

SSMP 2006 – 2008 Report Recommendations





- q **The SSMP has been a unique collaboration with data that can be used by all those working for conservation throughout the East Asian-Australasian Flyway.**
- q **The SSMP confirms that tidal flat reclamation leads to a decline in shorebird numbers.**
- q **Conservation of shorebirds equals conservation of tidal flat ecosystems and services which in turn benefits people.**



1. Open and enlarge the sluice gates to increase tidal flow into the Saemangeum reclamation area.



This will help to restore the ecology of the area and may encourage the return of certain species of shorebirds.



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2. The Republic of Korea (and other Contracting Parties to Ramsar) should cancel all large- and medium-sized reclamations and major infrastructure developments (e.g. highways, airports, Canal Systems).



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If proposed developments go ahead they will damage the ecological character of internationally important coastal wetlands.



3. Through consultation with local stakeholders and independent experts, a greater number of coastal and inter-tidal wetlands should be conserved under national legislation and listed and managed appropriately under the Ramsar Convention.



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4. The government of the Republic of Korea to assist with coordination of national shorebird monitoring programs to assist universities and NGO's involved in shorebird monitoring.

The methods and the data of the monitoring programs need to be made freely and easily accessible.



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5. National shorebird conservation programs and waterbird datasets should be more fully incorporated into regional initiatives, including those for the Yellow Sea (e.g. the YSLME), the Flyway (as part of the Flyway Partnership), and as part of bilateral agreements.



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6. The SSMP 2006 – 2008 report and data set should be made widely available and used for discussion of Ramsar resolutions.



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7. The SSMP 2006 – 2008 report should be provided to all those involved in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership, to assist in the development of strategies to protect important tidal habitats in the Yellow Sea.





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8. The SSMP data should be distributed widely and used by people throughout the Yellow Sea to help decisions that directly relate to conservation.



- 9. There is a need in the medium- to long-term for the ROK to:**
- q improve and harmonise existing national conservation legislation relating to coastal wetlands and estuaries, as part of Integrated Coastal Zone Management plans.**
 - q restrict and ultimately abolish the Public Waters Reclamation Act, and**
 - q strengthen the process of Environmental Impact Assessment.**



10. Conduct SSMP counts during northward migration in 2010, with the aim to report the findings to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Nagoya, Japan later that year.



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