

Activity Plan for Biodiversity and Nature Conservation in 2027

Objective: By 2030, subregional cooperation among NEASPEC member States on biodiversity conservation is strengthened by enhancing the conservation of flagship species and their habitats, promoting ecological connectivity and supporting the implementation of global and national biodiversity strategies.

Activities:

A. Knowledge production: Strategy and policy advice

1. Review and update of the NEASPEC Nature Conservation Strategy

Approach: The secretariat will review and update the NEASPEC Nature Conservation Strategy, taking stock of progress, lessons learned and emerging priorities for subregional cooperation. A hybrid consultation with member States, key stakeholders and relevant experts will be organized in the second quarter of 2027 to seek input and identify priorities for the updated Strategy. Where feasible, the consultation may be held in conjunction with a relevant regional nature conservation event. The updated Strategy will subsequently be prepared for consideration by the Senior Officials Meeting in 2028.

Budget: US\$10,000

B. Knowledge dissemination: Migratory bird project

2. Completion of the Project on Connectivity Conservation for Migratory Birds

Approach: The secretariat will complete the ongoing project on Connectivity Conservation for Migratory Birds and Their Habitats in North-East Asia by April 2027. Remaining activities will include the finalization of outstanding regional studies and national monitoring outputs, preparation of a compilation report synthesizing the project's key findings and recommendations, and dissemination of the project outputs.

Budget: Existing project budget, as planned.

C. Big cat conservation

3. Initial activities of the North-East Asian Big Cats Network

Approach: Subject to the decision of SOM-29 on the proposed Terms of Reference, possible activities may include confirmation of participating focal points, an initial coordination meeting and identification of priorities for technical exchange and cooperation.

Budget: US\$10,000

4. Resource mobilization and further development of the knowledge-sharing platform for nature conservation

Approach: Development of the proposed knowledge-sharing platform, initially focusing on big cat conservation, has not progressed beyond the incorporation of expert group feedback owing to insufficient funding. The secretariat will seek additional financial and in-kind support to advance its development. Subject to securing sufficient resources, work would resume through a second consultancy contract for data collection and structuring, finalization of the implementation roadmap, and completion of platform wireframes, alongside engagement of web developers to develop and launch the prototype.

Budget: US\$12,500

D. Knowledge dissemination: Outreach

5. Development of outreach and awareness-raising materials

Approach: The secretariat will develop outreach and awareness-raising materials highlighting key results and messages from NEASPEC nature conservation activities. This may include infographics and other visual products presenting key findings and data from the migratory bird project and the North-East Asian Big Cats Network, for dissemination through NEAPSEC communication channels and at relevant outreach events.

Budget: US\$2,500