

*Bird Conservation Nepal*  
**Annual Report**  
**2020-21**





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# Acronyms

BCN	Bird Conservation Nepal	MoITFE	Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forest, and Environment
BV	Bearded Vulture	MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
CF	Community Forest	NBCN	Nepal Bird Conservation Network
CFUGs	Community Forest User Groups	NTB	Nepal Tourism Board
COVID	Corona Virus Disease	NTNC	National Trust for Nature Conservation
DFO	Division Forest Office	OP	Operational Plan
DNPWC	Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation	RHV	Red-headed Vulture
EG	Egyptian Vulture	SAV	Saving Asia Vulture's from Extinction
FECOFUN	Federation of Community Forestry Users Nepal	SBV	Slender-billed Vulture
HG	Himalayan Griffon	UBC	Urban Bird Count
IBAs	Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas	WRV	White-rumped Vulture
ICIMOD	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development	WWF	World Wildlife Fund
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature	ZSL	Zoological Society of London
KBAs	Key Biodiversity Areas		
LCG	Local Conservation Group		



# Foreword

The COVID-19 and its impact is getting longer and longer, putting us in a more difficult situation. Still, our actions on the ground are limited and some activities are conducted virtually. Despite this, our commitment to conservation has pressed us in joining the BirdLife International network on developing Avian Sensitivity Mapping Tool and Forest Landscape Sustainability Accelerator which is indeed a milestone in our effort to ensure the long-term impact of our conservation work. We are in a new excitement with recognition of our conservation work on IUCN red list species by Toyota Motor Corporation and BirdLife International and donating a Toyota vehicle. The opportunity to be in the BirdLife Asia Council has increased our responsibility at the regional level conservation agendas also.

Our commitment to Preventing Extinction Program (PEP) has achieved several milestones with the first-ever breeding success of captive released vultures being the top. A nationwide survey of some key threatened species like Bengal Florican and Yellow-breasted Bunting has shown urgency to act on threats to their survival. Hence, we have put our effort into advocacy work at the local level, most importantly with the local government

bodies, to engage them and also have their commitment is safeguarding the threatened species.

BCN's five-year strategy (2017-2021) is coming to an end and it is high time for us to evaluate its implementation and embark on the new strategy that can help in tackling the emerging crisis on birds and nature. With business, as usual, we may be seeing a wave of species pushed towards extinction as we've never seen before. We must act now if we hope to turn the tide.

The continued support and guidance from government line agencies, especially the Ministry of Forest and Environment, Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Department of Forest and Soil Conservation, National Parks, Conservation Area, Wildlife Reserve, and Division Forest Offices along with other conservation partners is highly valuable.

We would like to express our deep appreciation for the generous support from our patrons, advisors, members, volunteers, staff, and partners, whose commitment and interest in birds and conservation contributes enormously to BCN's progress and achievements.

Together, we know we can ensure a safer future for birds.



**Rajendra Gurung**  
President



**Ishana Thapa**  
CEO

# Bird Conservation Nepal

Established in 1982, Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN) is the leading organization in Nepal, focusing on the conservation of birds, their habitats, and sites. It seeks to promote interest in birds among the general public, encourages research on birds, and identifies major threats to birds' continued survival. As a result, BCN is the foremost scientific authority providing accurate data and information on birds and their habitats throughout Nepal. The organization also provides scientific data and expertise on birds for the Government of Nepal (GoN) through the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC) and works closely on birds and biodiversity conservation throughout the country.

BCN is a membership-based organization with a Founder President, advisors, patrons, life members, ordinary members, friends of BCN, and active supporters. The membership provides strength to the society and is drawn from people of all walks of life from students, volunteers, professionals, and conservationists.

BCN is also part of the BirdLife International Partnership, a network of 121 organizations around the world, working on a worldwide agenda to conserve the world's birds and their habitats.

## VISION

**"Birds and biodiversity thriving in Nepal and benefiting people"**

## MISSION

**"Bird Conservation Nepal is dedicated to conserving birds and biodiversity while benefiting people"**

## GOAL

**"Contribute to bird and biodiversity conservation in collaboration with people"**



Baya Weaver by Chungba Sherpa

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BCN also offers sincere appreciation to National Conservation Partners WWF Nepal, IUCN Nepal, ICIMOD, NTNC, ZSL Nepal, Wildlife Conservation Nepal (WCN), Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness (ECCA), Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalists (NEFEJ), Federation of Community Forest Users Nepal (FECOFUN), and other partners Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) and Trekking Agency Association of Nepal (TAAN) for conservation collaboration. Finally, our deepest appreciation goes to the instrumental organizations, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Department of Forests and Soil Conservation, Department of Drug Administration, Department of Livestock Services, and Nepal Veterinary Council.

We would also like to thank the local conservation groups, local conservation partners, numerous volunteers, and local communities for their continued cooperation and engagement in the birds and biodiversity conservation of Nepal.



# Highlights

## Organizational Capacity Enhancement

Given new emerging threats to birdlife, BCN is now strengthening its capacity for advocacy through Avian Sensitivity Mapping Tool, Forest Landscape Sustainability Accelerator, and many more. Our partnership in the Central Asian Flyway Initiative is to protect all the habitats of the migratory water and land birds which are under tremendous threat than ever before. A decade of our association with Saving Asia's Vulture from Extinction (SAVE) and commitment have developed our capacity in leading conservation actions in the region.

## Saving Species

With more than three decades of experience in providing expertise on Bird Conservation, BCN's focus on species research continues to achieve the conservation goals. Our Preventing Extinction Program (PEP) is now extended to more critical species like the Yellow-breasted Bunting and Finn's Weaver. Advancing our research with new technology use and establishment of long-term study has helped us in developing a strong knowledge base like the validation of the provisional Vulture Safe Zone.

## Saving Sites and Habitat

BCN generates, integrates, and disseminates knowledge on the most appropriate responses to emerging conservation challenges, building institutional capacity to plan and manage biodiversity in the most sustainable and effective ways. BCN considers it is crucial to involve in discussion with the government sector to tackle the challenges. In this context, different advocacy programs with local governments have been conducted. Also, engaged in the preparation of management plan of Ramsar site and expanding mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services in the community forest.

## Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods

Conservation cannot work effectively if it is delivered without consideration or involvement from the local communities who share the same resources as the species we work to protect. BCN's approach emphasizes the importance of addressing people's livelihood needs and responding to people's strengths and constraints to sustain conservation achievements through the People Partner with Nature program. BCN also putting more efforts to reduce the emerging threat of climate change in IBA through the implementation of nature-friendly activities and building capacity of local conservation groups



# Organizational Capacity Enhancement

Joining BirdLife International network on developing Avian Sensitivity Mapping Tool and Forest Landscape Sustainability Accelerator is indeed a milestone in our effort to ensure the long-term impact of our conservation work. Recognition of our conservation work on IUCN red list species has built up a new excitement in expanding our work. Our position in the BirdLife Asia Council has increased our responsibility at the regional level conservation agendas also.

## MoU Signing with BirdLife International to Develop Avian Sensitivity Mapping Tool

BCN and BirdLife International have signed an MoU to develop Avian Sensitivity Mapping Tool for renewable energy planning. The project is funded by Asian Development Bank and initially includes India, Nepal, Vietnam, and the Philippines in Asia. The main objective of the project is to ensure the rapid establishment of a truly green renewable energy sector in Asia through the development of an avian sensitivity map and associated technical guidance, which can become a standard industry tool for use at the project inception phase. Birds are at particular risk of renewable energy development and are now recognized as representing a local extinction risk for several species. Numerous studies globally have identified soaring birds, especially birds of prey, as especially susceptible to poorly sited energy infrastructure.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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- BCN Joined the BirdLife International Forest Landscape Sustainability Accelerator
- Toyota Vehicle Donation to Support IUCN Red List Species Conservation Work

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Toyota Motor Corporation in association with BirdLife International has donated the Toyota Hilux vehicle to support BCN's IUCN red list species conservation program mainly focusing on critically endangered Vulture

and Bengal Florican. This will indeed support BCN's ongoing threatened species survey work along with advocacy and awareness.

