

Activity plan for biodiversity and nature conservation in 2022-2023

A. Work Plan for NEASPEC Flagship Species

Approach and modality: Focus on implementing ongoing and new projects on NEASPEC flagship species to enhance cooperation among range countries for effective conservation and transboundary management of the target species.

Key Activities

- **A.1: Implementation of the project “Transboundary cooperation on the conservation of Amur tigers, Amur leopards and Snow leopards in North-East Asia” (Q3, 2022 - Q1, 2023)**

The project started in 2020, and the Secretariat plans to implement the remaining activities including a final project report. The report will contain outcomes of three project components, including the latest status of Amur tigers, Amur leopards and Snow leopards inhabiting the Far Eastern Sino-Russian border and Mongolia-Russian border, and policy recommendations for joint monitoring system and management plans among range countries. (Ongoing, total budget: \$377,081)

- **A.2: Implementation of the project “Evaluation of the current status of transboundary snow leopard subpopulations in the border area between Mongolia and the Russian Federation” (Q3, 2022- Q4, 2023)**

The Secretariat is implementing a project on Snow leopards from Q3, 2022. It will continue the field survey and joint analysis to study all transboundary subpopulations of Snow leopards along the Mongolia-Russian border. The project includes a field survey, training for local rangers, joint monitoring and analysis between Mongolia and the Russian Federation, and a project report including action plans for snow leopard conservation in transboundary areas. (Ongoing, total budget: \$70,000)

- **A.3: Implementation of the project “Connectivity conservation of key migratory birds in North-East Asia” (tentatively, from 2023)**

The Secretariat plans to implement a new project focusing on key migratory bird species and their habitats (Cranes and Black-faced Spoonbills), if the funding is secured by a

donor, to strengthen multilateral cooperation for connectivity conservation in North-East Asia and explore mechanisms for better-systemized cooperation. The project includes field research, subregional guidelines to support agrobiodiversity management and capacity-building activities. (Approximate budget: \$268,000)

B. Work Plan for information and knowledge sharing

Approach and modality: Focus on sharing information and knowledge through events such as forums, workshops, webinars, etc. The events can be jointly organized with (sub) national, regional or global agencies to collectively support the works and raise awareness of biodiversity and nature conservation in the subregion.

Key Activities

- **B.1: Publication of the report “Transboundary cooperation among protected wetlands in the Tumen River Estuary” (Q4, 2022/Q1, 2023)**

The Secretariat plans to publish the study report in Q4, 2022/Q1,2023 and resume the discussion on how to strengthen transboundary cooperation in the Lower Tumen Area including an application to the transboundary Ramsar site. (Approximate budget: \$5,000)

- **B.2: Organization of a workshop on nature conservation and biodiversity for transboundary cooperation (tentatively Q2/Q3, 2023)**

The Secretariat plans to organize a workshop on nature conservation and biodiversity for transboundary cooperation to share progress and findings from projects on NEASPEC flagship species and facilitate discussions on the Tumen River Estuary for follow-up actions. (Approximate budget: \$30,000)