

Asian Waterbird Conservation Fund

Conservation Education on Waterbirds and Habitat with focus on the Inner Gulf of Thailand

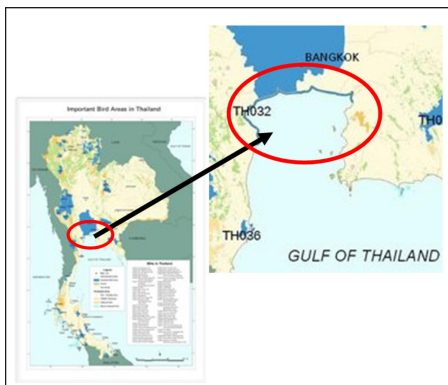
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A series of conservation education programme will be carried out by the Bird Conservation Society of Thailand around the Inner Gulf of Thailand, which is an important bird area for shorebirds in Thailand. Up to 35 bird species of globally conservation concern can be found during the migration season or wintering at the project site, including Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus*, Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus* and Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Eurynorhynchus pygmaeus*. The project aims at raising public awareness of bird conservation, the concept of Important Bird Areas (IBA), the importance of wetlands conservation and sustainable utilisation of wetland resources among all stakeholders. The targeted audience will include local communities, local youth and local schools in and around the communities in the Inner Gulf of Thailand. Through organising workshops, nature visits and mobile conservation education at schools together with the production of awareness materials, it is expected that 10,000 local people can receive information on wetlands and birds. The project duration will last for 1 year.



← Fig 1: Nature visit for the youth to get closer to the important wetlands (Photo credit: BCST).

Fig 2: Mobile conservation education unit → conducting bird talk in school (Photo credit: BCST).



← Fig 3: Location of the Inner Gulf of Thailand, an Important Bird Area (Source: BCST).