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Abraham Conservation Award

The Abraham Conservation Awards were established in 1995 by Ms. Nancy Abraham, an environmentalist, who was struck by the dedication and passion for conservation displayed by a national park staff. The Abraham Conservation Award has recognized and honored people and organizations at the grassroots level that have made significant contributions to ensuring Nepal's rich biodiversity. It has also served as a means to raise awareness about the issues at stake and to motivate and inspire frontline conservationists.

Matthew Preece and Yeshi Choden Lama Young Conservation Leader Award

In 2007, the Young Conservation Leader Awards were established in honor of Matthew Preece and Yeshi Lama who despite being relatively young made their mark in the field of conservation before their untimely and tragic demise in 2006. Through this award, WWF identifies and recognizes the work of the new generation of committed young conservation leaders for their dedicated and outstanding contribution to conservation.

WWF Media in Conservation Award

The WWF Media in Conservation Award, also established in 2007, recognizes the transformational roles of media persons/organizations in highlighting conservation issues in Nepal. The role of the media, whether print or electronic, is increasingly playing a key role in spreading the message of conservation. To encourage promising media persons and organizations in Nepal, each year WWF gives away this award to an individual or organization that best supports the value of conservation through their groundbreaking and inspiring work.

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MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

राष्ट्रिय प्रतिनिधिको सन्देश

It has been a decade that Nepal lost its Conservation Heroes on the fateful day of 23 September 2006. They were the trailblazers, who helped pave the path in conservation. It is their inspiration that has served as a constant guide for Nepal, shaping the country's conservation landscape from the past to the present and into the future.

And just as success breeds success, leadership breeds leadership. The Conservation Awards instituted by WWF is one such effort to recognize and nurture a new generation of leaders and achievers in conservation, so that tomorrow they may be the trailblazers and inspirations for Nepal. This year, eight individuals and organizations join the many that have proved their mettle in conservation.

We salute our lost heroes just as we welcome the new. Here's to the past, present and the future.



Anil Manandhar
Country Representative

सन् २०६३ साल असोज ७ गतेका दिन नेपालले संरक्षणका नायकहरु गुमाएको आज एक दशक पुरा भएको छ । उहाँहरुले दिशानिर्देश गरेको बाटो हिडेर नेपालले आज जैविक विविधता संरक्षणमा सुनौला सफलताहरु हासिल गरेको छ ।

सफलताले सफलता पहिल्याएजस्तै, हरेक वर्ष डब्लु डब्लु एफ द्वारा प्रदान गरीने पुरस्कारले संरक्षणमा समर्पित पिँढीलाई संरक्षणका क्षेत्रमा नेतृत्वदाई भूमिका हासिल गर्न सदैव प्रोत्साहन गर्दछ । यस वर्ष चार जना व्यक्ति र चार संस्था संरक्षण पुरस्कार द्वारा सम्मानित हुन सफल हुनुहुन्छ ।

यस राष्ट्रिय संरक्षण दिवसका २०७३ को अवसरमा डब्लु डब्लु एफ नेपालले, दस वर्ष अघि गुमाएका संरक्षणका नायकहरुलाई अभिवादन गर्दै यस वर्ष सम्मानित सबै संरक्षणकर्मीलाई अभिनन्दन प्रकट गर्दछ ।



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ABRAHAM CONSERVATION AWARD (ORGANIZATION)

अब्राहम संरक्षण पुरस्कार (संस्थागत)



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Shree Shreejung Battalion

Based in Kasara, Chitwan, and deployed across Chitwan National Park (CNP), the Shree Shreejung Battalion of the Nepal Army has been working with a holistic, results-based approach to conservation, using cutting-edge technology, creating wide networks among the community and other national agencies, to capture poachers and smugglers. From April 2014 to August 2016, the battalion conducted 62,767 patrols by foot, vehicle, bicycle, boat and elephants, covering almost 500,000 kilometres. They have been a key player in Nepal's remarkable achievement of two consecutive years of zero poaching of all critically endangered mega-species. The battalion has also been spearheading pro-conservation activities such as Rhino Count 2015, Bison Count 2016, Rhino Translocation from CNP to Bardia National Park 2016, and Wildlife Trophy Management 2016. The battalion also has played a vital role in establishing the Nature Conservation School in Kasara in 2015 to enhance the conservation skills of the security personnel mobilized for wildlife conservation tasks.

