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Asian Waterbird Conservation Fund

Capacity Building & Community Based Waterbird Conservation Activity in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh Project Summary : June 2006

This project aims to conserve the coastal wetlands and waterbirds at Cox's Bazar. These wetlands, which consists of mudflat and seashore, are under threats from hunting, habitat alternation and pollution. The area supports over 250 species of waterbird, including the globally endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Eurhynchus pygmeus* and Nordmann's Greenshank *Tringa guttifer*. Wilderness Conservation will carry out a one year project involving the local community, to build their capacity and increase their awareness of the importance of the site. This will be done through organizing a bird festival, an education and volunteer programme, training courses, workshops and bird census. Through the support of the local community, a permanent monitoring station will be established as well as a community-based protection area.



Fig 2: Spoon-billed Sandpiper survey team at the site (photo credit: Dr. Christoph Zockler)



← Fig 1: Spoon-billed Sandpiper (furthest back) observed at the site (photo credit: Dr. Christoph Zockler)



Fig 3: Gulls and Terns flying at the seashore of the site (photo credit: Dr. Christoph Zockler)

