



Bird Conservation Nepal



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... dedicated to conserving birds, their habitats and overall biodiversity



General Overview



- Established in 1982
- Largest membership based conservation organization
- Membership
 - General Member (GM)- 350
 - Life Member – 133
 - Patrons – 18
 - Corporate Member- 1
 - NBCN Member- 8





Thematic Areas



- Education and Awareness
- Research and Publication
- Sites and Species Conservation
- Partnership and Networking





Monitoring of IBAs in Nepal



- Phulchoki Mountain Forests
- Mai Valley Forest
- Kanchenjunga Conservation Area
- Jagdishpur Reservoir
- Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve
- Farmlands of Lumbini




Process



- Birdlife IBA monitoring form tested
- Tested format translated into Nepali language
- Six IBAs were chosen where BCN's project running
- Information gathered from the SSG/CFUGs and verified data by BCN used for site assessment
- IBA directory 2005, Nepal used for Baseline information



IBA Assessment of Six Sites								
Site	State indicator	Pressure indicator	Pressure status	State status	Response status	Pressure trend	State trend	Response trend
Phulchoki Mountain Forests	Habitat	Marble quarry/ forest exploitation	High	Moderate	Low	Small improvement	No change	Small improvement
Farmlands of Lumbini	Trigger sps/Habitat	Industrial development/ agro-chemical pollution	High	Poor	Low	No change	No change	Small improvement
Jagdishpur Reservoir	Bird population	Freshwater Aquaculture/ hunting/pollution/ recreation	High	Poor	Low	Small improvement	No change	Small improvement
Mai Valley Forests	Trigger sps/habitat	Livestock grazing/forest exploitation/ cardamom and tea plantation	High	Moderate	Low	No change	Small decline	Small improvement
KCA	Trigger sps/habitat	Livestock grazing/forest exploitation	High	Moderate	Medium	Small improvement	Moderate improvement	Moderate improvement
KTWR	Trigger species/ Congregator birds	grazing/ disturbances and hunting/poisoning g/invasive sps	High	Moderate	Medium	No change	No change	Small improvement



Phulchoki Mountain Forests



- Model for participatory conservation
- Strengthen 6 CFUGs financially and technically
- Annual income of the FUGs increased by \$1000(25% of the total income)
- Nature based eco-tourism promoted
- Centre for education and learning
- Biodiversity inventory completed

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Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve



Fishermen(Malaha) in Aquaculture!

- ❖ Traditional fishermen now engaged in aquaculture practice
 - ❖ 1.5 ha leased pond --- managed by fishermen communities
 - ❖ Locals income promoted due to natural resource based IGAs(400 hard core poor households benefited)
 - ❖ Fishing pressure reduced in Koshi River
 - ❖ **Strengthened capacity of local CBOs**
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Mai Valley Forest and Kanchenjunga Conservation Area



- Strengthened capacity of 8 site support groups (SSG)
- Nepal Bird Conservation Network (NBCN) established
- Conservation of bird recognized in operational plan in Key CFUGs
- Local government and community forest user groups allocated budget for biodiversity conservation.

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Jagadishpur Reservoir



- ❖ Hunting reduced and bird population maintained
- ❖ Skill enhancement trainings and IGA –basket, mat, decorative items
- ❖ Education center established
- ❖ Cooperative set up for poorest of poor
- ❖ Nature based tourism promoted



Funded by Ramsar Small Grant Fund for Wetland Conservation and Wise Use (SGF)



Farmlands of Lumbini



- Community managed vulture restaurant established
- Locals trained as nature guides
- Lumbini promoted as an eco-tourism destination





Common Challenges



- Proper management of IBA lacking
- Lack of Education Awareness at Local Level
- Birds role in livelihood issues is little understood
- IBA boundry not well defined particularly in unprotected areas
- Limited funding for IBA conservation



Lessons learned



- Government's involvement important
- Programs should be related to livelihood promotion for local communities
- Capacity of local CBOs and civil societies crucial



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