श्री श्रीजङ्गण, कसरा

चितवन राष्ट्रिय निकुञ्जको सुरक्षार्थ कसरामा तैनाथ नेपाली सेनाको **श्री श्रीजङ्ग गणले** वन्यजन्तु संरक्षणमा महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निर्वाह गरेको छ। यस गणले वन्यजन्तु संरक्षणको लागि नविनतम प्रविधिको प्रयोग, समुदाय परिचालन तथा सरोकारवाला निकाय बीच समन्वय साथै सञ्जालको निर्माण गर्दै चोरीशिकारी तथा तस्करलाई पक्राउ गर्नमा उल्लेखनीय भूमिका निर्वाह गर्दै आएको छ। यस गणले सन् २०१४ अप्रिल देखि २०१६ अगस्तसम्ममा पैदल, मोटर, साइकल, डुङ्गा तथा हात्ति लगायतका साधनमार्फत चितवन राष्ट्रिय निकुञ्ज तथा वरिपरी ६२,७६७ पटक गस्ती गरी ५००,००० किलोमिटर भन्दा बढी गस्ती गरेको छ। नेपाललाई लगातार दुई वर्षसम्म गैँडाको चोरिशिकार शून्यमा झार्न यस गणको उल्लेखनीय भूमिका रहेको छ। यस गणले गैँडा गणना २०१५, गौरीगाई गणना २०१६, चितवन राष्ट्रिय निकुञ्जबाट बर्दिया राष्ट्रिय निकुञ्जसम्म गैँडा स्थानान्तरण २०१६ तथा वन्यजन्तुको आखेटो पहार व्यवस्थापन लगायत संरक्षणका विभिन्न क्रियाकलापमा अग्रणी भूमिका निर्वाह गर्दै आएको छ। वन्यजन्तु संरक्षणमा सीप अभिवृद्धिका लागि २०१५ मा कसरामा सुरु गरिएको प्रकृति संरक्षण विद्यालयको स्थापनामा पनि गणले उल्लेखनीय भूमिका निर्वाह गरेको छ।

ABRAHAM CONSERVATION AWARD: ORGANIZATION

अब्राहम संरक्षण पुरस्कार (संस्थागत)



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Chetana Women Community Forest Users Committee

Based in Attariya, Kailali, the Chetana Women Community Forest Users Committee has set an example of community-based conservation that empowers deprived and vulnerable groups. An example of justice and equity, the organization has successfully provided support for deprived groups to legally gain back their seized land and conduct tree plantation in those lands. They have conducted various campaigns to raise the awareness of the local community on issues of river management, biodiversity conservation, and assisted in drafting policies, including the Forest Act 2049 and the Forest Manual 2051, correlated to forest planning and conserving community forests in 2005. A majority of their membership is comprised of disadvantaged groups, and 35% of the organization's earnings has been regularly invested in increasing the incomes of deprived groups. Through their work, they have not only spread awareness regarding nature conservation, but also given an opportunity for women and the disadvantaged groups in their community to become self-sufficient.

