

*Bird Conservation Nepal*  
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# Abbreviations & Acronyms

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AGM	Annual General Meeting
BCN	Bird Conservation Nepal
BZUC	Buffer Zone User Committee
CF	Community Forest
CFUG	Community Forest User Group
CISU	Civil Society in Development
DNPWC	Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation
DOFSC	Department of Forest and Soil Conservation
IBAs	Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
KTWR	Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve
NBCN	Nepal Bird Conservation Network
NTNC	National Trust for Nature Conservation
PPN	People Partner with Nature
WWF	World Wildlife Fund
ZSL	Zoological Society of London



# Foreword

Our representation in the CMS COP 14 was highly significant in developing more networks and partnership for the Central Asian Flyway Initiative. The participation of the Nepal government in the CMS COP 14 was invaluable in observing the benefits of becoming a party of CMS. Our partnership with the International Crane Foundation will be truly beneficial in studying migratory cranes and high altitude wetland conservation on the Central Asian Flyway.

The initiation of the second Vulture Safe Zone (VSZ) in far west Nepal will help us maintain our leadership in conservation of vultures in the region as the vulture population and nest numbers are on an increasing trend. Extending our vulture telemetry study to Slender billed, and Egyptian vulture will further enhance our scientific knowledge.

The publication of the Bengal Florican Conservation Action Plan (2024-2033) is a key milestone for protecting this critically endangered species. In addition to our national survey, this year we concentrated more on habitat restoration and management in Shuklaphanta National Park and Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve, supported by USAID Biodiversity (Jal Jangal) and the Darwin Initiative.

Our success in publishing the Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas: Key sites for conservation in Nepal is highly remarkable. The publication has been an extremely useful tool to advocate the importance of IBAs and gather support in protecting them. Besides, the 7th Annual Meeting of the Nepal Bird Conservation Network (NBCN) was also a big success in capacity building and

motivating the local organization to support the IBA program.

To address the increasing trend of illegal killing and trade of birds in our society, this year we concentrated our effort in organizing sensitization workshops in all seven provinces on control of illegal wild bird trade. As always, we have received continued valuable support and guidance from government line agencies, especially the Ministry of Forests and Environment, Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Department of Forests and Soil Conservation, National Parks, Conservation Areas, Wildlife Reserve, and Division Forest Offices along with other conservation partners that provide huge inspiration in our long journey towards protecting birds and the overall biodiversity.

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

Together, let's remain committed to protecting birds for a healthy environment.

**Prof. Karan Bahadur Shah**  
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 Executive Council, advisors, patrons, life members, general 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 123 organizations around the world, working on a worldwide agenda to conserve the world's birds and their habitats.



## MISSION

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



## VISION

"Birds and biodiversity thriving in Nepal and benefiting people"



## GOAL

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



## Guiding Principles of BCN

**BCN has established and abides by the following principles:**

- » Conservation of birds, their habitats and overall biodiversity.
- » People's participation in conservation and benefiting the people themselves.
- » Institutional learning and innovation in the area of conservation.
- » Participatory planning process for formulating periodic policy to guide the organization.
- » Building national and international networks to increase effectiveness in bird and biodiversity conservation.

# Acknowledgements

Bird Conservation Nepal would like to express the deepest appreciation for the continuous support of valuable Patrons, Advisors, and Executive Council members. We are equally grateful to BirdLife International, Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB), International Center for Birds of Prey (ICBP), Danish Ornithological Society (DOF), CISU/ Danida, Forest and Nature Conservation Agency (Taiwan), Hong Kong Birdwatching Society, Asian Development Bank, Darwin Initiative, Conservation Leadership Program, LUSH and USAID Biodiversity (Jal Jangal).

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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 Forestry Users Nepal (FECOFUN), and other partners Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) and Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA) 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

1.

## Organizational Capacity

Our representation in the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS COP 14) has been highly significant in developing more collaboration for Central Asian Flyway Initiative. The partnership with International Crane Foundation (ICF) has provided a new avenue to contribute in conservation of cranes and their habitats. The USAID Biodiversity (Jal Jangal) support has been invaluable in strengthening our capacity in critically endangered Bengal Florican research, habitat management and developing citizen scientist.

2.

