

KEI-NEASPEC Joint Project Proposal

Transboundary Area Biodiversity Conservation in NEA (NEATAB)

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NAPCI Framework

- **NAPCI(the Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Initiative) was launched in 2013 in order to build an order of multilateral cooperation in Northeast Asia.**
- **NAPCI aims to build up trust by cultivating a habit of dialogue and cooperation on several non-traditional(soft) security areas at various levels**
- **Non-traditional security areas include environment, nuclear safety, energy security, cyberspace, health, drugs, and disaster management which present common threats and cooperative responses need for addressing these issues among countries in the Northeast Asia**
- **Main Activity: Annual NAPCI Forum(2014~2016)**

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Network Building activities under NAPCI Framework

- **Environmental Session under 2015 NAPCI Forum(2015.10.27–29)**
 - ◆ **Participants**
 - 30 experts and officials from institutes, international organization, and NGOs including KEI, Seoul National University, National Biodiversity Center of Korea, Korea National Park Services, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, Nanjing Institute of Environmental Sciences, Nature Conservation Society of Japan, Institute of Geography & Geoecology of Mongolian Academy of Sciences, WWF–Russia Amur Branch, UNEP CBD Secretariat etc.
 - ◆ **Topics**
 - **Session 1 : Implementation of National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan(NBSAP) of each country in NEA**
 - **Session 2 : Regional Cooperation on Biodiversity Conservation in NEA**

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Network Building activities under NAPCI Framework

- Environmental Session under 2015 NAPCI Forum(2015.10.27-29)
 - ◆ Suggestion
 - Establishment of dialogue channel(1.5 track) on transboundary migratory species conservation among countries in NEA
 - Development of cooperation projects on establishment of ecological corridors and biodiversity conservation in transboundary protected area



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Network Building activities under NAPCI Framework

- 2016 Activities of Environmental Field under NAPCI Framework
 - Public-Private Network Building in domestic and Regional level
 - Developing project linking with existing cooperation mechanism and projects(NEASPEC)
 - Discussion of project implementation framework beyond NAPCI

	Activities
May	NAPCI Jeju Forum
August	NAPCI Gyeongju Forum
September	Hiroshima International Conference on NAPCI
October	NAPCI 1 st Biodiversity Forum in ROK
November	NAPCI Korea-China Network Building Conference



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Goals

- **Enhance coordinated actions to conserve key species and their habitats in transboundary areas in the North-East Asia**
- **Strengthen linkages between policy framework and scientific research basis**
- **Strengthen bi-/multi-lateral cooperation among all stakeholders and their capacities**
- **Contribute to the implementation of national, regional and global goals for sustainable development, in particular environment-related SDGs**

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Expected Outcomes

- Implement the strategy for species and their habitat conservation in transboundary areas in North–East Asia**
- Improve existing and/or create new transboundary ecological corridors and transboundary protected areas**
- Operate an effective platform or network on biodiversity conservation and management as in the North–East Asia among major stakeholders to enhance subregional environmental cooperation and coordinated actions**

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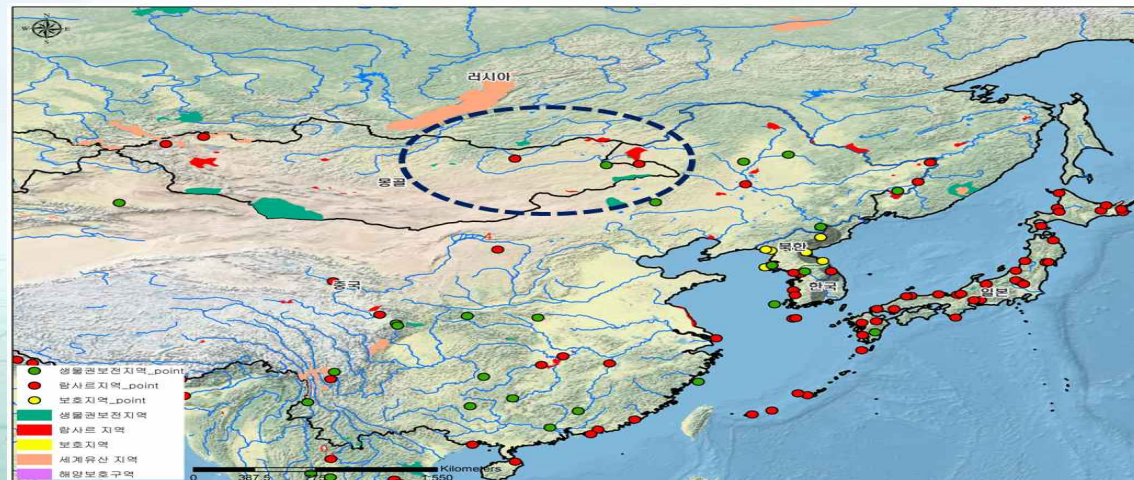
Proposed Activities : First Year (2017)

