#### **Transboundary Cooperation for Nature Conservation in North East Asia**

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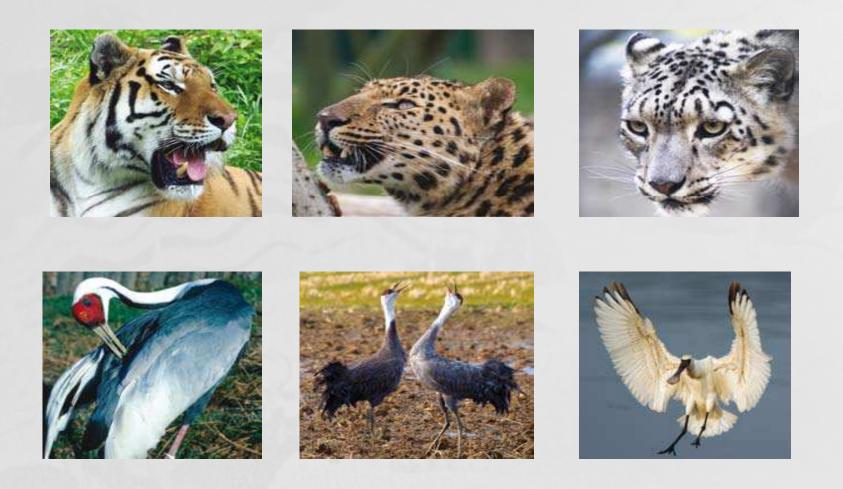
#### North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (NEASPEC)

- Established in 1993 as a follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED)
- Covers all six Northeast Asian countries
- The current programme areas include transboundary air pollution, dust and sandstorms, nature conservation and eco-efficiency partnership
- UNESCAP serves as the secretariat since its inauguration.

#### Key Goals of NEASPEC Nature Conservation Strategy

- To contribute biodiversity conservation in North-East Asian subregion by ensuring the survival of target species,
- To promote transboundary and intergovernmental cooperation for nature conservation among NEASPEC member countries, and
- To enhance coordinated mechanism for the conservation of target species and their habitats

