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Official area (ha): 611 Coordinates: in progress Number of zones: 2

Outlines:

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Fields back-shaded in light blue relate to data and information required only for RIS updates.

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1 - Summary

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2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 - Name and address of the compiler of this RIS

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2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

To year	

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2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)	Songdo Tidal Flat
Unofficial name (optional)	

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Boundaries description (optional)

The boundary for the designation of the new Ramsar Site is the same as the existing protected area (Songdo Tidal Flat Coastal Wetland Protected Area), which is located in central part of Gyeonggi Bay, Gyeonggi Province, Republic of Korea. The 0.611km of coastal wetland protected area was designated by Incheon City on December 31st, 2009.

2.2.2 - General location

- a) In which large administrative region does Incheon Metropolitan City the site lie?
- b) What is the nearest town or population Seoul

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

- a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes O No
- b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party?

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha): 611

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS 614.75 boundaries

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
Marine Ecoregions of the World (MEOW)	Cold Temperate Northwest Pacific

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme			

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3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

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- lacktriangledown Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities
- ☑ Criterion 4 : Support during critical life cycle stage or in adverse conditions

3.2 - Plant species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site				

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3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species	qualifie	s under	criterion	Species	contribut	es unde	r criterion	Pon Sizo	Period of pop. Est.	% occurronce	ILICN Pod Liet	CITES Appondix I	CMS Appondix I	Other Status	luctification
Filylulli	Scientific flame	Common name	2	4	6	9	3	5	7	8	rup. Size	r enou or pop. Est.	78 OCCUITEFICE	TOCIVICEG LIST	CITES Appendix I	CIVIO Appendix I	Other Status	Justilication
CHORDATA/AVES	Anas acuta	Northern Pintail		✓										LC ORECT				Wintering, resting and
CHORDATA/AVES	Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard		√														Wintering, resting and
CHORDATA/AVES	Anas poecilorhyncha	Spot-billed Duck		✓										LC © REP				Wintering, resting and
CHORDATA/AVES	Aythya ferina	Common Pochard		✓										LC ORS				Wintering, resting and
CHORDATA/AVES	Calidris alpina	Dunlin		✓										LC ORST				Wintering, resting and
CHORDATA/AVES	Calidris tenuirostris	Great Knot	√											VU ⊚ LET				
CHORDATA/AVES	Numenius madagascariensis	Far Eastern Curlew	✓	√										VU @ REP		✓		Wintering, resting and
CHORDATA/AVES	Platalea minor	Black-faced Spoonbill	✓	✓										EN @ RED		✓		Wintering, resting and feeding area

Criterion 2: Saundersilarus saundersi, Saunder's Gull - VU

Criterion 4: Eurasian Oystercatcher, Haematopus ostralegus - wintering, resting and feeding area For the past 5 years, the Ministry of Environment of Korea performed Simultaneous Census Survey of birds in winter time, and the results showed a cumulative 22,471 birds of 65 species inhabited in Songdo Tidal Flat, with 1,220 of 37 species in January of 2009, 5,168 of 27 species in January of 2010, 11,160 of 17 species in January of 2011, 2,801 of 24 species in January of 2012, and 2,122 of 24 species in January of 2013 (Ministry of Environment, 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013).

3.4 - Ecological communities whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

4 - What is the Site like? (Ecological character description)

4.1 - Ecological character

Songdo Tidal Flat is the place for intermediate visit where the birds, which migrate along the route between East Asia and Australia, temporarily stay for rest and feeding while moving to the wintering area in Australia and New Zealand after breeding in Tundra area of Siberia and grass area of Mongolia. In spring and autumn, mainly Eurasian Oystercatcher (Haematopus ostralegus), Kentish Plover (Charadrius alexandrinus), Lesser Sand Plover (Charadrius mongolus), Bar-tailed Godwit (Limosa lapponica), Great Knot (Calidris tenuirostris), and Dunlin (Calidris alpina) were eating feeds or resting. The area of Songdo Tidal Flat has once been an immense mud flat with width of 6-7km with high biological varieties and primary and secondary production (Yoo, 1998). More than 200 species of macrobenthic animal lived in this habitat with total average biomass (wet weight) of about 300g/m2 and maximum value as high as 2kg/m2 has been recorded in the unit of investigation station (Yoo, 1998).