चेतना महिला सामुदायिक वन उपभोक्ता समिति, कैलाली

कैलालीको अत्तरियामा अवस्थित चेतना महिला सामुदायिक वन उपभोक्ता समितिले समुदायमा आधारित संरक्षणमा उदाहरणीय काम गरेको छ। सामाजिक बहिष्करणमा परेका तथा पिछ्छडिएका समुहको सशक्तिकरण गर्ने र समुदायमा न्याय तथा समताको पुर्नस्थापना गर्न यस समितिले उदाहरणिय भूमिका निर्वाह गरेको छ। यस समितिले कैलालीका केहि समुहको अतिग्रहण गरिएको भूमि कानूनी रुपमा पुनःप्राप्त गर्न तथा उक्त भूमिमा संरक्षणका काम गर्न सफलतापुर्वक सहयोग गरेको छ। समितिले नदी व्यवस्थापन, जैविक विविधता संरक्षण लगायतका विषयमा स्थानीय समुदायको चेतना अभिवृद्धि गर्न विभिन्न अभियान सञ्चालन गर्नुका साथै वन योजना निर्माण तथा सामुदायिक वन संरक्षण योजना २०६२ सँग सम्बन्धित वन ऐन २०४९, वन निर्देशिका २०५१ बमोजिम निर्माणमा गर्न सहयोग पुर्याएको छ।

ABRAHAM CONSERVATION AWARD: INDIVIDUAL

अब्राहम संरक्षण पुरस्कार (व्यक्तिगत)



© Tashi Rapte Ghale

Tashi Rapte Ghale

Tashi Rapte Ghale is a citizen scientist and camera trap expert. A local resident of Manang, one of the remote districts within Annapurna Conservation Area, Tashi has remarkable experience in snow leopard monitoring. A member of the Snow Leopard Scouts, he has captured multiple images of beautiful snow leopards on camera. Ghale who started monitoring snow leopard as a citizen scientist since 2006, was able to trace the first camera trap evidence of snow leopards in Manang. He also captured the first photographs in four decades of the elusive Pallas's cats, and the endangered Himalayan wolves in the Manang valley. Tashi is now the main local expert to install and monitor several remote cameras in different high altitude pastures in Manang and monitor various species.

टासी राप्ते घले

टासी राप्ते घले नागरिक वैज्ञानिक तथा क्यामेरा ट्र्याप विशेषज्ञ हुनुहुन्छ । अन्नपूर्ण संरक्षण क्षेत्रको विकट जिल्ला मनाङका स्थायी बासिन्दा घलेले हिउँचितुवा अनुगमनमा उल्लेखनीय योगदान पुर्याउनु भएको छ । हिउँचितुवा स्काउटका सदस्य समेत रहनुभएका घलेले मनाङका अतिनै विकट ठाँउहरुमा पुगि हिउँचितुवाका प्रशस्त मात्रामा सुन्दर फोटोहरु खिच्नुभएको छ । सन् २००६ देखि नागरिक वैज्ञानिकका रूपमा हिउँचितुवाको अनुगमन सुरु गर्नुभएको घलेले मनाङमा हिउँचितुवा रहेको प्रमाण क्यामेरा ट्र्यापको तस्विरद्वारा पहिलोपटक फेला पार्नु भएको हो । यसका अलावा मनाङ उपत्यकामा प्रायः नदेखिने पल्लास बनाविरालो (*Otocolobus Manul*) तथा लोपोन्मुख हिमाली ब्वाँसोका फोटो चार दशकमै पहिलोपल्ट खिच्ने व्यक्ति घलेनै हुनुहुन्छ । हाल घले मनाङका विभिन्न उच्च भू-भागमा रहेका चरनमा कैयौँ रिमोट क्यामेरा जडान तथा विभिन्न प्रजातिको अनुगमन गर्ने काममा स्थानीय विज्ञको रूपमा कार्यरत हुनुहुन्छ ।

ABRAHAM CONSERVATION AWARD: INDIVIDUAL

अब्राहम संरक्षण पुरस्कार (व्यक्तिगत)



© Tulsi Devkota

Tulsi Devkota

Tulsi Devkota is a community leader actively working on issues of biodiversity conservation, clean water, climate change adaptation, proper management of wetlands, and species conservation in Kailali district. She has over two decades of experience in conducting programs for improved livelihoods for the deprived, and biodiversity and environmental conservation. Her expertise has been tapped by various national, district, and local government offices. Currently working at Sunaulo Bhawishya, Nepal, she has held posts of chairperson and a treasurer at different institutions and organizations working for the welfare of the environment.