## Training on Bird Migration Study Technique

BCN team including staff and members from Executive Council participated in virtual training organized by BirdLife Asia and hosted





by Bombay Natural History Society from 11-13 August 2020. The main aim was to strengthen Partner to Partner Collaboration among BirdLife Partner organizations. The training covered important topics such as long-term Bird Migration Studies, Bird Ringing, and Central Asian Flyway which were facilitated by renowned senior scientists and Ornithologists Namely Dr. S. Balachandra, Ms. Tuhina

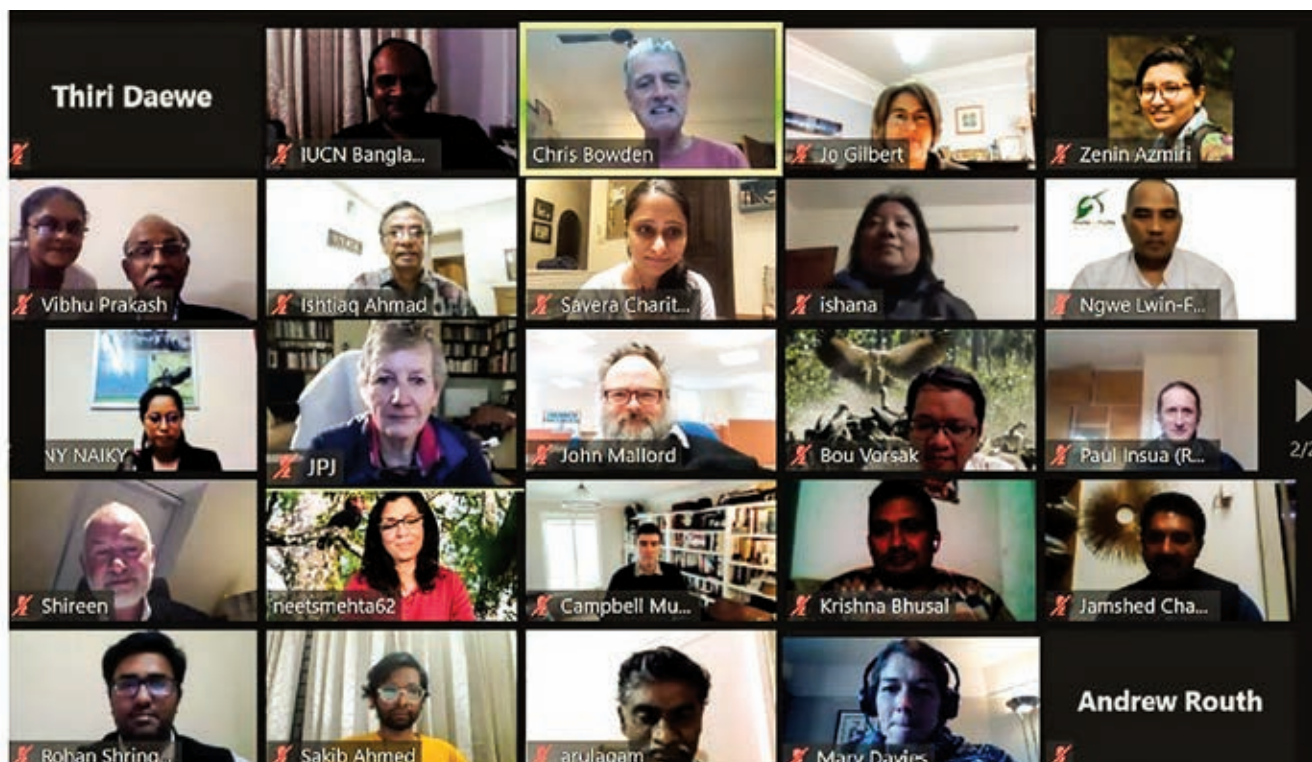
Katti, Mr. Mrugank Prabhu, and Dr. P. Sathiyaselvam.

### BirdLife Asia Partnership Meeting

BCN hosted BirdLife Asia Partnership Meeting on 5 November 2020. The meeting reviewed progress as a Partnership, and deal with upcoming conservation challenges in Asia. Representative from 15 partner country participated in program.

### Participation in 10 Years Celebration of SAVE

This year Saving Asia's Vultures from Extinction (SAVE) consortium completed ten full years. Although the COVID pandemic, 10th annual meeting for the first time conducted as a virtual event over three separate days beginning from 24 November 2020. The meeting focused on reviewing, progressing, and evaluating the annually updated Blueprint



Regional Recovery Plan for Asia's globally threatened vultures. This engages directly with all six range-state governments and carries the clear endorsement of the Convention of Migratory Species Raptors MoU (and through the Multi-Species Vulture Action Plan) as well as from the IUCN Vulture Specialist Group.

## Nepal Bird Conservation Network Workshop

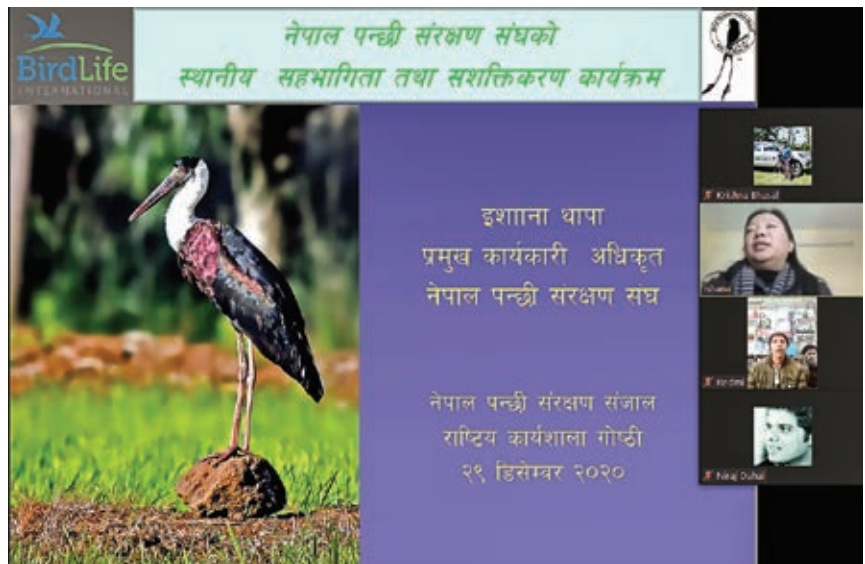
The fourth Nepal Bird Conservation workshop was organized on 29 December 2020. A total of 35 participants from 17 IBAs of the country connected virtually in the workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to bring all the local conservation groups in one place and share each other's ideas, learn conservation practices, and assess the activities undertaken for the conservation of biodiversity. Participants from different IBAs shared progress, challenges, and plans to conserve biodiversity. The capacity of the LCGs was built through providing knowledge on bird study and monitoring.

## Interaction Meeting on Quality Assurance Measure

BCN center office staff and executive council members came together for an interactive meeting on 21 March 2021. The meeting focused on BCN's effort in meeting BirdLife International's quality assurance measures.

## Consultation Workshop on Vulture Conservation Action Plan for Nepal 2021-2025

A consultation workshop for Vulture Conservation Action Plan for Nepal



2021-2025 was organized on 25 March 2021 at the hall of NTNC, Sauraha, Chitwan. The workshop focused to achieve grassroots-level information and suggestions on vulture conservation. Local people from Vulture Safe feeding sites, Officials from DNPWC and NTNC, Veterans working in conservation, and Nature Enthusiasts participated in the workshop and the suggestions were undertaken.

## Sharing of Biodiversity Conservation at FECOFUN National Meeting

Mr. Mitra Pandey, Senior Program Manager of BCN participated in the 8th National council Meeting of FECOFUN on 8 March 2021 to share experience and knowledge of

biodiversity conservation with the participant associated with CFUGs. More than 1000 members from all districts of Nepal were invited. In the meeting, Mr. Pandey highlighted experience-based BCN activities on "mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services in the operational plans of CFUGs. This event was organized by FECOFUN at the National academy hall of Kamladi and also supported by BCN.

## BCN Joined the BirdLife International Forest Landscape Sustainability Accelerator

The Forest Landscape Sustainability Accelerator works with "frontline" teams working at the "landscape" level to change the way business or finance





activities impact the landscape, biodiversity, and communities.

The Accelerator is a group or “cohort” of leaders from the BirdLife network who are working on one of the biggest challenges in the conservation sector: how to become more sustainable and less dependent on “traditional funding” (i.e. grants with cycles of 3 or 5 years and often with objectives stipulated by the donor). BCN has joined the cohort.

“Forest Landscape Sustainability Accelerator online conference” was also organized by BirdLife International from 24 -28 May 2021

which was joined by Ms. Ishana Thapa, Mr. Mitra Pandey, and Mr. Khadananda Paudel along with representatives from 15 BirdLife partners worldwide. The main objective of the conference was to create a platform to exchange with the Accelerator cohorts, gain new knowledge on the sustainability of forest landscape projects and create collaborative links between the cohorts.

### BCN CEO Elected as Vice-Chair of BirdLife International Asia Council

CEO, Ms. Ishana Thapa nominee for the Regional Committee (BirdLife Asia Council 2018-2022) by-election for

Vice-Chair has been elected by the Asia Regional Partnership members on 3 June 2021. This has opened up more opportunities for BCN to contribute and engage in conservation needs and challenges across Asia for nature and people.