# Strengthening cooperation through flagship species

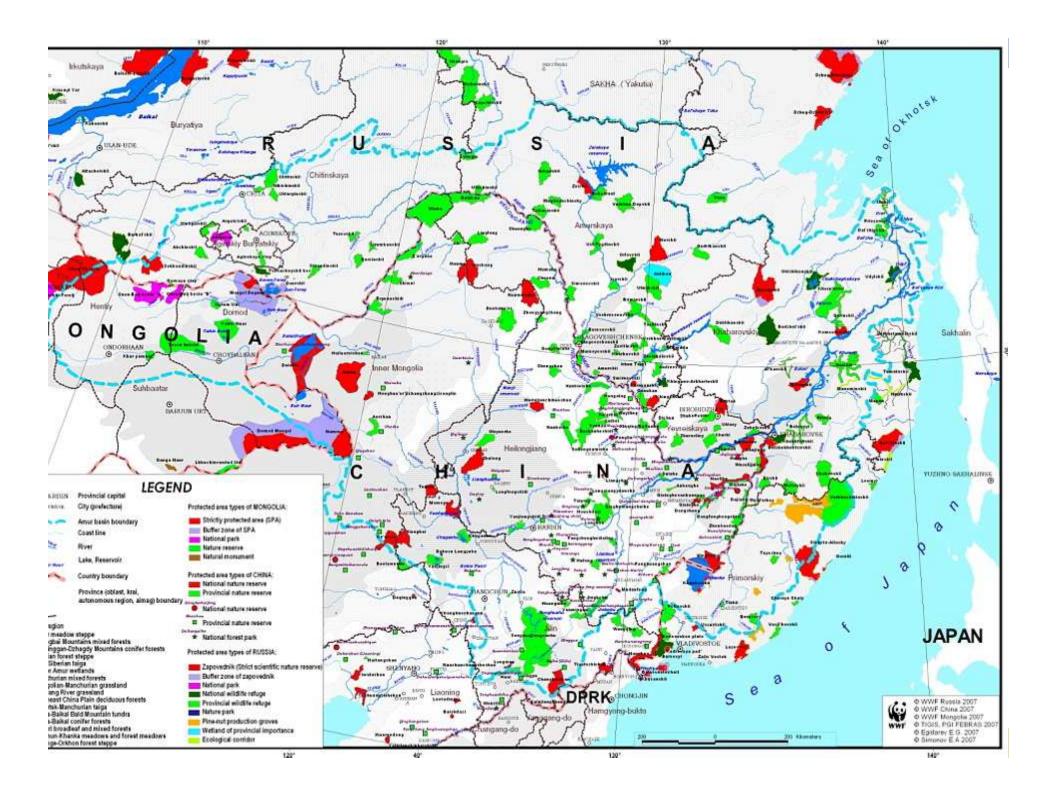


### **Cooperation for Nature Conservation in Transboundary Area**

100+ protected areas along international borders in NEA

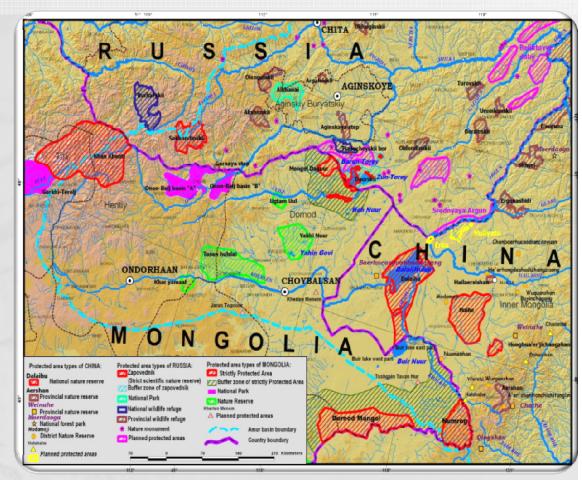
> Over 20 protected areas adjoining protected areas in neighboring countries

> > Need for transboundary cooperation: communication, cooperation and coordination



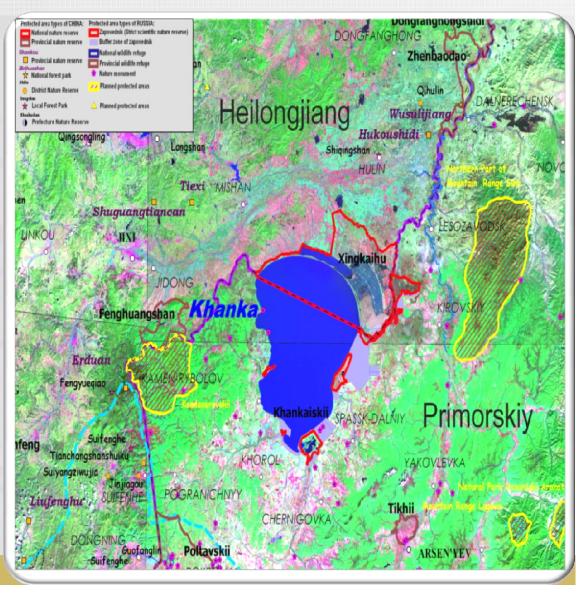
# Daurian International Protected Area (DIPA)

- Established in March 1994
- Covers Daursky Zapovednik and Tsasucheisky Bor National Wildlife Refuge in Russia;
- Mongol Daguur strictly protected nature area in Mongolia
- Dalai Lake National Nature Reserve in China