## Saving Species

BCN's support in implementation of the Nepal government's vulture conservation action plan (2023-2027) and the Bengal Florican conservation action plan (2024-2033) has resulted in milestone achievements, remarkably the declaration of all 77 districts in Nepal as diclofenac-free. The continued monitoring of some threatened species alongside addressing the threats has contributed significantly in population increase notably of White-rumped Vulture.

3.

## Saving Sites and Habitat

BCN has made notable progress in restoring and conserving vital habitats, focusing on wetlands and grasslands. Approximately 25 hectares of wetland along with 50 hectares of grassland were restored in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve, involving local community and the establishment of a dedicated Grassland and Wetland Restoration Committee. The most important publication "Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas: Key sites for conservation" will certainly support in enhancing the knowledge on conservation of important bird habitats in the country.

4.

## Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods

BCN implemented a range of initiatives to enhance ecosystem services and livelihoods across various IBA sites. Key efforts included the distribution of 4,000 kg of improved maize seeds in Gulmi, the installation of 800 Energy Saving Stoves to protect bird habitats and reduce indoor air pollution, and the provision of 60 chaff-cutting machines to promote sustainable livestock management. Additionally, training in beekeeping, sustainable fishing, and aquaculture built capacity of local farmers and fishermen, while the "One Household, One Fish Pond" initiative established 76 fish ponds, significantly boosting household incomes. Together, these programs improved food security, enhanced community well-being, and promoted sustainable agricultural practices, reinforcing the vital connection between ecological health and livelihoods.





# ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT

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## Partnership with International Crane Foundation (ICF)

BCN and ICF have built partnership for Cooperation on Conservation of Black-necked Cranes in Nepal. ICF and BCN desire to use their strengths, knowledge, and experience by working together to enhance the conservation of cranes, other waterbirds, and the ecosystems important to cranes.

## Grant Agreement with USAID Biodiversity (Jal Jangal)

A grant agreement was made between USAID Biodiversity (Jal Jangal) and BCN to implement the project “Recovery of Critically Endangered Bengal Florican through habitat improvement and community stewardship” in Shuklaphanta National Park and Buffer zone.

## Project Funding Agreement with BirdLife International

BirdLife International has supported BCN for implementing the project “Exploring the potential of upscaling NTFPs production, forest friendly tea and cardamom plantations whilst developing entrepreneurship of local people in Mai Valley Forest Landscape, Nepal” through its Forest Landscape Accelerator program.

## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting

Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN) convened its 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting on 16 December 2023, at Parelee Caters Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu. The event was chaired by President, Prof. Karan Bahadur

Shah while Dr. Sindhu Prasad Dhungana, Director General, Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation was the Chief Guest. The event also welcomed Mr. Sujan Kumar Shrestha as new Patron of BCN. The meeting commenced with an insightful presentation on BCN’s Annual Progress Report and strategic plan for the upcoming year from Mr. Ashok Bahadur Malla, General Secretary. Following this, Mr. Raj Kumar Rai, Treasurer, presented the Annual Financial Report, along with next year financial projections. Both reports were met with active engagement from members, who raised various queries that were addressed by Prof. Shah, emphasizing Nepal’s unique position as a critical hotspot for bird conservation.

This meeting marked a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to promote and enhance bird conservation initiatives across Nepal.

## 7<sup>th</sup> National Workshop of Nepal Bird Conservation Network (NBCN)

BCN, in collaboration with, Pokhara Bird Society, successfully hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> national workshop of Nepal Bird Conservation Network (NBCN) at Hotel Tulsī, Lakeside, Pokhara from 8-10 December 2023. The workshop aimed to enhance the capacity of field-based conservation groups for bird and biodiversity monitoring and conservation. The inaugural session was chaired by Mr. Man Shanta Ghimire, President of the Pokhara Bird Society, and, Dr. Ram Chandra Kandel, Secretary of the Ministry of Forestry and Environment for Gandaki Province as the Chief guest.





NBCN grant worth Rs. **1** Lakh awarded to Koshi Bird Society and Jagdispur Jalasaya Byabasthapan Bahusarokar Manch in recognition of their remarkable contributions to bird and biodiversity conservation.



Jatayu Research Scholarship worth NRs. **35,000** each was awarded to Mr. Ashish Thapa and Mr. Prabesh Pandey to support their university research on critically endangered vultures.