### Basic Training in Ornithology

Virtual training on “Basic Training in Ornithology” was organized from 20-22 June 2021. More than 35 participants (8 females and 27 males) from different parts of the country and abroad were engaged in three days long learning sessions. The training sessions were designed to enhance amateur birders’ bird watching skills incorporating various topics such as the ornithological history of Nepal, bird introduction and identification techniques, basics on birdwatching, birds and their habitat, survey methods, use of modern techniques and technologies in bird research and monitoring, bird migration, bird data analysis.

### Staff Appointment

- Mr. Deelip Chand Thakuri has been appointed as Field Biologist in 1 March 2021
- Mr. Santosh Bajagain has been appointed as Research Associate in 1 March 2021
- Mr. Khadananda Paudel has been appointed as Program Development Manager in 1 May 2021

### Staff Departure

- Mr. Krishna Bhusal has left BCN on 28 February 2021









# Saving Species

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## Nationwide Vulture Count

The second nationwide vulture count was undertaken during International Vulture Awareness Day on 5 September 2020 with the support of different institutions, conservationists, students, and individuals throughout the country. The count has been conducted in different potential sites as well as nearby the observer possible location in 27 districts covering all three geographic regions, the Himalayas, Mid-hills, and Terai (lowlands). A total of 1816 individuals were counted across all sites. Out of nine species known to Nepal seven species were recorded. BCN initiated vulture count in 2019 with a view

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The First Chick Hatched in the Wild from Captive
- A National Survey of Critically Endangered Bengal Florican
- Critically Endangered Yellow-breasted Bunting Survey and Advocacy Workshop

track vulture population based on a single day monitoring in the same time interval.

## Monitoring Demoiselle Crane Migration

Demoiselle Crane follows one of the toughest migrations in the world and this Crane is a cosmopolitan species showing its solidary and

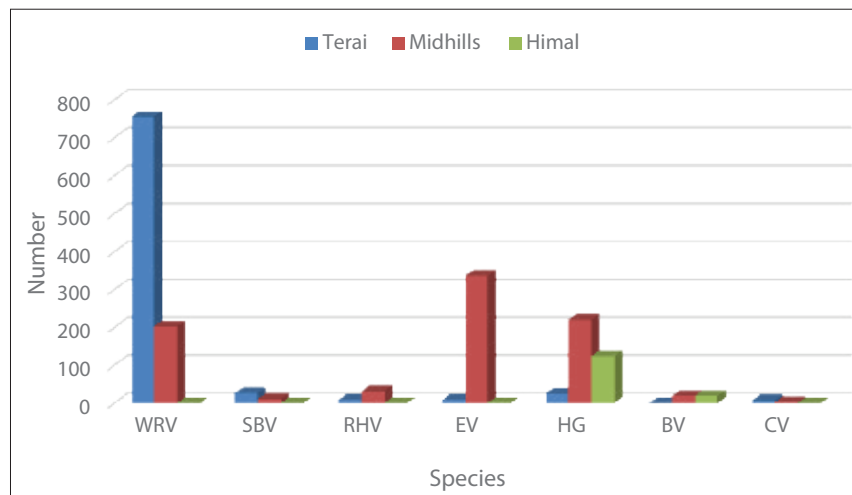


Figure 1: Number of vultures recorded in different geographical regions of Nepal

social courtship in their lifecycle. The autumn migration monitoring of Demoiselle Crane was conducted from 30 September to 26 October 2020 from Bhena and Samar, upper Mustang. The first flock was recorded on 4 October and last on 19 October 2020. Altogether, 15073 individuals were counted on 12 days' observation. The highest number of migrations was observed on 13 October followed by 17 and 15 October with the maximum count of 4258, 2800, and 2623 respectively. Contrary, the lowest migration was observed on 4 October with 105 individuals. A decrease in numbers was observed compared to last year (19817).

### Bird Surveys in Important Bird and Biodiversity Area

A survey was carried out in three IBAs of western Nepal. Resunga Protection Forests of Gulmi and Argha area of Arghakhanchi are IBA while Madane Protection Forests of Gulmi is a potential IBA. The survey took place from 1-5 November 2020 in Resunga Protection Forest with facilitation from Division Forest Office. A total of 162, 129, and 173 species of birds were recorded from Resunga, Madane, and Argha IBA respectively. Hence, to date, a total of 253, 264, and 239 bird

species were observed from Resunga Protection Forest, Madane Protection Forest, and Argha IBA respectively.

### Yellow-breasted Bunting Survey and Advocacy Workshop in Pokhara

Population survey of Yellow-breasted Bunting survey was conducted around lake cluster of Pokhara from December 2020 to April 2021. A total of 448 buntings were recorded from four lake areas. The habitats for buntings in survey sites around all of the lakes mainly comprised rice paddy and wheat fields.

BCN in coordination with Pokhara Bird Society organized a one-day interaction program with stakeholders for the conservation of Yellow-breasted Bunting in Pokhara on 12 April 2021. Conservationists, government representatives, civil society representatives, journalists, students and researchers, representatives from tourism sectors, stakeholders representing Pokhara lake areas were present in the interactive workshop. Dr. Maheshwor Dhakal, Secretary of Industry, Tourism, Forests and Environment in Gandaki Province was the chief guest in the workshop

who highlighted the importance of the lakes of Pokhara and its enlistment as Ramsar site. Additionally, to raise public awareness on the conservation of Yellow-breasted Bunting, 1500 copies of 'Yellow-breasted Bunting Conservation' posters were printed and disseminated. The posters were displayed and distributed in the conservation events organized.

### First Chick Hatched in the Wild from the Vulture Release Program

An adult captive-reared male with #C1 and an adult captive-reared female with #C4 were released on 19 October 2019. Both individuals have been incubating and observed building a nest since the end of November 2020. The nest, which is situated about 25m high in a cotton tree *Bombax ceiba*. The pair has now successfully hatched a chick. In the first week of March 2021 both, the parents have been observed feeding at the nest. This is the first record in Nepal that released vultures have bred in the wild and is therefore great news for the program. It is encouraging to know that vultures can be successfully reared and released back into the wild.





### Annual Water Bird Count

Waterbirds play an important role in maintaining the wetland ecosystem. To understand the state of waterbirds in wetlands BCN, along with other various organizations conducted a mid-water bird count. The count takes place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January at 61 different sites in Nepal. This site includes seven Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas. An increase in the number of wintering waterbirds is recorded from 43618 to 52205 and species from 81 to 92.

### Urban Bird Count

The urban bird count is a great way for people of all ages and backgrounds to connect with nature and make a difference for birds. To track the bird population over time in urban habitats BCN continued a survey of urban birds since 2014. The count was conducted in January in 24 predetermined transects distributed in urban, suburban, and rural gradients in north, south, east, and west of Kathmandu Valley. Total 5754 individuals belonging to 97 species were recorded. This year the count was conducted for the winter season only while the summer season count was not conducted responding to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

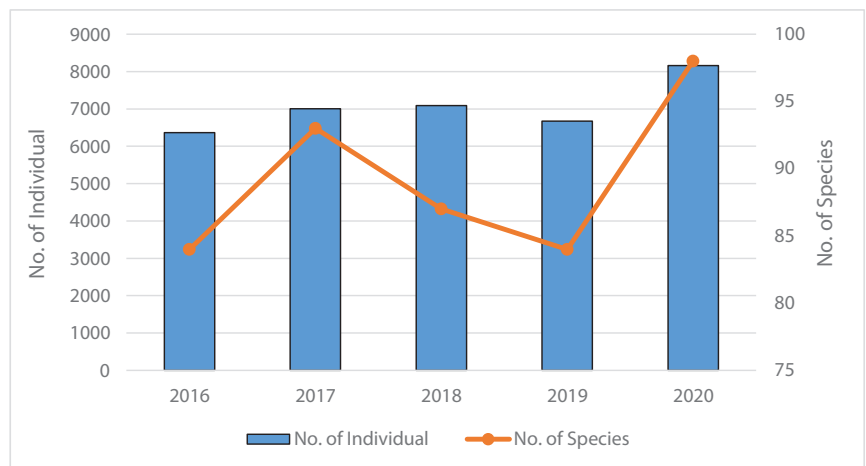


Figure 2: status of urban birds within five years in winter season

The participation of bird lovers in Urban Bird Count in recent years has increased compared with the initial year of counting.