The upper zone of the tidal flat is brachyuran zone which, unlike Europe or America, is uniquely found in Asia, having high variety of crabs of Macrophthalmus japonicus, and Ilyoplax pingi inhabiting in the area with large portion of density and biomass in the community. These are known to be important prey species for water birds. The middle zone of the tidal flat is molluscan zone in which bivalves, Solen strictus, gastropods, Umbonium thomasi are dominant, the former being one of important industrial species. The lower zone of the tidal flat is holothurians zone which can be characterized by the habitat of sea cucumbers, Protankyra bidentata, with communities showing high variety of living organisms. These zonation patterns observed in Songdo Tidal Flat have been compared with intervals of about 10 years, which showed stable maintenance during the period (Hong and Yoo, 2001).

4.2 - What wetland type(s) are in the site?

Marine or coastal wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
G: Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats		1		

Habitat connectivity

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Scientific name	Common name	Position in range / endemism / other
Calystegia soldanella		
Plantago camtschatica		
Spergularia salina		
Spinacia oleracea		
Suaeda maritima		

4.3.2 - Animal species

Other noteworthy animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/AVES	Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon				
CHORDATA/AVES	Haliaeetus albicilla	White-tailed Eagle				
CHORDATA/AVES	Limosa limosa	Black-tailed Godwit				
CHORDATA/AVES	Numenius arquata	Eurasian Curlew				

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

rage air temperature: 12.7 degrees C ual precipitation: 1,303mm	

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

a) Minimum elevation above sea level (in	-1
metres)	
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metres)	
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	Entire river basin
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	Upper part of river basin ☐

	Middle part of river basin	
	Lower part of river basin	
	More than one river basin	
	Not in river basin	
	Coastal	
Please name the river basin or basins. If the te lies in a sub-basin, please also name the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.		
.3 - Soil		
	Mineral	
	Organic ✓	
	No available information	
Are soil types subject to change as a ydrological conditions (e.g., increased salinit	result of changing yes O No y or acidification)?	
lease provide further information on the soil (optional)		

Water permanence

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Presence?	Changes at RIS update		
Usually seasonal, ephemeral or intermittent water present	No change		

Source of water that maintains character of the site

Presence?	Predominant water source	Changes at RIS update
Water inputs from surface water		No change
Marine water		No change

Please add any comments on the water regime and its determinants (if relevant). Use this box to explain sites with complex hydrology:	Seunggicheon River flows across northwest area of Songdo Tidal Flat, the river water flows into the tidal flat through Namdong retarding basin. The aggregate length of all the tributaries as well as the river Seunggicheon is 10.33km with adjacent area of 26.08km².		
Connectivity of surface waters and of groundwater			
Stratification and mixing regime			
I.4.5 - Sediment regime			
•	ificant erosion of sediments occurs on the site		
ŭ	or deposition of sediments occurs on the site		
	tion of sediments occurs on or through the site		
Sediment regime is highly variable, either seasonally or inter-annually			
	Sediment regime unknown ☐		
Please provide further information on sediment (optional):	The sources of sediment are the Han River and adjacent water		
Water turbidity and colour			
Light - reaching wetland			
Water temperature			
I.4.6 - Water pH	A = : 4 (= 1.1. □		
	Acid (pH 🗆		
	Circumneutral (pH: 5.5-7.4)		
	Alkaline (pH>7.4)		
	Unknown		
Please provide further information on pH (optional):			

4.4.7 - Water salinity

	Fresh (
	Mixohaline (brackish)/Mixosaline (0 .5-30 g/l) ✓		
	Euhaline/Eusaline (30-40 g/l) ✓		
	Hyperhaline/Hypersaline (>40 g/l) ☐		
	Unknown		
Please provide further information on salinity (optional):	Salinity (psu): 24.131.7 (mean 29.8)		
Dissolved gases in water			
4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutri	ients in water		
	Eutrophic		
	Mesotrophic		
	Oligotrophic		
	Dystrophic		
Unknown □			
Please provide further information on dissolved or suspended nutrients (optional):	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L): 6.445.4 (mean 9.4) Chemical Oxygen Demand – COD (mg/L): 1.23.8 (mean 1.75) Suspended Solids – SS (mg/L): 3.3₹0.0 (mean 18.1) Chl.a (μg/L): 0.244.9 (mean 7.5)		
Dissolved organic carbon			
Redox potential of water and sediments			
Water conductivity			

4.4.9 - Features of the surrounding area which may affect the Site

Please describe whether, and if so how, the landscape and ecological characteristics in the area surrounding the Ramsar i) broadly similar O ii) significantly different

Site differ from the site itself:

Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development <a>Image: Image of the control of the c

Surrounding area has higher human population density <a>Image of the control of t

Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use

Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types

The coast of Incheon, in which Songdo Tidal Flat is located, is a river mouth of coastal plain with a complicated shoreline, and about 170 large and small islands scattered including Ganghwado, Seokmodo and Yeongjongdo. Large scale intertidal zones are developed around the islands due to tides, and immense mud flats extend by deposits of fine sediments from the land and ocean.

