

## WHV – An adventure of Patrimonto

### Getbol, Korean Tidal Flats, Republic of Korea

Natural property inscribed on the  
World Heritage List since 2021

11/07/2022 – 22/07/2022



Situated in the eastern Yellow Sea on the southwestern and southern coast of the Republic of Korea, the site comprises four component parts: Seocheon Getbol, Gochang Getbol, Shinan Getbol and Boseong-Suncheon Getbol. The site exhibits a complex combination of geological, oceanographic and climatologic conditions that have led to the development of coastal diverse sedimentary systems. Each component represents one of four tidal flat subtypes (estuarine type, open embayed type, archipelago type and semi-enclosed type). The site hosts high levels of biodiversity, with reports of 2,150 species of flora and fauna, including 22 globally threatened or near-threatened species.

#### Project objectives:

Implemented for the first time with the strong support of the Shinan provincial government, the project aims at raising awareness about the new World Heritage status of the tidal flats among the local and international visitors, and in particular at sensitizing the numerous tourists at the small island of Gijeom Sok about the environmental risks of tourism and the need to respect and preserve the delicate ecosystem of the tidal flats.

#### Project activities:

The volunteers will create artisanal wood-made figures representing the Patrimonto character to be installed at different key locations of the island in order to introduce to visitors' information about the World Heritage site and the World Heritage Convention. They will also make smaller key-chain wooden Patrimonto figures to be given as a souvenir of the visit to the island and collect donations for the sustainability of the local community.

#### Partners:

Jeonnam Province Island Development Center

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