### Vulture Nest Monitoring

As a part of regular monitoring, the nest of vultures was monitored in

twelve districts during the breeding season 2020-2021. Altogether, 500 nests of White-rumped Vulture, Himalayan Griffon, Slender-billed Vulture, Egyptian Vulture, Bearded Vulture, and Red-headed vulture were identified and monitored for breeding success. Total 345 nests

Table 1 Nest Status of Vulture

Species	Total Nest	Successful Nest	Failure Nest	Breeding Success (%)
WRV	420	299	121	71.19
HG	62	36	26	58.06
SBV	6	0	6	0
EV	5	5	0	100
BV	4	4	0	100
RHV	3	1	2	33.33

were successful making 69% breeding success, among them White-rumped vulture has the highest rate of breeding success i.e 71.19%

### Student Research Grant Support

As a part of a research grant, BCN provides funding support to students studying Bachelors and Masters in natural science (Forestry, Zoology, and Environment). Two grant scheme are operated: "Jatayu Research Grant" which support the study on Vultures of Nepal and "Bird Research Grant" which provide finance for the study of Nepal's bird. Bird Research Grant has been supported by the Patron of BCN, Mr. Chungba Sherpa. This year four students were supported for undertaking dissertation work as partial fulfillment of a University degree. The research is focused on threatened species i.e Cheer Pheasant and Great Hornbill under Bird Research Grant and vultures of Koshi

Tappu Wildlife Reserve and Palpa under Jatayu Research Grant.

### Bird Survey at Panauti Valley

Geographically located in the mid-hill Panauti Valley adores tremendous bird habitats included of rivers and farmland. A winter bird survey carried from 13-17 February 2021 recorded a total of 117 species of bird belonging to 12 orders and 43 families were recorded with one globally- and three nationally threatened bird species.

### National Survey of Critically Endangered Bengal Florican

Bengal Florican *Houbaropsis bengalensis* is a threatened bustard listed as critically endangered in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. To know the recent population of Bengal Florican, a survey was carried from 22-30 March 2021 in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve, Chitwan National Park, Bardia National Park,

and Suklaphanta Wildlife Reserve and its buffer zone covering 290 km<sup>2</sup>. A total of 28 individuals were recorded. This included 21 from Koshi Wildlife Reserve and 7 from Shuklaphanta National Park and no sighting was made from Bardia National Park and Chitwan National Park during the survey. However, the camera trap set captured the image of one female Bengal Florican that was recorded from Grassland in Namuna Community Forest before the BCN survey.

### Critically Endangered Finn's Weaver survey

Finn's Weaver Survey in Shuklaphanta National Park was conducted from 20-26 June 2021. A total of 246 individuals were recorded. Seventeen different locations within the core zone of National Park were surveyed. Among which Finn's Weaver was recorded in six locations. Most of the time birds were seen in pairs and occasionally in a flock of up to 23 birds.







Landscape by Bikash Basnet

# Saving Sites and Habitat

Habitat loss is the greatest threat to species in Nepal and globally. Protecting and restoring natural habitats is one of the most effective ways for the conservation of avifauna. Consequently, BCN has been supporting the integration of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the operational plan of CF. Locally based monitoring programs have effectively contributed to achieving conservation goals for communities. Nature-based tourism is frequently described as one of the fastest-growing sectors of the world's largest industry, and a very important justification for conservation. BCN has been promoting ecotourism in IBAs in coordination with Nepal Tourism Board. Furthermore, engaging with local government for awareness and protection of the important habitat of birds.

## Amendment and Integration of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service in CF Operational Plans

Five CFUGs, namely: Silanthum CFUG, Behore CFUG, and Bajhipokhari CFUG from Resunga and Deurali Thuladhunga CFUG, Tapa CFUG from Madane were supported to renew and revise the operation plans. Technical aspects of the operational plan of community forests were assisted and supported by the Division Forest Office, Gulmi. Additionally, a one-day long session was conducted in each CFUG to facilitate CFUG in preparing and integrating biodiversity and ecosystem services into their operation plans to ensure the continued supply of benefits to

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Establishment of a Tree Nursery in Madane, Gulmi.
- Workshop on Locally Based Monitoring
- Protecting Critical Bird Habitat in Kathmandu Valley

forest users. It identifies potential opportunities to increase the benefits that CFUGs get from the forest and reduce exposure to floods, droughts, landslides, and other risks that may increase due to climate change.

## Workshop on Locally Based Monitoring

Seven CFUGs from Madane and four from Resunga in the Gulmi district have been practicing community-based monitoring in their community forest since 2018. To share the result

of LBM and discuss the progress, change, and issue, a workshop was organized in Madane and Resunga on 23 and 27 December 2020 respectively. Forest official in the workshop acknowledges the LBM system to be a very helpful and easy tool to monitor the status of community forest.

## Establishment of Tree Nursery in Madane, Gulmi

Pasedanda Mahila CFUG was supported technically and financially





to establish a tree nursery. The CFUG is located in Malika-3, Madane of Gulmi district. The objective of setting up the nursery is to improve the livelihood of local people, conserve biodiversity and contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation. A total of 5000 seedlings were produced to distribute during the rainy season to the school students as well as local people to expand greenery. The variety of seedlings included fodder trees as well as nitrogen fixating trees

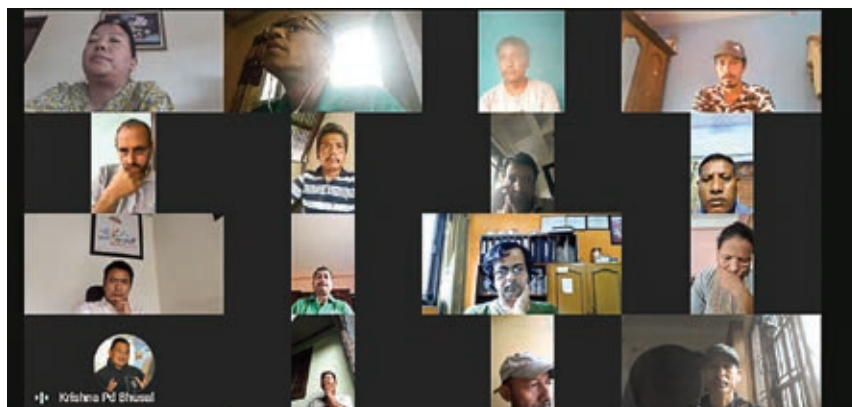
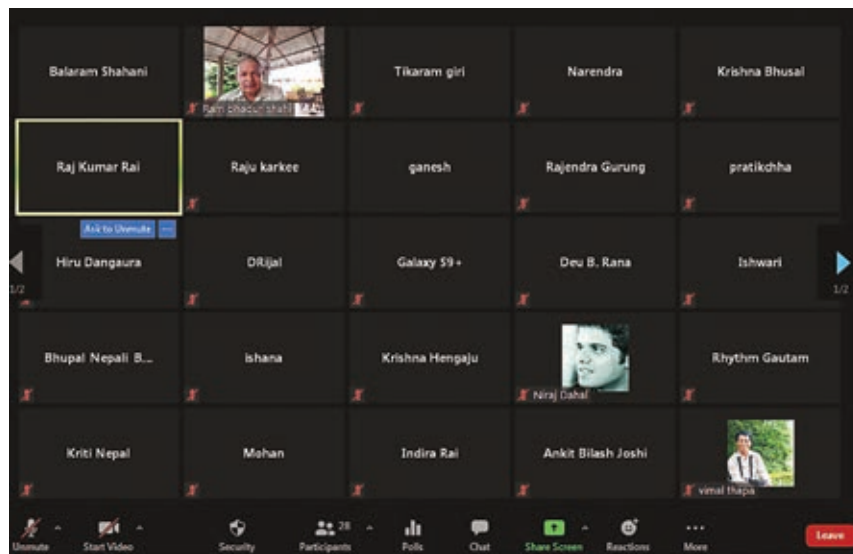
### Promoting Conservation through Eco-tourism in IBA

Ecotourism promotes sustainable travel practices and activities that support the conservation of natural areas and improve the well-being of local people. BCN in coordination with Nepal Tourism Board organized a virtual consultation meeting for Gadhisirachuli and Rara National Park IBA on 18 August and 9 September 2020 respectively. The purpose of the meeting was to bring all the stakeholders in one place and share

possible ideas to develop IBA as a perfect bird-watching tourism destination without hindering its natural state and achieving both conservation and development objectives.

### Protecting Critical Bird Habitat in Kathmandu Valley

The record of endangered species makes farmlands nearby the banks of Manohara river and Nilbarahi Forest in bode, thimi Bhaktapur, a vital habitat for birds. To aware the local authorities of the importance of the habitat and to discuss further sustainable conservation plans to conserve banks of Manohar and nearby green patches, a meeting was







organized on 30 November 2020 with Madan Sundar Shrestha, Mayor of Madhyapur Thimi. Additionally, a bird-watching event was organized on 12 December 2020 in presence of the municipality mayor and staff.

