed the current situation in the DPRK and showed best practice examples.



National Workshop on the “World Migratory Bird Day”

Another National Workshop on occasion of the “World Migratory Bird Day” was organized in Pyongyang. The workshop focused on the importance of Migratory Birds and their habitat, including wetlands. More than 100 participants from related institutions in the DPRK took part.



HSF works together with the Ramsar Secretariat and other international organizations to support the conservation and wise use of wetlands in the DPRK. Wetlands are a key habitat for many migratory birds on the East Asian – Australasian Flyway.



Participation at the 5th Changbai Mountain Forum

The Forum was hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Education, Yanbian University and Korea University in July 2016. The forum covered topics such as climate change, ecology and plant resources in Northeast Asia, including Changbai Mountain and the Sino-Korean border area. The forum carried out in-depth discussion on the protection, sustainable use and development of biological resources in Changbai Mountain.



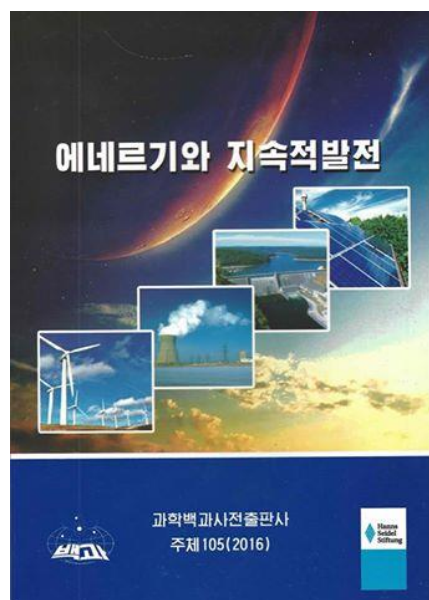
Dr. Hyunah Choi, Project Manager of HSF Korea, attended the forum and held a presentation about international cooperation with the DPRK in the field of environment.

Energy for Sustainable Development – Publication in the DPRK released

The Hanns Seidel Foundation Korea supported a publication, which was developed by professors and senior

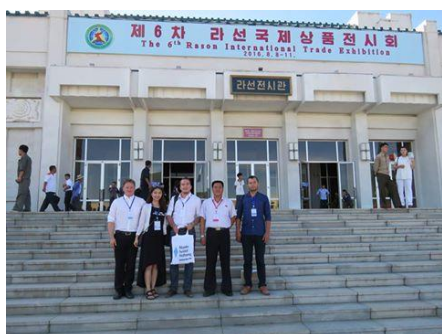
researchers of the State Academy of Science in the DPRK. The publication mainly focuses on renewable energy in the biological sector.

The support of the publication has the goal to introduce international standards, conventions and regulations to the wider society in the DPRK.



6th Rason International Trade Exhibition and the East Asian-Australasian Flyway

During the Rason International Trade Exhibition, HSF hosted a booth to raise awareness for the Rason Migratory Bird Reserve within the Rason SEZ and its importance for the the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF).



In cooperation with the EAAF Partnership Secretariat an exhibition was created to introduce the Rason Migratory Bird Reserve, but also to unveil the significance of the DPRK as a stopover site for migratory birds. Migratory waterbirds rely on wetland habitats across the flyway for breeding, roosting and feeding.

HSF supported international workshop in Mongolia

To support the protection of White-naped Cranes in the context of international exchange and cooperation, HSF together with a delegation from the DPRK participated at a workshop with the title "Strengthening Wetland Biodiversity Conservation in East Asia: Using the White-naped Crane as a Flagship Species" that took place on in August in Ulaanbaatar. Participants came from Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, China, Russia, Mongolia and the United States.



The workshop and a field visit brought together a wide variety of organizations and persons from all countries of Northeast Asia, and it served as a platform for open discussions about environmental issues and laid a profound basis for more cooperation in the future.

Seminar in Samilpo (Kumgangsan) about wetlands and the Ramsar Convention

The HSF, the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection and the Ramsar Secretariat held a workshop in (North) Kosong about the Ramsar Convention and Wetland Conservation.

