

Activity plan for biodiversity and nature conservation in 2024

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 “Connectivity conservation for habitats of flagship migratory birds in North-East Asia (Black-faced Spoonbills, Hooded Cranes, and White-naped Cranes)” (tentatively, from 2024)**

If approved, the Secretariat plans to implement the new proposed project of Connectivity conservation for habitats of flagship migratory birds in North-East Asia (Black-faced Spoonbills, Hooded Cranes, and White-naped Cranes) 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: US\$299,789)

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: Organization of a workshop on nature conservation and biodiversity for transboundary cooperation (tentatively first half of 2024)**

As approved at SOM-25, the Secretariat plans to jointly organize a workshop on nature conservation and biodiversity for transboundary cooperation with the National Institute of Ecology (NIE) of the Republic of Korea in the first half of 2024.

The workshop aims to share progress and key findings from projects on NEASPEC flagship species, which included discussion on 1) the next steps on transboundary conservation of Amur tigers, Amur leopards and Snow leopards, 2) the follow-up activities of the transboundary cooperation on protected wetland areas along the lower Tumen River of China, DPR Korea and the Russian Federation and 3) new project on migratory species with implementing partners and experts. (Approximate budget: US\$45,000)

- **B.2: Publication of a leaflet (or brochure) of NEASPEC projects on big cats (tentatively Q2, 2024)**

The Secretariat plans to publish a leaflet (or brochure) to increase awareness of NEASPEC activities on big cats, based on projects on *“Transboundary cooperation on the conservation of Amur tigers, Amur leopards and Snow leopards in North-East Asia”* and *“Evaluation of the current status of transboundary snow leopard subpopulations in the border area between Mongolia and the Russian Federation”* in English and translated into selected local languages. (Approximate budget: US\$30,000)