### Workshop with Stakeholder on Forest Resources Conflict Management

A one-day workshop was organized to identify the significant forest resource conflicts and mitigate them in Resunga and Madane protected forest areas on 24 and 26 December 2020, respectively. All the major

stakeholders responsible for the conservation of protected forests were a participant in the workshop. The workshop remained fruitful and interactive to discuss the sustainability of both forest areas. Stakeholders concluded that the conflict in forest resources is manageable and the competition can be minimized for the proper management for both forest areas. Each participant was assured to work together for the sustainable management of the forests.

### Supporting Preparation of Master Plan

A consultation meeting was organized in coordination with the Ministry

of Industry, Tourism, Forest and Environment (MoITFE), Lumbini Province, and Jagdishpur Reservoir Multi-Stakeholders Forum, Kapilvastu to prepare the master plan of Jagdishpur reservoir on 18 April 2021. The main objective of the consultation meeting was to bring the stakeholders in one place and share possible ideas for the development of a sustainable management plan for Jagdishpur Reservoir. Altogether 29 participants were present in the meeting. Jagdishpur reservoir is a Ramsar site and an important bird and biodiversity area. Based on meeting feedback and literature review a draft has been and submitted to MoITFE. The plan will provide overall development, management, and promotion of the eco-tourism sector.

### Reshunga Protection Forest Management Plan Preparation

BCN provided technical assistance to the Department of Forest and Soil Conservation especially on biodiversity profiling to prepare the management plan. The draft management plan was shared at DoFSc on 15 April 2021 which was attended by forest officials and BCN staff.





# Ecosystem Services & Livelihood

**BCN strongly believes that working with local communities, and locally empowering people, are the foundations for long-lasting conservation. Nature-based solutions rolled out through the PPN project. Poor agriculture practices exert pressure on our vulnerable ecosystem and biodiversity. Farmers across the IBA of the Gulmi district are trained for implementing better management practices, thereby reducing the environmental impacts of large-scale agriculture.**

## Enhancing Farmer's Skill on Sustainable Agriculture Practice

The community in Madane and Reshunga were trained to produce organic compost for farming. The one-day training was organized on the Vermi-composting procedure to the farmer's groups of Hwangdi and Arkhwang Village Development Committee from 8-11 August 2020 in Madane and from 14-29 August 2020 in Resunga to the farmer groups of Jubhung, Balithum, Ratmata nad Bhadgaun VDC. The vermicomposting tools and technique were supported by 4 farmer groups of Madane and 6 farmer groups Reshunga to promote organic farming and improve the livelihood of the farmer by increasing productivity as Vermi-composting is considered as one of the best methods for organic farming. It, not only maintains the environment by decomposing the waste by earthworms but also, improves the habit of waste management practice in local people.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Farmers Gained Insight into Sustainable Agriculture Practice
- More than 400 School Students Benefitted Through the Installation of Rainwater Harvesting





### Strengthening Farmer groups in Resunga

The one-day workshop was organized to strengthen farmers and support them to register as a farmer group in Resunga. The main objectives were to empower the poor and small landholder farmers, secure the benefits that any government line agencies offices will provide, and unite local farmers for collective action in agricultural work. After completion of the strengthening workshop, BCN supported the executive committee of newly formed farmer groups in the registration process with the name of "Jhirbas Krishak Samuha". It was registered on 16 September 2020 at the Gulmi Durbar Rural Municipality office of Gulmi.

### Promoting Nature-based Adaptation for Reducing Climate Vulnerabilities

To better adapt and help to benefit people living around the Important Bird and Biodiversity Area, a rain-water harvesting reservoir of 14,000 liters capacity was installed in Devasthan Higher Secondary School premise of Madane Forest Area in Gulmi in December 2020. Before the installation, a stakeholders' meeting was organized to decide the location of installation and the capacity of the reservoir. The installation benefitted more than 400 school students and other nearby local people for regular drinking water.

### Bee-hive Support to Farmers of Resunga

Emphasizing the importance of apiculture in the project sites for better livelihood and agricultural health, BCN supported to scale up the beekeeping practice in the project site by distributing 20 beehives with bees for the different members of 3 CFUGs of Resunga Municipality ward no - 03 in December 2020. It was aimed to achieve sustainable livelihood and agriculture production, fulfill the farmer's nutritional value and promote the ecological importance of bees in agricultural output through bee hives support in project sites.



### Crop Diversification for Improving Livelihood

Four agricultural groups, two from Reshunga and two from Madane were supported with diverse vegetable seeds on June 2021. The main aim was to provide additional income generation means and provide the nutrient that aid from vegetables. Availability of land to cultivate and the possibility of germination of vegetable seeds in their area (land, topography, altitude, and demand) formed the basis for the selection of groups. Seeds of tomato, cauliflower, cabbage, and nutrient required for the better germination of the seeds were provided to farmers.





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# Awareness and Publication

## Event on Climate Change and Ecosystem-Based Adaptation

Along with biodiversity loss, climate change is a long-term threat to people. Therefore, to inform the local government and community people about the launch of the climate change project under the 'People Partner with Nature' program in Madane and to train them about climate change adaptation measures, an orientation, and training program was conducted from 15-19 August 2020. CFUG members of the Aglung ward of Madane rural municipality and Hwangdi and Darling wards of Malika rural municipality, Gulmi participated in the event. Malika municipality and Madane municipality offices were visited on 15 and 16 August 2021 respectively.

## 12<sup>th</sup> International Vulture Awareness Day

International Vulture Awareness Day is celebrated every year on the first Saturday of September and this year it was on 5 September 2020. Given the epidemic of COVID-19, programs have been conducted through mass media and virtual media to the conservationist, students, forest officials, journalists, and concerned personnel. Additionally, vulture conservation and awareness messages were broadcasted through radio and television via interviews, documentary displays, and radio jingles from different radio and television

stations in the country. Week-long conservation awareness message focused on updates, priorities, policy, and stakeholder engagement towards vulture conservation.

On the occasion a photo book entitled "Vultures of Nepal" was published. The book is based on photographs of different stages of vultures inhabiting in the country.

## Training to Community Forest Users Group (CFUGs)

BCN supported FECOFUN Gulmi to organize one-day training for CFUGs. The training was organized for Kribash CFUG on 30 November

2020 and Dhanbatil Chharme CFUG on 8 December 2020 with 40 and 27 participants respectively. The objective was to harmonize the relation between FECOFUN and CFUGs, raise awareness about the importance of good governance and accountability in CFUGs, and emphasize CFUGs on Forest management, participation in the decision-making process. The training helped to ensure inclusiveness, social justice, and good governance, and democracy in CFUGs and their organizational units. Furthermore, aided to maintain goodwill among CFUGs and FECOFUN



### Enabling Capacity of Local Communities from Reshunga on Management and Conservation

Beneficiaries of the People Partner with Nature program from Reshunga were taken on two days long cross-visit to Madane from 19-20 March 2021. The objective was to observe and share experiences on forest management and biodiversity conservation practices. Also, to discuss among themselves and share expertise on livelihood improving activity, and to identify and replicate best

knowledge and methods implemented in Madane to Reshunga. Fifteen participants who were representative members of CFUGs, farmer groups, and youth clubs from Paralmi,

Balithum, and Jhubhung participated in the cross-visit. The participants observed different activities implemented and interacted with other beneficiaries of Madane.

### Spreading Awareness on Bird and Biodiversity Conservation in Gulmi

Various awareness events were organized in the Gulmi district among the local people about bird and biodiversity conservation. As it is easier to catch the attention of people through symbolism, music, drama, and other forms of creative arts. BCN in consultation with the Division Forest Office, some of the globally threatened bird species found in Gulmi (Cheer Pheasant, Red-headed Vulture, White-rumped Vulture, and Steppe Eagle)

and endemic bird of Nepal (Spiny babbler) was drawn and painted on the wall of DFO compound in Resunga on March 2021 and in the premise of Devasthan Higher Secondary School of Hwangdi, Madane area in June 2021. Likewise, BCN in coordination with Binod Smriti Youth Club of Madane forest area organized a street drama in the peripheral villages of Madane protected forest area in September 2020.

### Walk for Bird at Macchegaon

Walk for the bird is a fundraising event that is intended for all walks of life. This event aims to raise awareness of the importance of the conservation of limited greenery within the outskirts of Kathmandu for birds and rare species. This year 5 km-long walk was organized on 27 March 2021 at Macchegaon. More than 50 people participated in the event. The raised fund is used in birds and biodiversity conservation efforts of BCN.

### Education and Awareness to Promote Vulture Conservation

Vultures are an ecologically vital group of birds that face a range of threats in many areas that they occur. Education and awareness play a vital role in the conservation of such species. Local communities, community forest







user groups, school children's and veterinary practitioners are educated and aware through different activities such as door-door campaigns, international vulture awareness day, radio broadcast, newspaper articles, etc. This year 35 awareness-raising events were organized where more than 2900 people participated.