● Inception/Expert group meeting

- Invite national focal points, experts from research institutes and the academia, organizations
- Review biodiversity conservation status and identify key issues and priority protected areas for regional cooperation for the first year
- Discuss possibility to build so-called “North-East Asian Transboundary Protected Areas Network(NEATPAN)” and its management plan

● Field Study

- Target area(proposal): Conduct joint field study in “Dauria International Protected Areas, DIPA”



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Proposed Activities : First year (2017)

● Analytic Study

- Literature review on biodiversity status, key species, and transboundary protected areas of North–East Asia**
- Review and comparative study on national biodiversity–related policy implementation**
- Report on the first–year field study (e.g. Dauria International Protected Areas, DIPA)**

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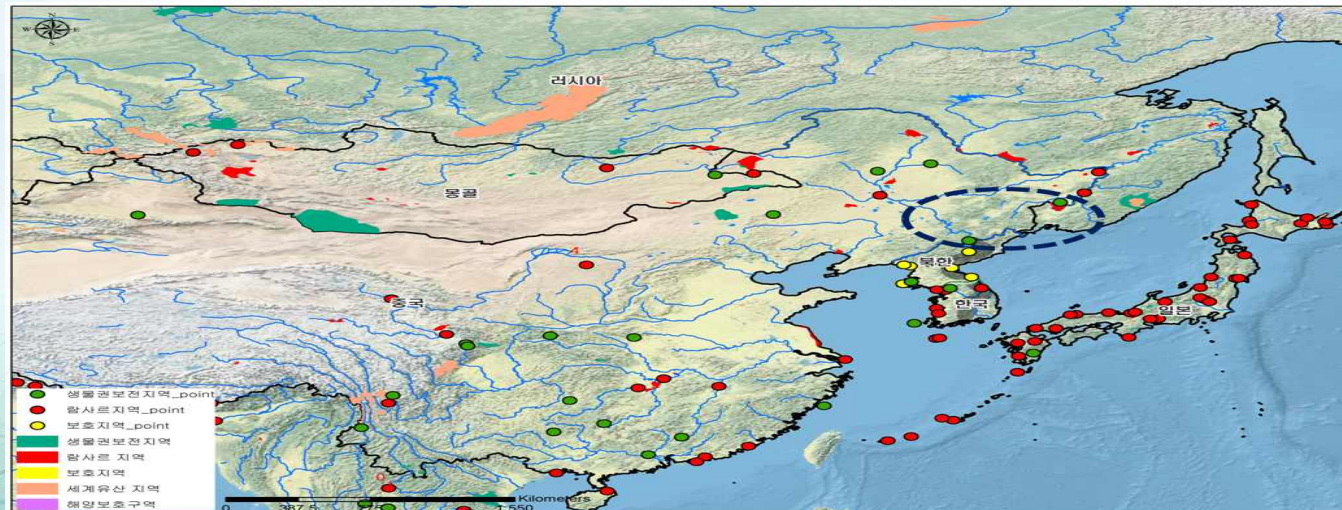
Proposed Activities : Second Year (2018)

● Inception/Expert group meeting

- Review interim outcomes on the first-year project
- Discuss details and draw up plans for the second year project

● Field Study

- Target area(proposal): Conduct joint field study in Tumen River Estuary



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Proposed Activities : Second Year (2018)

● Analytic Study

- Review European cases (e.g. Experiences of regional cooperation for biodiversity conservation in Europe including European Green Belt, EU Birds and Habitats Directives
- Conduct feasibility study on European cases to identify their policy implication which could be applied for North-East Asia

● International Workshop

- Based on the first and second year projects, the workshop aims to launch a platform or network on biodiversity conservation and management in transboundary areas in the North-East Asia for
 - (1) key species and their habitat conservation
 - (2) regional cooperation framework or bi-/multi-lateral agreement for better conservation and management by strengthening existing cooperation mechanisms
- Discussion on planning for the second phase joint project

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Time frame (proposal)

Timeline	Activity
xx 2017	Inception meeting
xx 2017	Field study / research
xx 2018	Review meeting
xx 2018	Field study / research
December 2018	International workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Completion of the first two-year joint project– Planning for the second phase joint project

III. Future Plan

Tentative Future Plan

Timeline	Activity
29 th Nov. 2016	Proposal and Discussion in NEASPEC workshop
13 th Dec. 2016	Environmental Session in NAPCI workshop (Incheon) – Proposal of modified project and discussion – Suggestion from participants and discussion
Jan. 2017	Editing project proposal(draft) with partners
Feb. 2017	Completion and approval of project proposal
Mar. 2017	Project adaptation in NEASPEC meeting
Apr. 2017	Beginning of Project

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