

PROJECT LOCATIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA



Project on Sustainable Development in Korea

Since 2005, HSF works with regional partners for sustainable development in the inner Korean border area. From 2010 to 2015, we contributed to the crane restoration project in Anbyon county, North Gangwon province in the DPRK. From 2014 on, we conduct regular surveys in the Sonbong Migratory Bird Reserve of Rason Special City, DPRK. Since 2015, HSF works on the conservation of wetlands and international cooperation through the East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, and others. These projects are meant to contribute not only to better nature protection but also to more understanding and ultimately reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula.

Hanns
Seidel
Foundation

Seoul Office

Hanns
Seidel
Foundation

Seoul Office

The Hanns Seidel Foundation, founded in 1967, is a German political foundation, close to the Christian Social Union (CSU), providing political education "in the Service of Democracy, Peace, and Development" in Germany and abroad. It has been working for nearly 40 years in the field of development cooperation and is currently taking an active part in approximately 100 projects in around 60 countries worldwide.

Our international activities based on Christian-social ideals seek to promote humane living conditions and contribute to sustainable development by strengthening peace, democracy, and a social market economy. In cooperation with our local partners, we realize projects in the areas of political consulting and education. Our partners' independency and ownership are particularly important to us.

Korea Office Contact Information

Tel.: +82-2-790-5344/5, Fax: +82-2-790-5346
E-mail: info@hss.or.kr
Hanns Seidel Foundation
13 Hannamdaero 20-gil, #401 (Sooyoung Bldg., Hannam-dong), Yongsan-gu, Seoul, 04419, Republic of Korea

Our Partners



SUSTAINABILITY
KOREA / GERMANY



BIRDS AND BIODIVERSITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA



For further information please visit our website: www.hss.de/en/

Hanns Seidel Foundation Korea

www.hss.de/en/

www.hss.de

www.hss.or.kr



HSF Korea

“In the Service of Democracy, Peace and Development”

This is the motto that describes the work and mission of the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) in more than 60 countries worldwide.

For more than 30 years, HSF Korea has supported the process of reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula. In the ROK, this includes regional development, in which the border region is especially focused upon. In the DPRK, HSF attempts to contribute to the region’s peaceful development through activities that aim for international integration and cooperation in matters concerning the environment.

East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership

In early 2016, the HSF became the 35th member of the East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership, EAAFP. The EAAFP is comprised of, as of 2020, 39 partners including national governments along the flyway, major international nature protection associations, and NGOs in the field of nature and bird protection. This partnership resulted from years of work in the fields of biodiversity and sustainability. Together with the HSF and other partners, the EAAFP aims to protect migratory waterbirds, their habitat, and the livelihoods of people dependent upon them. The flyway network site ranges from Russia to New Zealand. From late 2022 on, the HSF, EAAFP, and experts from the environmental field will work together and focus on the Asian Flyway, also including the Central Asian and West Pacific Flyways.

Tripartite Environmental Ministers Meeting Award

The since 1999 ongoing annual meetings between the environment ministers of ROK, PR China, and Japan aim to promote environmental management, to take a leading role in regional environmental management, and to contribute to global environmental improvement. Besides discussions and negotiations, the three ministers also award a prestigious environmental prize. In 2018, the HSF was honored with the award for its long-standing engagement with environmental issues on the Korean Peninsula, as it has been working on sustainable development in the inner-Korean border region for more than 15 years.

Mundok and Kumya Migratory Bird Reserves

The Kumya Migratory Bird Reserve in the South Hamgyeong Province has been recognized as a National Migratory Bird Reserve by the DPRK in 1995. It acts as a habitat for over 200 bird species per season as well as an important breeding ground for fishes. The Mundok Migratory Bird Reserve, which too has been recognized as a National Migratory Bird Reserve by the DPRK, is also an official Wetland of International Importance (Ramsar Site) as of January 2018. The Bird Reserve supports a vast amount of globally threatened species such as the Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Fairy Pitta, or the Swan Goose. Due to its diversity, it is considered one of the DPRK’s most important Bird Reserves.

The HSF as well as its partners Ministry of Land and Environment Planning and EAAFP, conduct a vast number of conservation projects in the DPRK and along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway.

NEASPEC

The HSF and the UNESCAP, as NEASPEC secretariat, have been working together for many years, co-organizing a field survey with a team of international experts at the Rason Migratory Bird Reserve as their first joint project. The aim of the collaboration is to strengthen transboundary cooperation and generate further understanding of flagship species and their habitats and to formulate further actions.



Our Projects in Biodiversity

The projects in biodiversity of HSF Korea include:

- Promotion of Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula
- Sharing the German Experience with the “Green Belt” and its implications
- Reintegration of the DRPK and ROK with a focus on international environment networks
- International Cooperation and Exchange on the Korean Peninsula and beyond
- Sustainable Development with a focus on the transboundary areas

Transboundary Nature Conservation

Nature knows no man-made borders. This is evident when migratory birds cross the demilitarized zone between North and ROK. While globalization has created many bridges, even amongst formerly hostile states, DPRK remains isolated.

HSF Korea promotes exchange amongst representatives of international organizations and national governments. At the same time, HSF Korea supports training in DPRK and abroad, conferences, and practical environment surveys to improve the expertise of decision-makers.