Throughout the three-day workshop, participants engaged in discussions and activities designed to gather perspectives and feedback from conservationists representing the IBAs. This collaborative effort will inform the preparation of an annual conservation plan focused on the protection of Nepal's diverse bird species.

### Capacity Enhancement

Prof. Karan Bahadur Shah, Ms. Ishana Thapa, Mr. Khadananda Paudel and Mr. Shambhu Bhattarai attended Program Management Committee meeting of PPN program, at Kilimanjaro, Tanzania from 22-29 September 2023.

Prof. Karan Bahadur Shah, Mr Jaya Nath Bhandari, Mr Mohan Bikram Shrestha and Mr Santosh Bajagain attended the International Workshop on "Bird Conservation Initiatives in India with a special focus on Illegal Hunting, Taking and Trade of Wild Birds - Conservation and Management Issues & Concerns – SOUTH ASIAN REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE", from 5-7 February 2024.

Ms. Ishana Thapa attended CMS COP 14 Meeting at Samarkand, Uzbekistan from 12-17 February 2024.

Prof. Dr Prem Bahadur Budha, Mr Sudarson Karki, Mr Rajendra Gurung and Ms. Aarati Nepali attended Fraser's Hill International Bird Race and nature education programme at Pahang and Kuala Selangor Nature Park, Malaysia from 7-16 June 2024.

Ms. Ishana Thapa as a member attended BirdLife International Global Council Meeting at Cambridge, UK from 17-19 June 2024

### Staff Appointment

- » Aavas Pradhan has joined BCN team as the Project Officer on 15 September 2023
- » Sudha Shrestha has joined BCN team as the Program Associate on 1 October 2023
- » Kiran Gosain has joined BCN team as the Research Associate on 1 October 2023
- » Deepa Bista has joined BCN team as the Support Staff on 1 July 2024

### Staff Departure

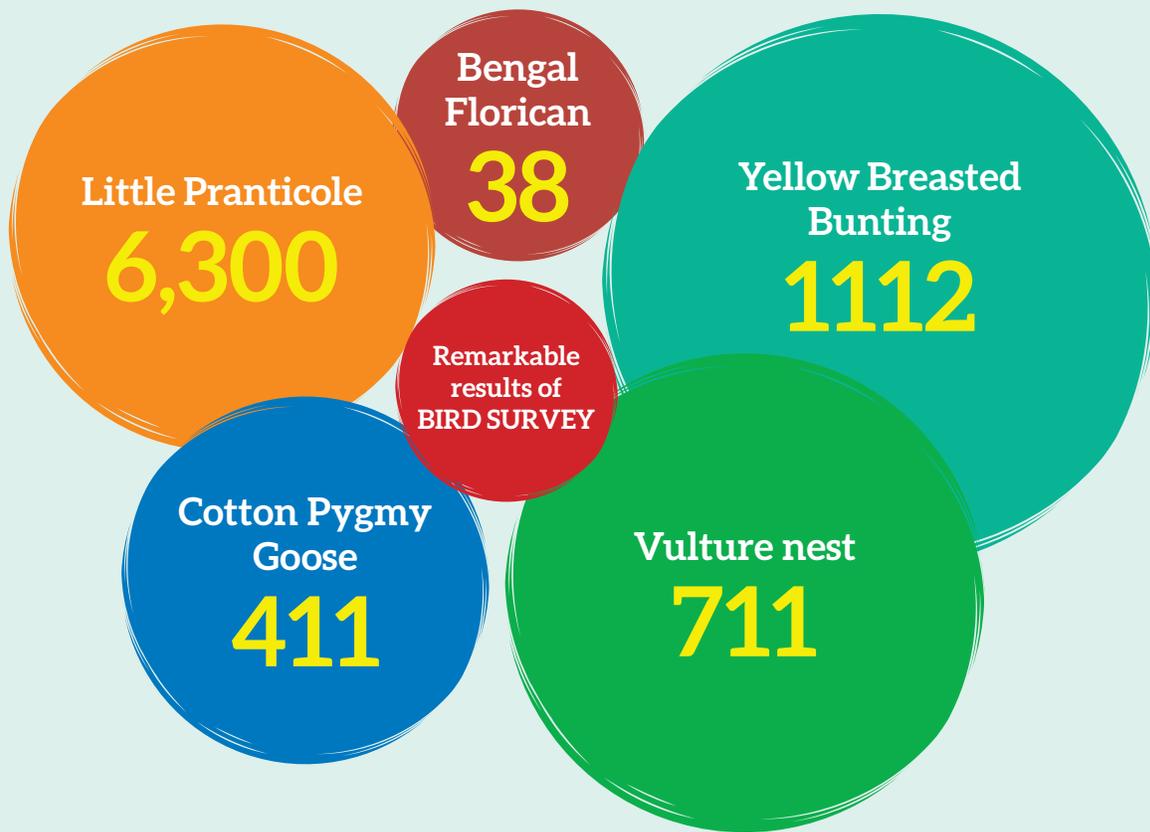
- » Sabitri Pandit left BCN on 1 July 2024
- » Saroj Rai left BCN on 30 August 2023