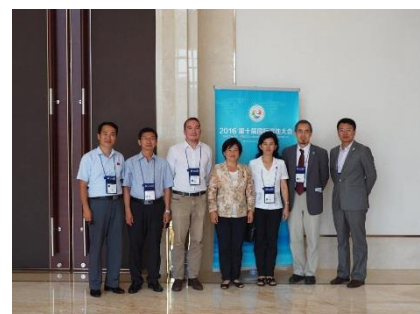


Lakes, rivers and wetlands have important economic, ecological and cultural functions: fish and other products are important for local livelihood, wetlands

are important habitats, they can be significant for disaster protection (e.g. protect against flooding) and they are often of great cultural importance, inspiring artists and poets.

10th INTECOL Conference – Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services under Global Changes

To improve the access to international networks, to establish international contacts and to show wetland management examples in China, HSF Korea supported the participation of a delegation from MoLEP to the 10th INTECOL conference in Changshu, China.



On September 21st Hanns Seidel Foundation together with the Ramsar Secretariat and the East – Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership hosted a session at the conference on 'The Conservation and Wise Use of Wetlands in North-east Asia with focus on the coastal wetlands of the Yellow Sea/West Sea'.

It was one of the rare opportunities that representatives of all countries neighbouring the Yellow/West Sea discussed the importance and status of the Yellow/West Sea tidal-flats, and explored opportunities for future cooperation of this declining ecosystem.



During the conference the delegation from DPR Korea together with participants of international organizations visited several wetlands in China, including Shanghai

Chongming Dongtan National Nature Reserve and Shajiabang National Wetland Park. These excursions had the purpose to demonstrate wetland management in China.



Workshop on World Heritage Nomination in South Korea

On October 12th, the “International Workshop for World Heritage Nomination of Korean Island-type Tidal Flats” took place in Mokpo, ROK.



The workshop took place within the context of the process to designate Korean Island-type Tidal Flats in the southwest of South Korea as World Heritage Sites (WH).

At the workshop, the project managers of HSF Korea, Dr. Hyun-ah Choi and Felix Glenk, shared the work of HSF in both Koreas and the current developments in nature conservation in the DPRK.

Workshop for Site Managers in Suncheon

From 10th to 14th of October a workshop brought together site managers and experts from East and Southeast Asia at Suncheon Bay International Wetland Center.

HSF Korea took part at the workshop to expand its network and to bring in the perspective about developments on the whole Korean Peninsula.



Workshop on the ‘Best Practices for the Management of Ramsar Sites’

Representatives of more than ten countries and three continents, including a representative of HSF Korea, took part at a workshop at the Ramsar Regional Centre for East Asia in Suncheon, South Korea.

The workshop aimed to produce the first draft of a ‘Guidance and Best Practices for the Management of Ramsar Sites’ and to propose an internationally acceptable process for monitoring the management of Ramsar Sites. The workshop was organized by the Ramsar Regional Centre for East Asia and the Ramsar Secretariat.



Publication of a calendar on Migratory Birds and Tide Times in DPRK

To raise awareness on Migratory Birds and their habitat a calendar was published in the DPRK by the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection with the support of HSF Korea. In each household along the west coast of the country, where many people depend on the services provided by nearby coast and wetlands, knowing tide times is essential.



To raise awareness among the population on the west coast the calendar with pictures and information about Migratory Birds and their habitat was provided to the habitants in the areas around Munok and Onchon.

Workshop on Nature Conservation and Transboundary Cooperation

The North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (NEASPEC) and Beijing Forestry University (BFU) organized a workshop on “Nature Conservation and Transboundary Cooperation” with representatives of countries situated in Northeast Asia.



Two projects – the NEASPEC Tiger and Leopards Project and the NEASPEC Migratory Birds Project - are being implemented since 2014 and aim to strengthen transboundary cooperation and generate further scientific understanding of flagship species and their habitats and to formulate further actions. Participants from Mongolia, Russia, South Korea, China, Japan and North Korea gave presentations on relevant topics, then proceeded to work in two groups, one focusing on Tiger and Leopard Conservation, and the other on Migratory Bird Conservation. In-depth discussions finalized the workshop and two reports will be published as an outcome.



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