### Publications of People Partner with Nature Program

People Partner with Nature program has been implemented in Resunga and Madane protection forests of Gulmi district. Biodiversity survey carried in those areas has been documented in the form of leaflets, bird checklists, and biodiversity profile. One thousand copies of bird checklists each of Resunga and Madane protection

forests was published. One thousand copies of the biodiversity profile of the Madane protection forests area were also published. Moreover, to address climate change and local adaptation measures, 1000 copies of leaflets were published.

### Publication of Birds and Birding Hotspots of Kailali

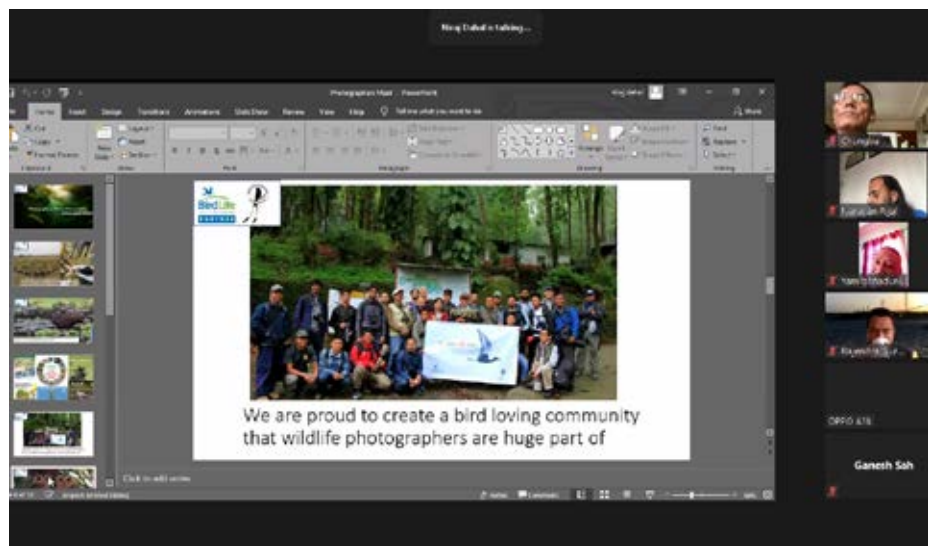
BCN in coordination with Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forest and Environment of Sudurpashchim Province published a checklist entitled "Birds & Birding hotspots of Kailali" The checklist will provide information on birds and birding hotspots, help to conserve the vulnerable and endangered bird species found in Kailali. A total 496 species listed in the checklist with 21 globally threatened and 81 nationally threatened species.



Likewise, four species were on the protected list of the National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 2029 (1973). In addition, 65 species are listed in CITES Appendices (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).

### Bird Photographers Meet

Taking pictures of birds out in the wild is not an easy task and less rewarding as wildlife photography is still budding. To acknowledge dedicated bird photographers for providing a high-quality image that has been featured in BCN publications, websites, social media, and many other places and to discuss the possibilities of working together, virtual bird photographers meet was organized on 6 May 2021. Fifty participants participated in the meet. The valuable suggestion



from the discussion motivated me to organize a similar event in the future with participant interest.

### Green Day Celebration

Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC), in coordination with conservation consortium partners, celebrated World Wetlands Day-themed “Wetlands and Water” on 2 February 2021. The event was chaired by Dr. Deepak Kumar Kharel, DG, DNPWC. Honorable Minister of Forests and Environment, Prem Bahadur Ale, and Dr. Biswa Nath Oli, Secretary, of Ministry of Forests and Environment, were the chief and special guests

of the event respectively. On this occasion, BCN’s poster “Central Asian Flyway” was launched to conserve the migratory birds and their habitat within this flyway.

Every first week of Nepali New Year is celebrated as National Wildlife Week across the nation with various activities aiming to aware people of the importance of wildlife and their habitat’s conservation for a sustainable future. On the occasion of 26th Wildlife Week, BCN organized a short presentation program on “Status and distribution of the Great Slaty Woodpecker in Western Woodlands of Nepal” by Nabin Pandey, young



researcher and winner of Bird Research Grant 2020. The virtual program held on 20 April 2021 was attended by students and young researchers. Additionally, a bird-watching event was organized at Godawari on 17 April 2021.

## Publications



# Financial Update

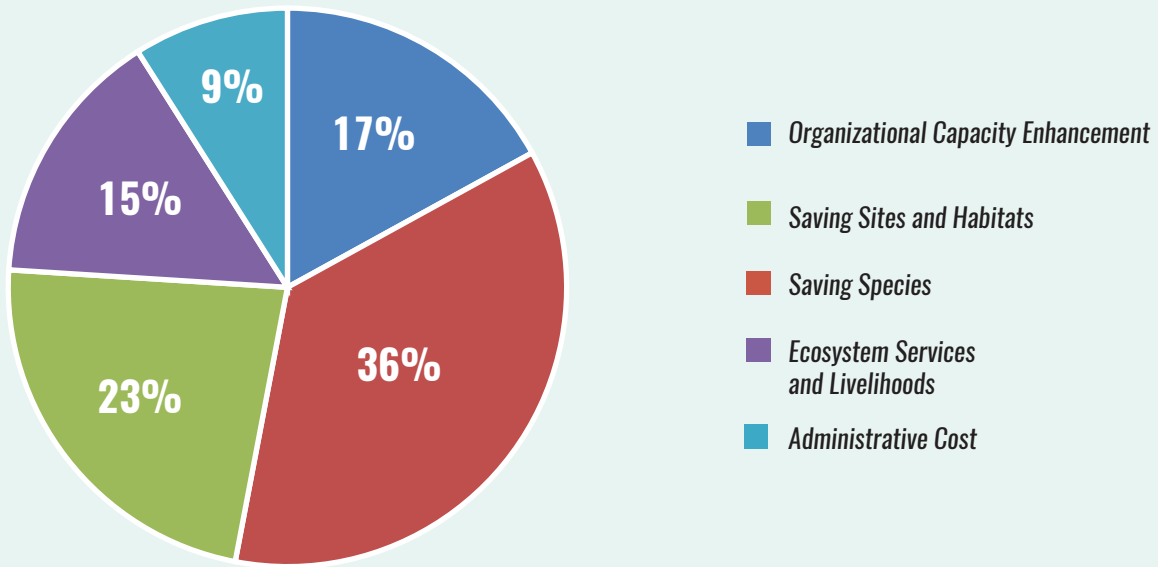
## Annual Budget Vs Expenditure from July 2020 to July 2021

SN	Particulars	Expenditure till date	% Expenditure
1	Organizational Capacity Enhancement	8,167,651.00	17
2	Saving species	16,867,949.00	36
3	Saving sites and habitats	10,496,602.80	23
4	Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods	6,997,735.20	15
5	Administrative cost	4,032,909.00	9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>46,562,847.00</b>	

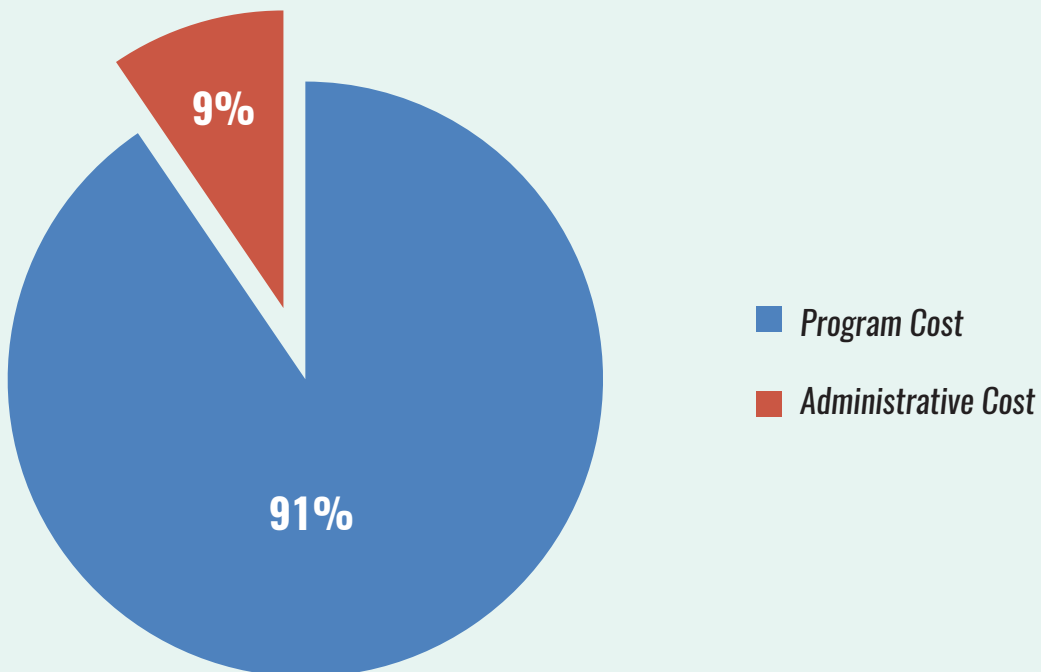
## Income Vs Expenditure Trend for 2017-2021