तुलसी देवकोटा

तुलसी देवकोटा कैलाली जिल्लामा जैविक विविधता संरक्षणका अभियन्ता हुनुहुन्छ। यसका साथै उहाँ स्वच्छ खानेपानी प्रवर्द्धन, जलवायु परिवर्तन अनुकुलन, सिमसारको उचित व्यवस्थापन, प्रजाति संरक्षण, आदि विषयमा सक्रिय हुनुहुन्छ। सामाजिक रूपमा पिछडिएका वर्गको जीवनस्तर उकास्न तथा जैविक विविधता र वातावरण संरक्षण लाई समुदायस्तरमा एकै साथ डोर्‍याउनमा देवकोटा दुई दशकदेखि क्रियाशील हुनुहुन्छ। जैविक विविधता संरक्षणमा रहेको विशेष अनुभवका कारण संरक्षणमुखी विभिन्न संघ संगठनमा उहाँले नेतृत्वदायी भूमिका समेत निर्वाह गरिसक्नु भएको छ।

YOUNG CONSERVATION LEADER AWARD

युवा संरक्षण नेता पुरस्कार



© Naresh Kusi

Naresh Kusi

Naresh Kusi is a wildlife researcher focused on species conservation especially in the mountains of Nepal. His research has yielded new insights into various aspects of conservation in the high mountains, including human-wild boar conflicts in the Langtang region, snow leopard conservation in Sagarmatha National Park, and created the first record of Tibetan Argali and Stoliczka's mountain vole in the Dolpo region. He has also worked on various community-based scientific expeditions in Upper Humla. While working on an Oxford University project on wolves, his team rediscovered wild yaks, and when working on the conservation of wild yaks in Humla and upper Dolpo region, he was able to discover other new species of birds and animals.

नरेश कुसी

नरेश कुसी नेपालको हिमाली क्षेत्रमा पाइने प्रजातिहरूका बारेमा अनुसन्धान तथा संरक्षणमा सक्रिय रूपमा संलग्न हुनुहुन्छ। उहाँको अनुसन्धानले लाङटाङ क्षेत्रमा मानव-बैदेल द्वन्द्व तथा सगरमाथा राष्ट्रिय निकुञ्जमा हिउँचितुवाको संरक्षण लगायत उच्च हिमाली क्षेत्रमा संरक्षणका विभिन्न आयाममा उजागर गरेको छ। डोल्पो क्षेत्रमा पाइने तिब्बती अर्गाली भेडो (*Ovis ammon*) तथा स्टोलिक्का पहाडी मुसो (*Alticola stoliczkanus*) को पहिलो अभिलेख तयार गर्नमा कुसीको प्रमुख भूमिका रहेको छ। उपल्लो हुम्लामा अक्सफोर्ड विश्वविद्यालयको ब्याँसो सम्बन्धी परियोजनामा काम गर्दा कुसीको टोलीले बनचौराको अस्तित्व पुनः पत्ता लगाएको थियो। साथै उनले हुम्ला तथा उपल्लो डोल्पो क्षेत्रमा काम गर्ने क्रममा चराचुरुङ्गी तथा जनावरका अन्य नयाँ प्रजाति समेत फेला पारेका थिए।

MEDIA IN CONSERVATION AWARD: INDIVIDUAL

संरक्षणमा मिडिया पुरस्कार (व्यक्तिगत)



Pragati Dhakal

Pragati Dhakal's well-researched, analytical pieces on conservation and development have brought awareness of conservation issues to a new audience that was focused on economic issues. As a journalist with Karobar National Daily, a leading daily focused on economic and development issues, she has covered a wide range of analytical stories on the conservation sector, ranging from species conservation to livelihoods and policy interventions. She has written over 100 articles on conservation, climate change, community forestry, forest fire control, wood industry and water and sanitation. She has also participated in trainings in Nepal and abroad such as REDD+, hydrological and meteorological orientation and environmental journalism.

