

# Green Holiday

**A weekend volunteer tour for wetland conservation**



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# The Wild Bird Society of Japan

## About us:

### Conservation NGO in Japan

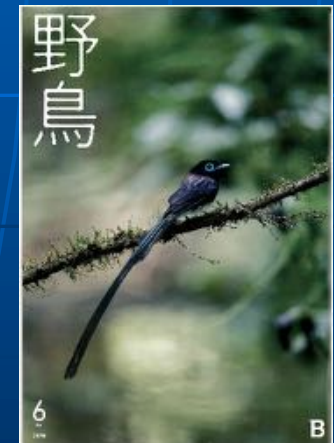
- Over 50000 members and donors
  - 89 local groups
  - 123 corporative membership
  - 110 staff
- at 8 nature sanctuaries and Head office
- Birdlife Partner in Japan
  - Established in 1934



Nature reserve in Hokkaido



Bird watching excursion



Wild Bird magazine for members

# Activities

- Management of Nature reserves
- Identification and conservation of IBAs
- Surveys and monitoring
- Prepare and advocate policies
- Education for people
- International cooperation



Red-crowned crane



IBA in Japan: Kushiro marsh



# Green Holiday



A weekend volunteer tour for wetland conservation for the purpose of encouraging young people to take action for nature conservation.

# The Concepts of Green Holiday

- **Contribute the nature and local society**
- **Creating shared value for conservation**
- **Enjoy healthy fulfilling holiday in natural setting**





# Green Holiday in Japan

## Protect the wetland for waterfowl



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~A case of volunteer tourism for wetland conservation~