S.N.	Period	Income	Expenditure
1	2016/17	52,711,053.37	45,224,375.17
2	2017/18	72,186,754.26	54,214,943.01
3	2018/19	34,966,349.21	41,907,467.01
4	2019/2020	43,333,539.00	33,569,851.00
5	2020/2021	42,213,046.00	46,562,848.00

### Expenditure till date



### Program Vs Administrative Cost

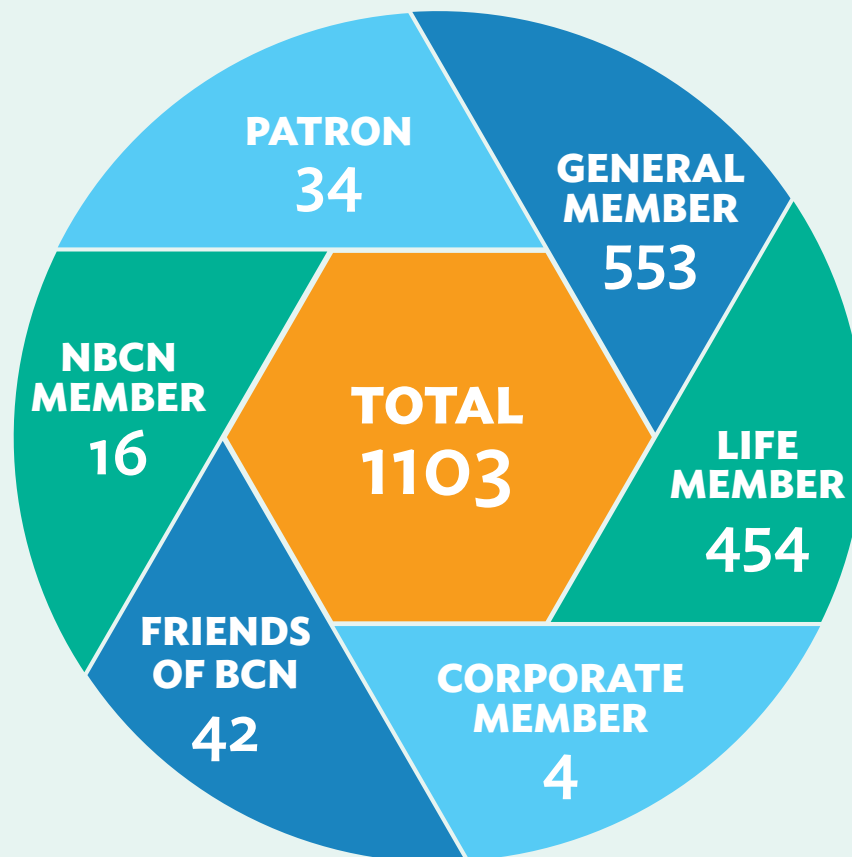


# Membership Update

Being a membership-based organization, BCN has continued along its path of growth. This year 25 new Life members and 316 new general members joined BCN. Including all the categories this year we have 1105 members.

Every year new members with their interest in birds and their conservation from diverse field join BCN who are conservationist, students, tourism entrepreneur etc. BCN is a Partner of BirdLife International which

makes BCN's member part of a global network of 121 countries working in partnership with BirdLife International, a scientific authority on birdlife worldwide. Figure below provides membership detail for fiscal year 2020/21



## ANNEX I:

**BCN Framework****PATRONS**

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| 27. | Basanta Raj Mishra                  | Nepal       |
| 28. | Bhogendra Rayamajhi                 | Nepal       |
| 29. | Jaya N.Bhandari                     | Nepal       |
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| 31. | Utsab Jung Thapa                    | Nepal       |
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297. Paban Shakya
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301. Hirulal Dangaura
302. Sudil Gopal Acharya
303. Samir Maharjan
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305. Sanjay Tha Shrestha
306. Dipak Bishwakarma
307. Prakash Lamsal
308. Kriti Nepal
309. Ankit Bilash Joshi
310. Bikalpa Karki
311. Shyam Sundar Bajimaya
312. Anushila Basnet
313. Renu Basnet
314. Arun Sharma Poudyal
315. Dr. Pem Kandel
316. Dhurba Basnet
317. Durga Lal Sapkota
318. Rishi Baral
319. Bishnu Raj Adhikari
320. Purna Man Shrestha
321. Chetan Oli
322. Yadav Ghimire
323. Ram Raj Gurung
324. Raju Acharya
325. Prabik Shrestha
326. Bishal Ghimire
327. Ganesh Sharma
328. Yam Kumari Gurung
329. Abdullah Miya
330. Bhumika Sigdel
331. Ram Chandra Kandel
332. Utsab Jung Thapa
333. Ganga Shah
334. Anu Ram Chaudhary
335. Prem Prasad Khanal
336. Bishnu Shrestha
337. Hari Basnet
338. Bijay Raj Karki
339. Sushil Chataut
340. Yadav Gurung
341. Prashant Nepal
342. Kumar Khadka
343. Ram Chandra Karki
344. Shyam Kumar Tamang Gole
345. Romnath Aryal
346. Binod Joshi
347. Bed Kumar Dhakal
348. Amar Raj Limbu
349. Arjun Kurmi
350. Birkha Bdr. Rokaya
351. Rasmi Kunwar
352. Dilip Kumar Thapa
353. Kapil Khanal
354. Samikshya Kumari Chaudhary
355. Deepa Basnet
356. Bhupendra Prasad Yadav

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370. Dr. Archana Thapa  
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376. Kumar Paudel  
377. Dev Bdr. Gurung  
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381. Ava Shah  
382. Susan Shakya  
383. Bhuwan Singh Thakuri  
384. Ghana Shyam Basnet  
385. Sasmit Jyu Thakuri  
386. Ramesh Babu Thapa Magar  
387. Lina Chalise  
388. Bishal Gautam  
389. Bimita Bhandari  
390. Shyam Kumar Pun  
391. Mohan Bikram Shrestha  
392. Narayan Prasad Rijal  
393. Ananda Kumar Shrestha  
394. Siddha Raj Pant  
395. Rabindra Singh Baniya  
396. Chiranjeevi Khanal  
397. Sanjeevani Yonzan Shrestha  
398. Pratap Gurung  
399. Devendra Kumar Kharel  
400. Chanda Neupane  
401. Santosh Bikram Shah  
402. Ghanshyam Sharma  
403. Prashant Ghimire  
404. Deepak Budathoki  
405. Additya Shrestha  
406. Indra Bdr. Pariyar  
407. Manbodh Chaudhary  
408. Gopal Paudyal  
409. Shailendra Kumar Pokhrel  
410. Suman Khadgi  
411. Raju Lama  
412. Rajeev D.C.  
413. Radha Shrestha  
414. Dr. Anup Sharma  
415. Narayan Rupakheti  
416. Manoj Raut  
417. Lav Bdr. Bisht  
418. Dikpal Karmacharya  
419. Lal Prasad Gurung  
420. Anil Adhikari  
421. Amrit Poudel  
422. Nirmal Dulal  
423. Rachana Chhetri  
424. Hari Maya Gurung  
425. Bhaktaraj Gurung  
426. Shreedhar Pokhrel  
427. Krystal Bhusal  
428. Krishna Hengaju  
429. Sugam Tamrakar  
430. Mithu Pandey  
431. Shree Ram Khatri  
432. Pramod Neupane  
433. Aarati Neupane  
434. Deu Bdr. Rana  
435. Deelip Chand Thakuri  
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## ANNEX II:

# Financial Information



**S & S Associates**  
Chartered Accountants

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Members,  
Bird Conservation Nepal,  
Kathmandu, Nepal.

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of M/s. **Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN), Kathmandu, Nepal (the company)** for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Ashadh 2078 (15<sup>th</sup> July 2021) which comprise the Balance Sheet as on 31<sup>st</sup> Ashadh 2078, Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Cash Flow for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> Ashadh 2078 and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and explanatory notes..