प्रगति ढकाल

प्रगति ढकालका विकास तथा आर्थिक क्षेत्रमा आधारित पत्रिका कारोबार राष्ट्रिय दैनिकमा सम्बद्ध भएरपनि निरन्तर संरक्षण र विकास सम्बन्धी अनुसन्धान मुलक समाचार द्वारा आर्थिक क्षेत्रमा केन्द्रित पाठकमाझ संरक्षण सम्बन्धी चेतना विस्तार गर्न सफल पत्रकार हुनुहुन्छ। उहाँले प्रजाति संरक्षण, जीविकोपार्जन र नीति निर्माण लगायतका विषयमा विश्लेषणात्मक रुपमा कलम चलाउदै आउनुभएको छ। संरक्षण, जलवायु परिवर्तन, सामुदायिक वन, वन आगलागी नियन्त्रण, काठ उद्योग, जल तथा सरसफाइ लगायतका विषयमा वहाँले लेख्नु भएको सयभन्दा बढी लेखले संरक्षणका विभिन्न पक्षलाई उजागर गर्न सफल भएको छ।

MEDIA IN CONSERVATION AWARD: ORGANIZATION

संरक्षणमा मिडिया पुरस्कार (संस्थागत)



© Nepal Republic Media

Nepal Republic Media

Through its investigative journalism related to conservation, and innovation in environmental journalism, Nepal Republic Media is raising the visibility of conservation issues in Nepal. The newspaper and website have focused on various environment-related issues like climate change and the various impacts it has on wildlife, natural resources, biodiversity and birds. A lot of effort has been dedicated by the organization to promoting majority of issues regarding biodiversity conservation and Chure degradation. They have also focused on the pollution of Kathmandu's Bagmati river, providing ideas on how to deal with it. The newspaper has also covered several issues related to climate change adaptation, pollution, weather monitoring, natural disasters and forest fires.

नेपाल रिपब्लिक मिडिया

संरक्षण सम्बन्धि अनुसान्धानमुलक पत्रकारिता तथा वातावरण पत्रकारितामा नवीन प्रयोगमार्फत **नेपाल रिपब्लिक मिडिया**ले नेपालमा संरक्षण सम्बन्धि विषयमा जनचेतना विस्तार गर्दै आएको छ । मिडिया अर्न्तगतको पत्रिका तथा वेबसाइट संस्करणले जलवायु परिवर्तन, वन्यजन्तु, प्राकृतिक सम्पदा, जैविक विविधता तथा चराचुरुङ्गीमा यसले पार्ने असर लगायतका विभिन्न विषयमा प्रकाश पारेका छन् । चुरेको खलन तथा जैविक विविधता संरक्षणका सवालमा यस मिडियाले उल्लेखनीय योगदान पुऱ्याएको छ । जलवायु परिवर्तन अनुकूलन, प्रदुषण, मौसम अनुगमन, प्राकृतिक विपद तथा बन डडेलो लगायत विभिन्न विषयलाई निरन्तर प्राथमिकताका साथ संप्रेषण गरेर वातावरण बिटलाई पत्रिकामा उच्च स्थान प्रदान गरेको छ ।

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Based in Dhangadi, the Far West Media Development Centre (FMDC) is working to strengthen the quality, reach and viability of journalism to enhance public understanding on issues including biodiversity conservation, human rights, democracy and governance. FMDC has successfully exercised its right to information on community forest development guidelines and facilitated others' right to information by conducting training and interaction programs. FMDC prepared a documentary on Good Practices of Right to Information in Community Forest Users' Groups and aired 56 episodes of a radio programs through 6 FM stations of Kailali District on the same topic. For the last three years, the organization has been broadcasting a weekly radio program, "Bhuparidhi", to make local people aware of community forestry and conservation issues.

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