

1. **Title of your regional initiative :** Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia

This report refers to the period 1 July 2009 to 31 December 2009 and applies to the Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia located in Changwon, Republic of Korea. The RRC-EA was officially inaugurated on 21 July 2009; however, it became operational on 1 June 2009 with the endorsement of SC40 as a Ramsar Regional Initiative.

2. **Work and activities undertaken 2009**

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
Administration	Establish the RRC-EA office in Changwon and recruit personnel.	Primary staffs except for the Executive Director were moved from Gyeongnam Ramsar Environmental Foundation. Honorary Director, Dr. Gea-Jae Joo, is currently undertaking the role of Executive Director. Most of the office systems were operational in June.	RRC-EA team established and near-complete; operating effectively
CEPA	Youth Model Ramsar Convention 2009 (YMRC 2009) March 26 - 27	About 150 local students participated and created resolutions on current issues in the Ramsar Convention, transboundary wetlands, wetland loss and biodiversity of wetland. Students discussed how to conserve and wisely use wetlands and learned the process of creating resolutions in the Ramsar COP.	Three resolutions were created by students, endorsed by YMRC and widely circulated.
	Wetland Managers Training/Workshop September 19 - 27	20 wetland managers from East and Southeast Asian countries attended the training program and workshop. Participants shared their information and experience through the workshop and took classes on economic value of wetlands, wetland database, eco-tourism, wetland restoration and so on.	Training-workshop was successful. Some participants are applying the information achieved from the program to their managing wetland site. Ex) Mr. Reginaldo Bueno (Philippines) has had positive results and will send the collated information to RRC-EA when submitting their report to their national wetland agency.
	Eco-Guide Instruction From March to December	Local eco-guides were educated with English language in introducing nature of wetlands to visitors.	English communication skill and knowledge on wetlands of local eco-guides were improved.
Networking	RRC-EA Steering Committee November 17	RRC-EA Steering Committee meeting was completed on 17 November and provided SC members with the results of	Terms of References of RRC-EA and Steering Committee Chair were endorsed by Steering

		previous progress.	Committee.
	Changwon Declaration Network Meeting November 18 - 20	Changwon Declaration Network Meeting was held from 18 to 20 November and initiated the network for further implementation of CD, Resolution 10.3.	Identified the progress of the dissemination of Changwon Declaration
	Website	RRC-EA website was inaugurated (www.rrc-ea.org)	Need to update information and to add functions for network
Grant Program	RRC-EA Wetland Fund 1) Anbyon Project (North Korea) 2) Terkin Tsagaan Nuur Wetland Project (Mongolia)	1) Training program for local leaders and farmers; production of booklet and poster on cranes and biodiversity 2) Development of management program on conservation and wise use of natural resources around Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur Wetland area	1) Training program for local leaders and farmers was achieved through workshops, training manuals and brochures; booklet and poster on crane were created 2) data collection and assessment study is performing currently

3. Financial report for the year 2009

Provide a summary of income and expenditure:

Activities	Planned expenditures	Real expenditures
Administration	KRW 125 million	KRW 125 million
Youth Model Ramsar Convention 2009 (YMRC 2009)	KRW 2.5 million	KRW 6 million
Wetland Managers Training/Workshop	KRW 100 million	KRW 97 million
Eco-Guide Instruction	KRW 2 million	KRW 2 million
RRC-EA Steering Committee and Changwon Declaration Network Meeting	KRW 100 million	KRW 80 million
Website	KRW 30 million	KRW 30 million
RRC-EA Wetland Fund	KRW 50 million	KRW 25 million
Total	KRW 409.5 million	KRW 365 million

Sources of income (donors)	Income received
Ministry of Environment	KRW 177 million
Gyeongnam Provincial Government	KRW 188 million
Ramsar core budget (not applicable)	Nil
Total	KRW 365 million

Financial balance on 31 December 2009: amount left to be required to be returned to the funder.

4. Work and activities planned for 2010

Provide a simple summary of your planned work, by listing your activities, their anticipated results and your indicators of success according to the format below

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
Administration	Full operation of RRC-EA	Expected that the staffing of Executive Director will be completed	A complete team (3 staffs and Executive Director) and effective operation system
CEPA	Youth Model Ramsar Convention 2010 (YMRC 2010)	About 160 students participated and created resolutions on current issues on	Three resolutions created by the students were endorsed by YMRC

	February 26 - 27	wetlands, wetland and climate change, wetland and culture, development and conservation. Students discussed wetlands issues and learned the process of creating resolutions in the Ramsar COP.	according to the Ramsar protocols. A student-authorized publication is forthcoming, upon completion of the writing and editing process.
	Wetland Managers Training/Workshop Planned to be held in mid July	Survey on essential information and knowledge for managing wetlands Workshop and lecture will be provided with the wetland managers in the region.	Application of the information and knowledge acquired from training/ workshop in managing wetlands
	CEPA Focal Point Workshop Planned to be held in April	Training workshop for GO, NGO CEPA Focal Points from 17 countries	Improvement of understandings on the roles and missions of CEPA Focal Points Implementation
Networking	RRC-EA Steering Committee Planned to be held in November	To be held later this year in conjunction with the Changwon Declaration Network Meeting	Plans for 2011 will be evaluated and assessed, with direction given towards their implementation
	Changwon Declaration Network Meeting Planned to be held in November	To be held later this year, focusing on the continued expansion of the implementation of the Changwon Declaration.	Plans will be developed that further the adoption and implementation of the Changwon declaration on a global scale.
	Website	Update completion and fully operational	Functioning as a communications center for the wetland stakeholders network in the region
	Workshop on Rice paddies Planned to be held in November	Workshop on rice paddies will be held later this year in order to promote information sharing among the stakeholders	Workshop will provide necessary information on rice paddies to the Ramsar STRP
Financial Support	RRC-EA Wetland Fund 1) A training workshop on wetlands and waterbird conservation in Yellow Sea (China) 2) Expanding Vietnam's network of Ramsar sites to help deliver on the country's commitments under the Ramsar Convention (Vietnam) 3) Public Awareness for communities involving	The wetland fund is operational for 2010. Contracts have been sent to the perspective project managers. Currently the center is awaiting receipt of signed contracts in order to disburse grant monies. Outputs and results will be presented in next year's report.	Receipt of signed contracts will initiate the disbursement of the fund for 2010. Disbursements will follow a 60-40 split contingent upon the receipt of the midterm report. Next year's grant cycle will be announced in July 2010, with a

	the conservation of wetlands (Mongolia)		September 2010 application deadline.
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5. Financial plan for the year 2010

Provide a summary of expected income and budgeted/planned expenditures:

Activities	Planned expenditures	Expected income and source
Administration	KRW 125 million	KRW 125 million (Gyeongnam Provincial Government, Korea)
Youth Model Ramsar Convention 2009 (YMRC 2009)	KRW 5 million	KRW 5 million (Gyeongnam Provincial Government, Korea)
Wetland Managers Training/Workshop	KRW 100 million	KRW 100 million (Ministry of Environment, Korea)
Eco-Guide Instruction	KRW 2 million	KRW 2 million (Gyeongnam Provincial Government, Korea)
RRC-EA Steering Committee and Changwon Declaration Network Meeting	KRW 100 million	KRW 100 million (Ministry of Environment, Korea)
CEPA Focal Point Workshop for East and Southeast Asia	KRW 30 million	KRW 30 million (Gyeongnam Provincial Government, Korea)
RRC-EA Wetland Fund	KRW 50 million	KRW 50 million (Gyeongnam Provincial Government, Korea)
Total	KRW 412 million	KRW 412 million