Please describe other ways in which the surrounding area is different:

In the northeast, Mt. Cheongryang (150m) and Mt. Munhak (213m) are developed without specific orientations with local hills, and in the east area, unnamed low hills are developed to the north and south direction centering around Mt. Obong (105m).

Regarding macroscopic geological characteristics of Songdo Tidal Flat, there are metamorphic rocks of precambrian era, igneous rocks of Jurassic Period of Mesozoic era, volcanic rocks of Cretaceous period, and alluvium layers of the 4th period.

Direction of winds varies a lot locally. Monsoons blow from the southwest in summer and from the north in winter.

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Food for humans	Sustenance for humans (e.g., fish, molluscs, grains)	Low

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Erosion protection	Soil, sediment and nutrient retention	High

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Spiritual and inspirational	Inspiration	Medium
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	Low

Other ecosystem service(s) not included above:				
Within the site:				
Outside the site:				
Have studies or assessments been made valuation of ecosystem services provided by t	e of the economic his Ramsar Site?			
.5.2 - Social and cultural values				
	use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland			
ii) the site has exceptional cultural tradition influ	ii) the site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland			
iii) the ecological character of the wetland dep	iii) the ecological character of the wetland depends on its interaction with local communities or indigenous peoples			
iv) relevant non-material values such as sacred sites are present and their existence is strongly linked with the maintenance of the ecological character of the wetland				
.6 - Ecological processes				
Primary production				
Nutrient cycling				
Carbon cycling				
Animal reproductive productivity				
Vegetational productivity, pollination, regeneration processes, succession, role of fire, etc.				
Notable species interactions, including grazing, predation, competition, diseases and pathogens				

Notable aspects concerning animal and plant dispersal	
Notable aspects concerning migration	
Pressures and trends concerning any of the	
above, and/or concerning ecosystem integrity	

5 - How is the Site managed? (Conservation and management)

5.1 - Land tenure and responsibilities (Managers)

5.1.1 - Land tenure/ownership

Public ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
National/Federal government	✓	
Provincial/region/state government		✓

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for	Marine and Islands Policy Division	
managing the site:		
Provide the name and title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:	Inkuen HWANG, Deputy Director	
Postal address:	29, Jeonggak-ro, Namdong-gu, Incheon, Republic of Korea (ZIP: 405-750)	
E-mail address:		

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

5.2.1 - Factors (actual or likely) adversely affecting the Site 's ecological character

Agriculture and aquaculture

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Marine and freshwater aquaculture		Low impact	No change	No change

Transportation and service corridors

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Roads and railroads		Medium impact	No change	No change

Natural system modifications

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Unspecified/others		Medium impact	No change	No change

Please describe any other threats (optional):

Planned for deposits for spoil soils, and fishing licenses have been requested by fishermen of Yeonsu-gu. The coastal fishing license is permitted for people lives in their area by the local government base on 'Public Waters Management Act' and 'Fisheries Law'.

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Coastal Wetland Protected Area	Songdo Tidal Flat Coastal Wetland Protected Area		whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

Ia Strict Nature Reserve
Ib Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
II National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation

III Natural Monument: protected area managed	mainly for conservation of specific natural features	
IV Habitat/Species Management Area: protecte	ed area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention	
V Protected Landscape/Seascape: protected area	managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation	☑
VI Managed Resource Protected Area: protected	area managed mainly for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems	
.2.4 - Key conservation measures		
egal protection Measures Status egal protection Implemented		
Other:		
.2.5 - Management planning		
Is there a site-specific management plan for the site?		
Has a management effectiveness assessment beer	n undertaken for the site? Yes No ○	
If the site is a formal transboundary site as indicat Data and location > Site location, are there shared a planning processes with another Contra	ed in section management acting Party? Yes ○ No ⊚	
Please indicate if a Ramsar centre, other educational or visitor facility, or an educational or visitor programme is associated with the site:		

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URL of site-related webpage (if relevant):			
5.2.6 - Planning for restoration			
Is there a site-specific restoration plan?	Please select a value		
<no available="" data=""></no>			
5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or pr	oposed		

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

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Complete list of references can be found under the document: KRlit1502

6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

i. taxonomic lists of plant and animal species occurring in the site (see section 4.3)

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ii. a detailed Ecological Character Description (ECD) (in a national format)

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iii. a description of the site in a national or regional wetland inventory

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iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

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v. site management plan

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vi. other published literature

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6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Default picture (Ramsar, 01.01.1900)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 2014-07-10