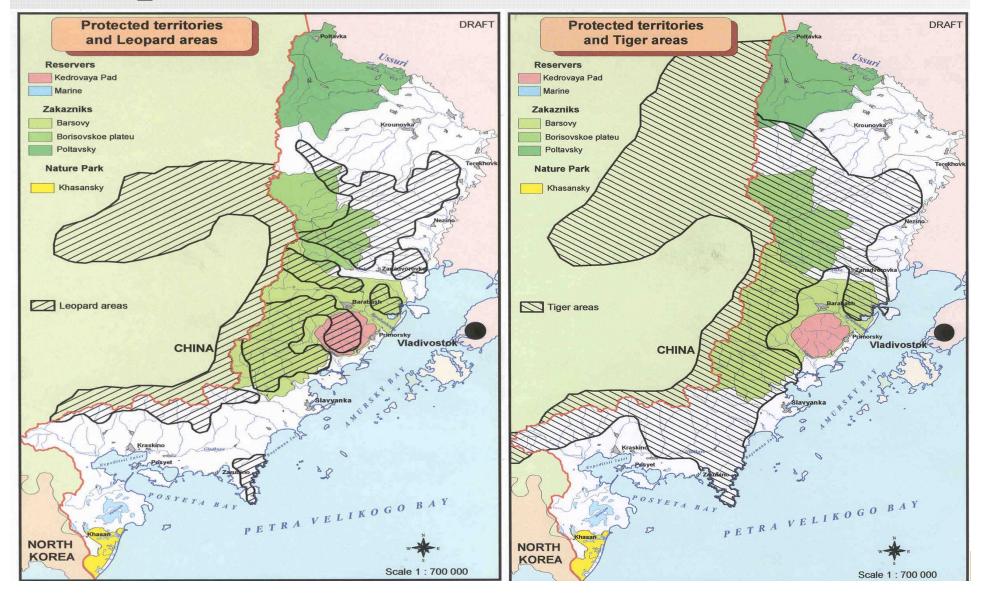


# Khanka-Xingkai Lake International Nature

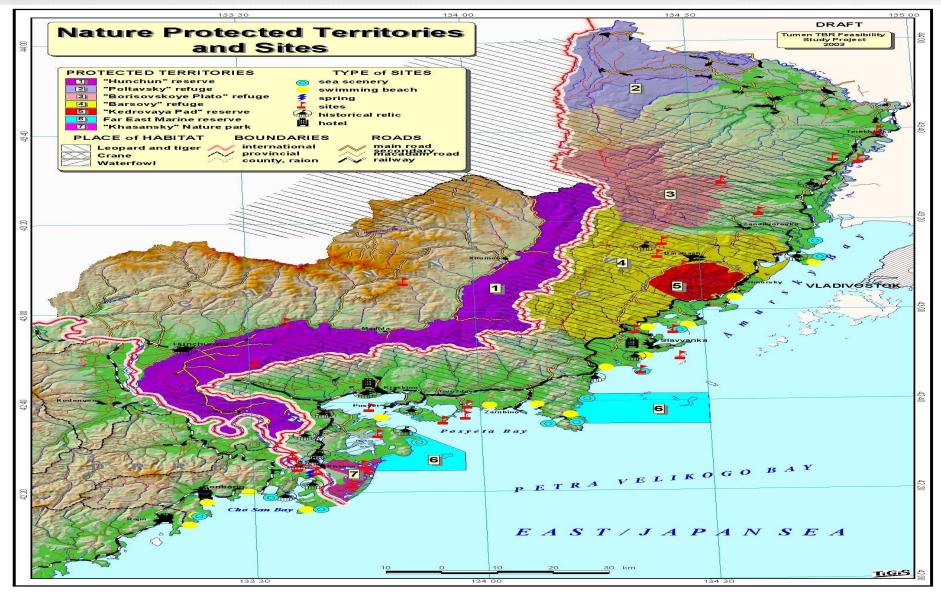
Established in April 1996
Covering the largest lake in Northeast Asia as well as a transboundary water body between China and Russia.



## Tumen River Area: Land of Tiger and Leopard



#### **Protected Areas in the Lower Tumen River Area**



## **Protected Areas in the Lower Tumen River Area**

Name	Category and Status	Year of Establishment	Area (ha)
CHINA	•		
Hunchun	National Nature Reserve	October 2001	108,700
Dongfanghong	National Nature Reserve	Dec 2009	31,516
RUSSIA	•	•	
Far East State Marine Reserve	Zapovednik (strictly protected area) MAB (2003)	1978	63,000
Kedrovaya Pad	Zapovednik (strictly protected area) MAB (2004)	1916	17,890
Barsovy	Federal Zakaznik (special purpose reserve)	1979	106,000
Borisovskoye Plato (Plateau)	Regional Zakaznik (special purpose reserve)	1996	63,429
Khasansky	Nature Park MAB (2005)	1997	35,000
DPR KOREA			
Sonbong Migratory Bird Reserve	Municipal level-status bird reserve	1959	3,200
Unmu Island Sea-Bird Breading Site	strictly protected area	1976	85

# **Required Action for Tiger and Leopard**



#### NEASPEC: facilitating bi-/multilateral cooperation

#### • Objectives

- (1) Establish a bilateral and/or multilateral cooperation mechanism between China, DPRK and the Russian Federation in the lower Tumen River area
- (2) strengthen existing mechanisms in Dauria International Protected Area between China, DPRK and the RF and Khanka-Xingkai Nature Reserve between China and the Russian Federation.

#### • Major components

- (1) Review progress and challenges to transboundary cooperation in Dauria International Protected Area and Khanka-Xingkai Nature Reserve, and propose policy measures to strengthen the current mechanisms;
- (2) Develop a framework for transboundary cooperation in the Lower Tumen River Basin;
- (3) Build awareness of major stakeholders on the benefits of strengthening transboundary cooperation mechanisms

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