

## **Ramsar Regional Centre – East Asia**

**Secretariat:** Changwon City, R.O. Korea

The goal of the Ramsar Regional Centre – East Asia (RRC-EA) is to enhance the implementation of the Ramsar Convention in the East, and South-east Asia regions through training, research, advocacy and public awareness programmes. Its objective is to support implementation activities of the Contracting Parties for effective management and conservation of wetlands.

### **Main objectives:**

- Build human capacity and engage in outreach
- Promote scientific and technical cooperation and exchange of knowledge, including traditional knowledge
- Promote wise use of wetlands through research and sustainable management
- Encourage accession of non-Contracting Parties in the region.

Ramsar COP10 Resolution X.32 welcomed the plan of Republic of Korea to establish the RRC-EA. Since then, a number of countries in East and South-east Asia who are Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention have explicitly expressed their will to support the work of the Centre. The RRC-EA was formally opened in June 2009.

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