

WHV – An adventure of Patrimonito (Bigeum island, Shinan)

Getbol, Korean Tidal Flat, Republic of Korea

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2022)

PROJECT DATES

13 July - 20 July 2023

THE SITE - 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.

OBJECTIVES - The recent inscription of Getbol on the World Heritage list makes it very relevant to further promote to the public and local youth there newly acquired status and its implications, in order to raise the awareness about the value of Getbol and World Heritage, their protection and promotion. The project will thus focus on raising the awareness of the public and youth while at the same time participating in cleaning the coast with the local community. Every year many tourists visit the island for the sceneries and Getbol, and they will be exposed to Patrimonito images and to the World Heritage Volunteers campaign, while local youth will also get the chance to participate and gain World Heritage knowledge first-hand.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will make artisanal metal-made figures representing the Patrimonito 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 organize educational activities at the local school about World Heritage and the participation and responsibility of youth. Volunteers will also clean the Getbol along the coast with the local community in order to help preserving the site, and may have the chance to experience traditional fishing at the Getbol with local fishermen.

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