

WHV – Land of Birth

Southwestern Coast Tidal Flats, Republic of Korea

Site on the Tentative List since 2010

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The Tidal Flats on the southwest coast of Korea, distributed in Gomso Bay, Yeoja Bay, and Hamhae Bay (seashores) and the Sinan archipelagos, are unique macrotidal flats where typical embayed tidal flats turn into open-coast tidal flats during the monsoons. They have no barrier islands like other tidal flats in the Yellow Sea. During winter, strong waves create sand flats, while in summer, the mud flats expand as tidal currents overpower the waves. The seasonal change is very clear along the coastlines: monsoons transform the mud flats into sand flats, giving rise to open-coast sand flats on this site, which during the course of the year shift from mud flats to mixed flats to sand flats. This distinctive feature of Korean tidal flats on the southwest coast has attracted global attention.

Project objectives:

The aim of this project, which is being implemented for the first time, is to raise awareness about the challenges and dangers that different areas of the tidal flats coast are facing in the Sinan archipelagos because of human action and impact, and to promote better understanding of the value of the natural properties.

Project activities:

The volunteers will collect, study and classify marine waste at different sites on three islands, and utilize the items to organize public displays and interactive workshops at key locations on the island, such as the ferry terminals, to raise awareness among the local population and visitors about the dangers of marine waste for the conservation of the tidal flats.

Partners:

World Heritage Promotion Team of Korean Tidal Flats, Sinan local government.

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