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Nature Conservation



Baekdudaegan

Baekdudaegan is a continuous mountain chain from Mt. Baekdu, on the North Korea border with China, to Mt. Jiri in South Korea. The protection of this range means protection of ecosystem and wildlife on the entire Korean Peninsula.

GKU's effort has helped create the Baekdudaegan Protection Law and it was designated as a reserve in 2005. GKU is now continuing efforts to prevent those factors in advance which might destroy Baekdudaegan and to carry out ecological restoration of the damaged Baedudaegan area.

Bear Farming

The moon Bear is in danger of extinction around the world while there is a national monument in South Korea for them. Yet approximately 1,400 bears are confined to cages in South Korea so that their bile can be extracted from their gall bladders. GKU, in cooperation with the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), has conducted a campaign for revealing the actual condition of bear farming to address this issue and put pressure on the government to shape policy banning bear farming.

Anti golf course movement Campaign against a cable car





Wildlife

GKU plays an active part in examining endangered wildlife and protecting their habitats. These activities include protection of antelope which is a representative endangered land mammal, a spotted seal, which comes and goes between Korea and China, a narrow-mouth frog deprived of its habitat by various kinds of reckless development, and a campaign against winter poaching.

The 4 River Project

The 4 River Project, which the Korean government recently advertises and drives as a New Green Growth Deal, is not only neglecting the related all the legal process but also devastating the Korean peninsula with some of building and civil engineering contractors. Nevertheless, this project causes lots of serious problems such as 107 wetland loss and degradation, habitat loss and fragmentation of wildlife, water contamination, drinking water problems, etc. Green Korea United is in the front line of the movement against the project with various activities.

Activity for protecting sea and wetlands
Campaign for creating ecological trails



Stop Global Warming & Renewable Energy



Global Warming

South Korea should take great responsibility for global warming and take actions accordingly because it ranked 22nd in terms of cumulative greenhouse emissions in the world. GKU advocates an end to global warming and carries out activities such as education, promotion, and suggestion of alternatives to government policy. Now the issue of climate change must be addressed from the perspective of sustainability for all life on earth.

Local Energy

GKU finds an answer to climate change and the energy crisis in local energy. It makes plans for local energy to reduce energy consumption and tries to increase renewable energy production. It is required that small towns, schools, and local communities find alternatives to traditional energy.

Renewable Energy

GKU tries to expand the use of renewable energy in accordance with local communities. It also sets out guidelines for selecting locations for renewable energy production while trying to build wind power plants in national parks or to develop large-scale solar power complexes in places where there used be a forest before trees were cut down.

Anti - nuclear Movement

The current South Korean government regards nuclear energy as a cure for climate change and the energy crisis. However, nuclear energy is not a sustainable alternative due to its possibility of being drained, the danger of nuclear power plants, and the problem of nuclear waste disposal. GKU urges the government to scrap nuclear power-centered energy policy and to shift to distribution system.

Campaign against a power-transmission tower
Making a school of woods, wind,
- and the sun for renewable energy education
Campaign for reducing carbon footprints



Clean-up the Military Bases



U.S Military Bases

Since 1996, GKU has revealed the issue of environmental pollution on U.S. military bases, which has long been a dead angle of the environment in South Korea. GKU's efforts have led to the enactment of environment-related provisions in the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and clean-up operations on returned U.S. military bases. In cooperation with some countries such as the Philippines and Japan, where the U.S. military is stationed, GKU has worked to fight environmental pollution on U.S. military bases.

Environmental Problems on ROK Military Bases

Republic of Korea Army is not an exception in terms of environmental pollution. Among other problems, noise pollution from military runways and ranges has caused pain to local residents. GKU tries to monitor military bases and develop a rightful system to prevent environmental destruction and damage to local residents caused by military facilities or activities.

Anti-nuclear peace movement
Anti-troop dispatch movement

DMZ Conservation

The DMZ(Demilitarized Zone), created as a result of the Armistice Treaty in July, 1953, is a space of the division of the Koean Peninsula. 56 years have passed since then and the 20th century stained with wars is also over. In this symbolic land of war and division, grass and trees grow to the full, birds fly, fish swim freely and wild animals of all sorts run around.

Activities

GKU has taken actions for the DMZ conservation. GKU researched along the 248km-long Southern Limit Line of the DMZ between 2006 and 2007 with the wish that the DMZ, the treasure of natural ecosystem, can be reborn as the land of life and peace. Since 'The DMZ Environmental Report' was published in 2008 based on the research, it has contributed to inform the ecological value, the culture and the environmental issues of the DMZ.



Manifesto

In this civilization, which is opposed to nature, there is no future for humanity and ecosystems. We gather together to overcome the crisis of nature under the flag of the Green movement. Green is life and peace and is based on respect for diversity and the interconnectedness of life.