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 31<sup>st</sup> Ashadh 2078 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in Nepal.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Nepal Standards on Auditing (NSAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal's (ICAN) Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Nepal, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ICAN's Code of Ethics For Professional Accountants. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

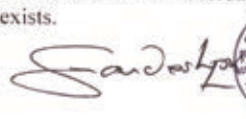

### Responsibilities of management and those Charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or errors.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with NSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

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Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with NSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern; and
- Evaluate the overall presentation structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

**Report on other legal and regulatory requirement**

We have obtained information and explanation asked for, which, to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion, the company has performed the activities as per its objectives and has withheld and deposited tax deducted at source as per Income Tax Act 2058.


CA. Sandesh Pokharel  
Partner

Date: September 28, 2021  
Place: Kathmandu  
UDIN: 210928CA00865X9m6h

**Bird Conservation Nepal**  
Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Balance Sheet**

As on Ashadh 31, 2078 (July 15, 2021)


Figures in Rs

Particulars	Schedule	Ashadh 31, 2078	Ashadh 31, 2077
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	1	12,469,399	5,832,387
<b>Current Assets</b>		63,994,052	64,362,879
Advance, Prepaid & Receivable	2	973,130	736,600
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	63,020,923	63,626,279
<b>Total</b>		<b>76,463,451</b>	<b>70,195,266</b>
<b>Fund and Liabilities</b>			
<b>Fund Balances</b>		74,751,271	69,846,889
Project Fund Balance	4	14,081,267	18,431,069
BCN Core Fund	5	16,560,353	16,560,353
Restricted Fund Balance	6	25,687,558	23,357,921
Unrestricted Fund Balance	7	7,137,632	7,137,632
LCG Fund		1,500,000	1,500,000
Capital Fund	8	9,784,462	2,859,914
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		1,712,180	348,377
Accounts Payables	9	1,712,180	348,377
<b>Total</b>		<b>76,463,451</b>	<b>70,195,266</b>

Significant accounting policies &  
explanatory notes

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Isharia Thapa  
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Treasurer

  
Pratikchha Srivastava  
Finance /Admin Head

Place: Kathmandu.  
Date: September 28, 2021

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**Receipt and Expenditure Statement**

For the period Sharwan 1, 2077 to Ashadh 31, 2078 (July 16, 2020 to July 15, 2021)

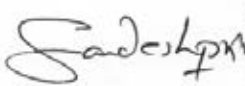

Figures in Rs

Particulars	Schedule	FY: 2077/78	FY: 2076/77
<b>Receipt</b>			
Grant Receipt	18	24,727,310	32,908,322
Grant for BCN Core	10	4,458,651	2,864,923
Overhead and Other Support	11	6,991,828	4,530,983
Other Income	12	6,035,258	3,029,311
<b>Total Receipt</b>		<b>42,213,046</b>	<b>43,333,539</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Grant Program Expenditure	13	34,362,287	25,919,375
BCN Program Expenditure	14	1,496,935	573,792
BCN Personnel Expenditure	15	5,438,914	5,588,379
BCN Office Operation Expenditure	16	2,535,974	822,795
Depreciation	1	2,728,737	665,510
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>46,562,848</b>	<b>33,569,851</b>
<b>Excess /(deficit) of Receipt over Expenditure</b>		<b>(4,349,802)</b>	<b>9,763,689</b>

Significant accounting policies &amp; explanatory notes

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**Cash Flow Statement**

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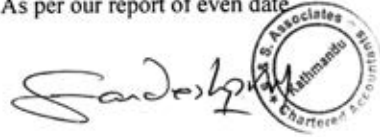
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Particulars	FY: 2077/78	FY: 2076/77
<b>A. Cashflow from Operational Activities</b>	<b>(3,791,387)</b>	<b>10,429,198</b>
Excess /(deficit) during the period	(4,349,802)	9,763,689
Adjustments:		
Depreciation	2,728,737	665,510
Non Cash Item- Capital Grant	(2,170,322)	
<b>Cashflow before change in changeable fund</b>	<b>1,127,274</b>	<b>(535,458)</b>
(Increase)/decrease in current assets	(236,530)	(232,040)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities	1,363,803	(303,418)
<b>Net Cashflow from Operational Activities(1+2)</b>	<b>(2,664,113)</b>	<b>9,893,740</b>
<b>B. Cashflow from Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets-Core Fund	(270,880)	
Purchase of fixed assets-Donor Fund	(9,094,870)	
<b>Net Cashflow from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(9,365,750)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>C. Cashflow from Financing Activities</b>		
Increase or (decrease) in restricted Fund	2,329,636	
Increase or (decrease) in capital Fund	9,094,870	
<b>Net Cashflow from financing Activities</b>	<b>11,424,506</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in net cash flow (A+B+C)</b>	<b>(605,357)</b>	<b>9,893,740</b>
<b>Opening Balance of Cash and Bank Balance</b>	<b>63,626,279</b>	<b>53,732,539</b>
<b>Closing Balance of Cash and Bank Balance</b>	<b>63,020,923</b>	<b>63,626,279</b>

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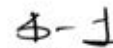
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**ANNEX III:****FIVE YEAR PLAN (2017-2020)****Program 1. Organizational Capacity Enhancement**

<b>Objective 1:</b> To increase the contribution of local supporters, members, volunteers, and bird enthusiasts	<b>Strategy 1:</b> Harmonized organizational engagement through awareness, participation, and engagement, and increase in membership.
	<b>Strategy 2:</b> Broaden organizational outreach through engaging members, volunteers, and local supporters.
<b>Objective 2:</b> To enhance the capacity of members, volunteers, and associated staff	<b>Strategy 3:</b> Execute the relevant capacity-building program for members, volunteers and staff.

**Program 2. Saving Species**

<b>Objective 3:</b> To prevent the extinction of threatened species and other species and improve their status.	<b>Strategy 4:</b> Effective implementation of a species action plan for endangered vultures, Bengal Florican, and other threatened species
	<b>Strategy 5:</b> Increase research on threatened and common birds at the landscape level focusing on environmental and climate change issues.
	<b>Strategy 6:</b> Engage birdwatchers and LCGs to monitor threatened and common birds

**Program 3. Saving Sites and Habitats**

<b>Objective 4:</b> To conserve, restore and protect at least 5 IBAs/KBAs and other critical habitats	<b>Strategy 7:</b> Identify and develop objectives and priority actions for 5 IBAs/KBAs and other critical habitats.
	<b>Strategy 8:</b> Strengthen partnership with supporters, relevant authorities, and local users to conserve, restore and protect the selected 5 IBAs/KBAs and other critical habitats.
	<b>Strategy 9:</b> Formulating and implementing a comprehensive Monitoring plan to monitor IBA/KBAs and critical bird habitats.
<b>Objective 5:</b> To establish long-term community support for IBAs/KBAs and other critical habitats.	<b>Strategy 10:</b> Establish a network of LCGs in IBAs/KBAs and other critical habitats



## Program 4. Working with People

<p><b>Objective 6:</b> To maximize community engagement in bird and biodiversity conservation in five important IBAs/KBAs.</p>	<p><b>Strategy 11:</b> Formulate plan and project to link local community with bird and biodiversity conservation through livelihood opportunity and ecosystem services.</p>
	<p><b>Strategy 12:</b> Enhance the role of the local community in policy and advocacy for bird and biodiversity conservation.</p>
<p><b>Objective 7:</b> To educate and raise awareness among schools, colleges, and the general public on the importance of birds and biodiversity</p>	<p><b>Strategy 13:</b> Develop an awareness strategy for the schools, colleges, and general public on the importance of birds and biodiversity.</p>
<p><b>Objective 8:</b> To enhance policy and advocacy on Birds and Biodiversity conservation in the forestry and agriculture sector.</p>	<p><b>Strategy 14.</b> Building collaboration with lawmakers, media, and the general public on issues of birds and biodiversity for policy and advocacy improvement.</p>
	<p><b>Strategy 15.</b> Improved coordination and communication with relevant government authorities in the forestry and agriculture sector</p>

## Program 5. Encourage Ecological Sustainability

<p><b>Objective 9:</b> To strengthen the linkage between birds, biodiversity, and people's well-being through mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services.</p>	<p><b>Strategy 16:</b> Develop comprehensive plans and projects, and implement to link between birds, biodiversity, and people's well-being.</p>
<p><b>Objective 10:</b> To develop institutional capacity on advocacy to engage with and influence the government and key decision-makers.</p>	<p><b>Strategy 17:</b> Prepare a capacity development action plan and implement it to strengthen LCGs, BCN, and other relevant stakeholders to engage and influence the policy and decision-makers of the related Government organization and key stakeholders particularly in ecological sustainability of IBAs/KBAs and other critical habitats.</p>
	<p><b>Strategy 18:</b> Build and strengthen networks of key stakeholders</p>
	<p><b>Strategy 19:</b> Develop and disseminate BCN position papers</p>
	<p><b>Strategy 20:</b> Regular progress monitoring</p>







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