



Spoonbills Speak

echoes across the Pacific

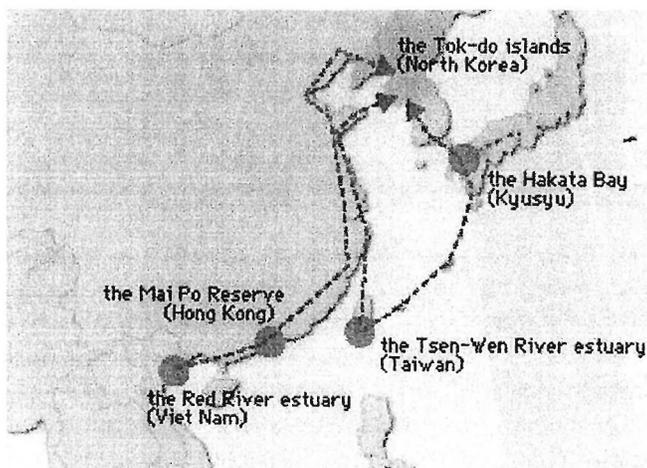
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SAVE TAKES ON THE FLYWAY

As we head into our sixth year of existence, we have reassessed our direction, thinking not only about what we have achieved but where we are going next. For over 5 years, we have been waging a battle against environmentally degrading industrialization in Taiwan. We have used scientific reports, alternative proposals and worked with community activists to preserve the fragile ecosystem that serves as the wintering ground of the black-faced spoonbill.

We have accomplished a great deal, but it is time to widen our scope. We have been fighting to protect the wintering ground of this beautiful animal without thinking on a bigger scale. To this end we are starting a new campaign to examine the entire flyway. We will extend our efforts to promote preservation of black-faced spoonbill habitat along the entire flyway from the South China Sea to the coasts of northern China, the Korean peninsula and Japan. While maintaining our focus on coastal Tainan County, we plan to build networks with groups in other Asian countries to lend our voice and support to the entire flight path of the black-faced spoonbill.

In the past few years, several graduate students in the Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning Department at Berkeley have been looking into the key sites along the flyway to help us identify the most important areas of focus. This is a move that has been long in coming and one that we are all very excited about.



Black-faced spoonbill flyway



Nine out of ten spoonbills agree it's time to take on the flyway!

NTU STUDENTS PLAN FOR ECO-TOURISM

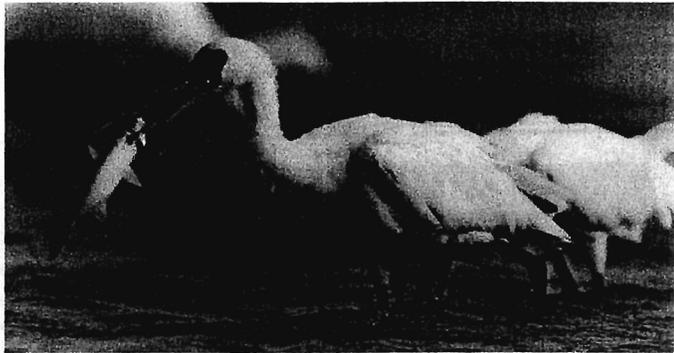
By Taiwan correspondent Joan Lin

Our graduate studio at National Taiwan University is focused primarily on planning for responsible eco-tourism in Chiku, which we are promoting as a sustainable development alternative to the Binnan Complex. We have designed the overall itinerary and traffic route for eco-tourism in the region and have chosen three demonstration tourist sites for a more detailed design: Longshang village, the Mangrove, and the Bird-watching Place.

After many discussions with the Longshang residents regarding budget and the future development of the fishing port, our conclusion is to focus first on improvements to the buildings next to Longshang Temple, and then form a comprehensive plan when the budget from the Council of Agriculture is available. The Mangrove site is designed as an observation platform for experiencing the wetland ecosystem. The Bird-Watching Place is designed to fit the needs of bird-watchers, particularly for the increasing numbers coming to see the black-faced spoonbill.

This project has succeeded in strengthening communication and trust between National Taiwan University, local residents, and the Tainan county government. The County Tourism Department and Conservation Department have been actively searching different channels to increase the budget for the actual execution of this project. The project is now almost completed, as we are waiting only for a result from a negotiation discussion with the county government.

We hope that the positive communication between various groups will remain strong, even as this project draws to a close. The success of eco-tourism depends on the ability of these groups to work together.



Black-faced spoonbill feeding

SAVE AUCTION & AWARDS

On April 4th, SAVE International held its second annual silent auction at the University of California, Berkeley. The auction benefited SAVE's work to protect the primary wintering site of the endangered black-faced spoonbill, whose estimated worldwide population is only 600. SAVE also recognized the following 'volunteers of the year' for their outstanding and dedicated service to the organization over the past twelve months.

Chia-wang Chen, executive director of the Chiku Coastal Protection Association, organized two trips bringing local fishers to protest in front of Taiwan's EPA against a petrochemical industrial complex planned for the spoonbill habitat, and successfully prevented the final approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment. Jewel Yang, a student activist from National Taiwan University, was recognized for her coordination of the movement in Taiwan.

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Earth Island Liaison Wen-Ling Tu was acknowledged for her leadership and notably for the organization of last year's trip to Taiwan and exchange visits with National Taiwan University.

Mr. Sheng-Chung (Sam) Lin, a long time environmental activist and water specialist, was recognized for his scientific contributions. On the Binnan issue, he has provided expertise and advice, as well as providing NGOs and policy makers with information and comments. Volunteer of the Year went to Amy Russell, who has been very valuable as a volunteer, translator and most recently, as our treasurer. SAVE appreciates the efforts of these activists and the countless others who have supported our work.



*Volunteer of the Year
Amy Russell at the SAVE
auction*

HELLO FROM CHI-CHAO THE SPOONBILL



Hi guys!

Long time, no see. I wish you guys could have made it to Chiku this year, but maybe next year. Now I'm back in North Korea for the summer. What a flight back I had . . . I'm beginning to think this migrating stuff is for the birds!

Me and Junichi are so happy to hear about your work along the entire flyway. Having multiple homes can be tricky sometimes. You never know what's going on in one when you're in the other. That's why it's nice to have caretakers like you all. Keep in touch. Gotta go.

Love, Your Friend, Chi-chao.