We all respect the earth and the ecosystem, as well as all living creatures. Forest and trees, heaven and ocean, water and wetland, all the creatures in space are one in life with us.

We seek to change our life and living place as Green. Together we serve as a stepping-stone for Green Policy through civic participation and self-governance.

We are eager for peace and oppose all kinds of violence and war. Furthermore, we save our wisdom and effort to make a Green World, in which humans and nature coexist.

We cooperate to realize the rights of minorities and future generations. We are devoted to keep the earth, which is our livelihood, full of respect for life and share the will of peace.

The Four Point Platform

- *Respect for life*
- *Creation of an eco-circulation society*
- *Realization of non-violent peace*
- *Green autonomy*

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General Information

Green Korea United has taken actions for our beautiful planet, the Earth, by questioning the distorted assumptions embedded in a modern society since 1991.

GPU CHANGES the way we think and live our daily lives for an alternative society through alternative movements on farming, healthy food, consumption and transport.

GPU EXPLORES the peace between the South and the North, Human Beings and Natures through Anti-War Peace Movements, Environmental Monitoring of Military Bases and Environmental Collaboration between North Korea and South Korea.

GPU REALISES the spirit of Co-Existence and Sharing with the silenced and oppressed in a society through the Ecological Village Movement, Legal Advice and Monitoring Service and NGO-Civil Society Network.

GPU CHALLENGES the boundary of differences for international solidarity through the GPU 10 Dollar Solidarity for Green Asia Network to save the silent sufferings behind development projects around the world.

Activity

Green Korea United (GKU) actively involves the conservation of ecological habitats and wildlife based on fieldwork by tackling destructive developments including roads, electronic power lines and nuclear power, dams, mines through human interventions to protect Baekdudaegan Mountain Range, the Saemangum Tidal Flat, wetlands and seas, endangered wildlife, and by making alternatives with people. In terms of wildlife conservation activities, GKU has engaged in saving bears, gorals, spotted seals, otters, clawed salamanders, frogs, whales and more.

International Solidarity

GKU participates in various international networks to tackle the global environmental crisis in cooperation with a number of global environmental organizations in the fields of wildlife, U.S. military bases, anti-nuclear, wetlands, climate change etc.

It has attended such international conferences as the UN Climate Change Conference, the UN Environment Conference, the World Social Forum, the IWC Commission, and the Ramsar Convention and issued the 'Green Korea Report' containing local environmental trends.

It has also organized the '\$10 Solidarity for Green Asia' to offer financial support to local residents damaged by U.S. military bases in the Philippines, the rescue operations of the Amur Leopard in Russia, and the preservation of orangutans in Indonesia.

Organizational Structure

Green Korea United Headquarters Seoul,

10 GKU Local Organizations in

· Incheon, Wonju, Daejeon, Busan, Gwangju, Sorak, Gongju, Jeonbuk, Daegu, Kwangyang.

GKU-Related Organizations

- Korea Environmental Litigation Center
- Publication Center 'Small is Beautiful'
- Korean Institute for a Sustainable Society
- Green Education Center
- Wetlands Korea
- Green Energy Design Center

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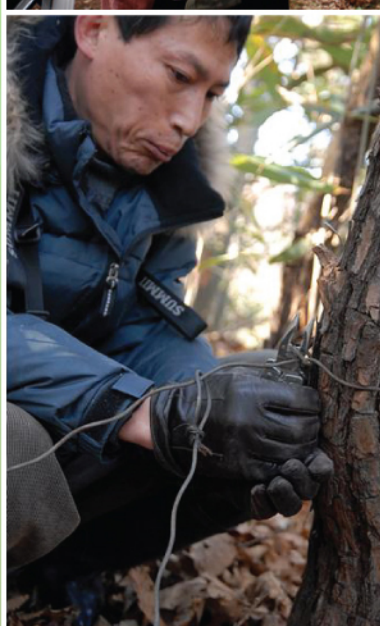
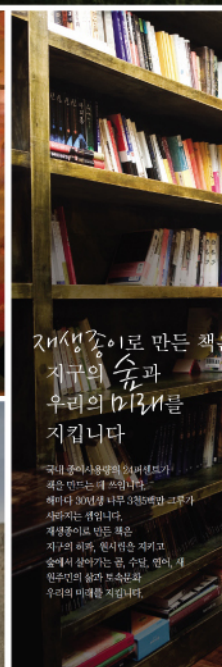


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Join Us

Sea water has only 3 percent salt, but it is this very salt that prevents it from going bad. The same is true of how we live. It is you who can make the world green.

GKU is run by the participation and financial support of its members. The membership fee can help GKU work independently of the government and businesses. Members' voluntary service is the key to the GKU movement which can do more work with less man power. Let's sign up for membership to make the world green.

To become a member of Green Korea United or to make a donation, please send us your information via phone or email.

Membership Application

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