



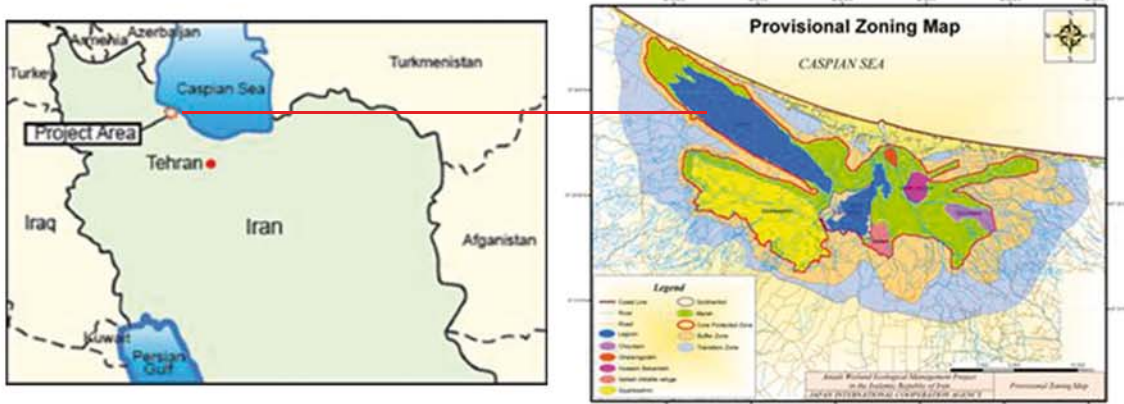
Outline of the Project

Objectives

The Overall Goal of the Project is “The Anzali wetland management system, for which DOE is a core constituent, practices adaptive management.” To achieve the overall goal, the project aims at establishing “A basic system including institutional and technical aspects for the management of the Anzali Wetland, for which DOE is the core constituent”. The Project is implemented by DOE, and the roles of the JICA Expert Team are to support the DOE’s activities.

Project Area

The project area is the Anzali Wetland in Gilan Province, Iran, and its surrounding areas.



Outputs of the Project

- 1- A basic institutional structure for the integrated wetland management, for which DOE is the core organization, is established.
- 2- Monitoring procedures for wetland management are established.
- 3- Zoning is determined, and management strategies (rules & regulations) for each zone are drafted, considering the socio-economic status of the Anzali area.
- 4- The basis for environmental education using the Environmental Education Center of the Anzali wetland is developed.
- 5- The basis for ecotourism is developed.

Project Activities

3rd JCC Meeting

The 3rd JCC Meeting was held on 27th April 2011 at Galamgodeh, Anzali.

The JCC coordinates the operation of the overall project and approves the implementation plans of the project.



The participants from DOE, MOJA, Anzali city, Somesara city, Japan Embassy, JICA and other relevant organizations approved the implementation plan for this year and confirmed the importance of co-management for the conservation of the Anzali Wetland.

The kick-off work shop of socio-economic survey



The socio-economic survey has been carried out to develop the zoning plan of the Anzali Wetland and its surroundings. The kick-off workshop of the socio-economic survey was held in DOE on 2nd June, 2011. The socio-economic survey will finish in October.



Project Activities

Ecotourism Workshop



The 4th Ecotourism Workshop was held on 26th June, 2011 at Guilan DOE Amphitheatre with the participation of the stakeholders of the Anzali Wetland, such as representatives from districts, villages, councils, DOEs, Guilan Hotel unions in Anzali and Somesara, other stakeholders and the JICA Expert Team. In the workshop, the project members presented basic concepts concerning ecotourism in the Anzali Wetland while receiving opinions from the stakeholders.

Anzali Wetland Management Committee(AWMC)

The Anzali Wetland Management Committee facilitates the improvement of planning, co-ordination, conservation and management within the Anzali Wetland, with the objective of achieving the sustainable and wise use of the wetland. The 1st Anzali Wetland Management Committee meeting was held chaired by Guilan Provincial Governor and included the participation of the Japanese Ambassador on 6th July 2011 at Guilan Provincial Governor's office. Mr. Saadati the Governor of Guilan Province officially declared the establishment of the Anzali Wetland Management Committee. The Anzali Declaration will be presented at COP 11 of Ramsar Convention in June 2012, Romania.



GIS & RS Training Course

GIS (Geographical Information Systems) & RS (Remote Sensing) are effective and useful technologies which facilitate the analysis of a wide range of factors in the management of wetland conservation areas. A GIS & RS training course was held from 28th June to 12th July.

20 DOE staffs took part in the training course. The trainees showed great interest in the course.



Video materials for Environmental Education

To inform people about the fantastic nature of the Anzali Wetland, environmental education videos are currently being made. The videos will be completed around next March.

Life in the Anzali Wetland

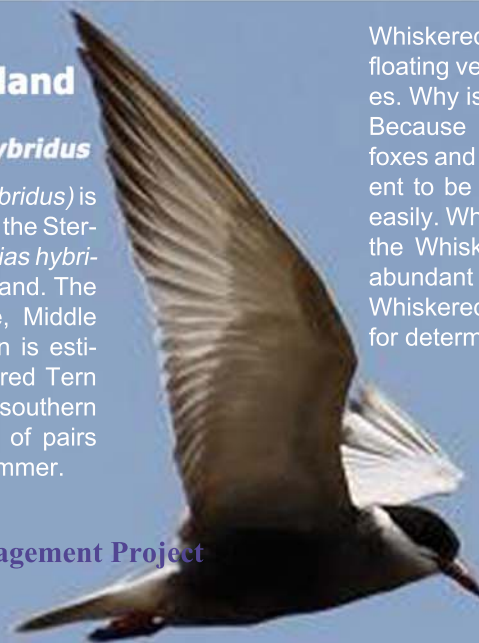
Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*

The Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybridus*) is a polytypical species which belongs to the Sternidae family. The subspecies *Chlidonias hybridus hybridus* breed in the Anzali Wetland. The Whiskered Tern is found in Europe, Middle East and Asia. The global population is estimated at 200,000 pairs. The Whiskered Tern is a migratory bird which winters in southern Africa and southern Asia. Hundreds of pairs breed in the Anzali Wetland every summer.

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Whiskered Terns tend to form nests and colonies on floating vegetation such as lotus in lagoons or marshes. Why is the nest made in such an unstable place? Because it is a safe place that predators such as foxes and jackals can't get near and it is also convenient to be near the lagoon where they can take fish easily. Whiskered Terns catch fish whilst flying. Thus, the Whiskered Tern is a migratory bird that needs abundant fish and rich hydrophytes. Therefore, the Whiskered Tern is a key biological indicator species for determining the health of the Anzali Wetland.



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