Each UNESCO World Heritage Site represents cultural and ecological treasures important to us all.

The DMZ is a very special place that reflects both the tragedy of war in the 20th century and the beauty and wealth of Korea’s unique ecology. Today, it is protected only because on-going hostilities deny human access to the area.

To ensure its continued survival, it is our responsibility as global citizens to preserve the DMZ’s historical and ecological significance through registering it as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The DMZ FORUM is conducting a signature campaign to help achieve that goal. We hope to have your full support and interest. Thank you.

"What can I do to help?" is one of our most frequently asked questions. The DMZ FORUM is always open to hearing your creative ideas for involvement. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the activities of the DMZ Forum, or in supporting our mission of preserving the DMZ’s ecological and cultural significance, please telephone or email us at:

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The Value of the DMZ

The DMZ clearly demonstrates how nature can restore itself after the destructive effects of war. There we can see rare and endangered species.

Due to nearly 60 years without human intrusion, the area’s biodiversity has thrived, creating a place that is both ecologically and culturally significant. Protected migratory birds also thrive in the DMZ and recently it is reported that the tiger has survived in the DMZ.

The DMZ has great cultural value to Koreans and to all the world’s peoples. It is a living symbol of the costs of war, one that can inspire us to strive for peace. It serves as an educational site, teaching us that sacrifice need not be in vain, and that if we work together, we can bring peace, prosperity, and ecological sustainability even to those places most damaged by the ravages of war.

Introducing the DMZ FORUM

The DMZ Forum is an international Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), working with other international and national environmental and peace-seeking NGOs. Started in 1997 by two Korean-Americans, it has attracted worldwide support because its mission is globally important-diplomatically and environmentally.

The Forum has held public conferences in past years and its activities are covered and reported on by global media outlets. The New York Times published three prominent articles about the Forum: one on the 2004 conference, one in 2003 about the 50th anniversary of the creation of the DMZ, and an op-ed piece by Drs. E.O. Wilson and K.C. Kim in December 2002. World Watch magazine also published an article about the Forum in November 2004.

The mission of the DMZ Forum is to support conservation of the unique biological and cultural resources of Korea’s Demilitarized Zone, transforming it from a symbol of war and separation to a place of peace among humans and between humans and nature.

DMZ FORUM’s Activities

- International conferences
- DMZ FORUM’s promotional materials