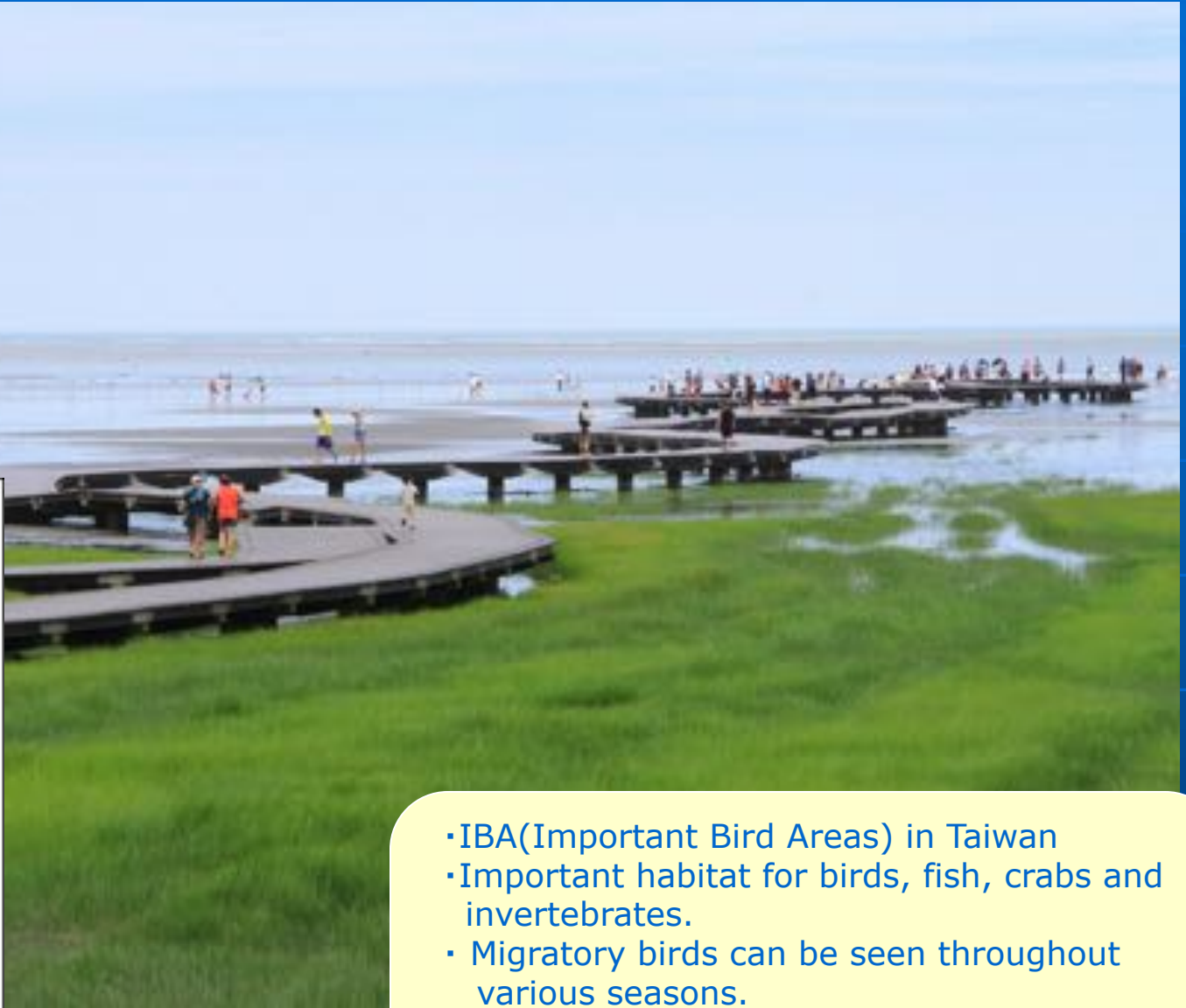
# Green Holiday in Taiwan

International volunteer tourism for wetland conservation





# Gaomei wetland



- IBA (Important Bird Areas) in Taiwan
- Important habitat for birds, fish, crabs and invertebrates.
- Migratory birds can be seen throughout various seasons.
- Excellent location for birdwatching, and also well known for photo shooting hotspot.





# Conservation work at Gaomei wetland



- Invasive cord grass (*Spartina Alterniflora*) spreading rapidly into the wetland.

- Wild Bird Association of Taiwan and local university students have been working for removing the plant once a month from March to November.



# Conservation work at Gaomei wetland



- Equipment for field work: tidal shoes, gloves and knives
- Participants help to cut off grass in the certain area.  
Then take the grass onto the dyke for dehydrating under the sun.



# Conservation work at Gaomei wetland









Green Holiday in Taiwan: Other Activities

## Cross communication with local university students



Teachers and students of Department of Tourism at Province University have cared about wetland ecosystem of Gaomei Wetland for a long time. Arranged by teachers, they have constantly worked with volunteers of Wild Bird Association of Taiwan on Gaomei Wetland by removing invasive cord grass.



# Nature watch at Gaomei Wetland



# Visit “Green School”



Kuo Kang Elementary School is located in Taichung City centre. The School has been developing Eco-friendly Activities in the School ground such as creating biotope and conducting rain water recycled system, making a nest box for owls and so on.



# Green Holiday in Taiwan: Other Activities

## Visit “Green School”





Green Holiday in Taiwan: Other Activities

Cross communication with students

– Talk about nature and environment–





# Local Voice

## **Victor Yu (Local coordinator, Ecotourism Taiwan)**

It's a great pleasure to work with WBSJ for the Green Holiday in Taiwan. The passionate and hard-working spirit of the volunteers really inspired the volunteers of Wild Bird Association of Taiwan and teachers and students of both Gaomei Elementary School and Kuo Kuang School. Removing invasive plant is an endless work. The participants of GH-TW showed great efficiency and effectiveness to work out 550 square meters in 2 days. This is a work that life affects life. I sincerely appreciate all the participants and WBSJ. Let's keep up the good thing!



## **Kevin WU (Wild Bird Association of Taiwan)**

Though it's only few days, we can feel their heart-felt joy for eco conservation. I was also glad to see them counting Swallow nests and talking with students happily which increased the friendship between two countries.



## **David WU (Teacher, Kuo Kuang Elementary School)**

We felt touched by the happy volunteers of Wild Bird Society of Japan came afar for conserving the wetland which inspired us the concept of conservation has no boundary and there is only one planet. Thank these Japanese friends' kind sharing and instruction. We believe it's fate that connects us.





The love of nature and friendship is unlimited within one place, one country, or it doesn't limited by age or gender. We have learnt a lot about nature, and see how important to save our nature for our future and next generation.

(Pum Soontornkit, A volunteer from Japan)

