



# **JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT**

**OF**

**THE FEDERAL AGENCY FOR NATURE  
CONSERVATION,  
Federal Republic of Germany**

**AND**

**THE GYEONGGI PROVINCE,  
Republic of Korea**

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The Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Federal Republic of Germany, and the Gyeonggi Province, Republic of Korea, (hereinafter referred to as “both sides”),

- **recognize** the importance of cooperation and mutual learning in order to strengthen the conservation and wise use of the Green Belt and the De-Militarized Zone (hereinafter referred to as “the Sites”),
- **note** the benefits of bilateral efforts to develop effective measures that prevent environmental deterioration and to achieve environmentally sustainable development,
- **are aware of the fact** that the exchange of experience, best practices, technologies and methodologies in the field of nature conservation of the Sites is mutually beneficial in addressing environmental challenges,
- **wish** to increase and promote bilateral cooperation between both sides including cooperation related to nature conservation and sustainable resource management.

They therefore have come to the following understanding:

1. On the basis of equality and mutual benefit, both sides intend to encourage and promote cooperation in the field of conservation and wise use of the Sites.
2. Cooperative activities under this Declaration may include the following issues:
  - a) Exchange of data, information, technologies and material;
  - b) Inter-participation of education and training programs;
  - c) Joint research projects on subjects of mutual interest;
  - d) Organization of joint seminars and symposia;
  - e) Other forms of technical cooperation as may be mutually decided upon.

3. Cooperation, if jointly decided upon, may be undertaken, but is not limited to the following areas pertaining to nature conservation and wise use of the Sites in so far as they are within the competence of the sides:

- a) Conservation of biodiversity and management of natural resources;
- b) Development and implementation of ecological networks and corridors;
- c) Assessment of the ecological values of the natural environment and biodiversity;
- d) Development of concepts associated with eco-tourism;
- e) Protected area management including Biosphere Reserve and Transboundary Protected Areas;
- f) Cooperation in the restoration of destroyed habitats;
- g) Cooperation in research and education
- h) Public awareness and capacity building on the conservation and wise use; and
- i) Other priority areas of cooperation as jointly decided.

4. In order to implement the objective referred to in paragraph 2, both sides intend to:

- a) Jointly develop Work Programs related to this Joint Declaration of Intent;
- b) Jointly review the performance of joint activities within the framework of this Joint Declaration of Intent; and
- c) Designate focal points responsible for the coordination of cooperative activities under this Joint Declaration of Intent.

5. Both sides share the opinion that, unless otherwise specified between them, the participants in cooperative activities and initiatives will be responsible for all costs of their participation.

6. This Joint Declaration of Intent may be amended by mutual consent of both sides. Other issues, which are not dealt with in this Joint Declaration of Intent, may be determined through mutual consultation of the sides.

7. This Joint Declaration of Intent will come into operation upon signature by both sides. It should continue to have effect for five years. It can be terminated by either side by written notice to the other side, preferably six months beforehand.

Signed in duplicate at **Berlin**, on **23 February 2012** in the English language.

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