# SAVING SPECIES

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## Key Achievements



### A Milestone in Vulture Conservation: Nepal Declares all Districts Diclofenac-Free

BCN celebrated the declaration of all 77 districts in Nepal as diclofenac-free by November 2023. This significant milestone follows a long-standing commitment to protect vultures, initiated during the first Vulture Conservation Summit in Kathmandu in 2004, which resulted in the decision to ban diclofenac, a drug harmful



to these vital scavengers. The production, import, sale, and use of diclofenac were officially banned in Nepal in 2006.

The celebration event took place on 9 November 2023 in Kathmandu, organized by BCN and the Veterinary Hospital and Livestock Service Expert Center. It highlighted the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders, including the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC), the

Department of Drug Administration (DDA), veterinary associations, and professionals committed to wildlife health. The government's support through the Vulture Conservation Action Plan has been instrumental in achieving this critical conservation goal.

### Combating Illegal Wild Bird Trade: Insights from the Control and Sensitization Program

In a concerted effort to combat illegal wild bird trade, BCN organized a series of "Wild Bird Trade Control and Sensitization" workshops across multiple provinces in Nepal. The first workshop was held in Bagmati Province on 19 September 2023, facilitated by the Department of Forest and Soil Conservation (DOFSC) in Kathmandu, followed by the second workshop in Pokhara, Gandaki Province on 11 December 2023.

Subsequent workshops were held in Deukhuri, Lumbini Province on 10 January 2024, and in Birendranagar, Surkhet District of Karnali Province on 12 January 2024, marking the third and fourth workshops in the planned series of seven. Each event involved collaboration with the respective province's Forest Directorate Offices.

On 27 April 2024, a workshop took place in Biratnagar, Koshi Province, facilitated by the DOFSC

and coordinated with the Ministry of Tourism, Forest, and Environment. Supported by LUSH-FRESH HANDMADE COSMETICS, these workshops provided invaluable presentations addressing illegal bird trade, recent bird seizures, arrests, and penalties in Nepal.

Forest officers from various provinces, along with officials from the Central Investigation Bureau (CIB) and DOFSC, shared valuable insights and strategies to curb illegal wild bird trade, underscoring the importance of collaborative efforts in preserving Nepal's avian biodiversity.

### Cotton Pygmy Goose and Little Pratincole Counts in Kailali

BCN conducted bird surveys in Kailali, focusing on the Cotton Pygmy Goose and Little Pratincole. From 9-11 July 2023, a summer count at Ghodaghodi Bird Sanctuary, a designated Ramsar site, recorded 221 Cotton Pygmy-goose, with a subsequent winter count on 12-13 December resulting in 411 individuals. The survey was done in collaboration with Bird Conservation Network and Division Forest Office, Pahalmanpur, Kailali. Additionally, a summer count of the Little Pratincole along the Mohana River was conducted from 16-17 September 2023, where a remarkable 6,300 birds were recorded. These efforts underscore the importance of monitoring and conserving critical bird habitats in the region.





The survey spanned the highways of the Terai and Midhills regions, resulting in a total count of 782 vultures that includes six species. Specifically, 219 vultures were observed in the Terai, while the Midhills observed a higher count of 563. Notably, five vulture species were recorded in the Terai, compared to six in the Midhills. The Himalayan Griffon topped the counts with 349 individuals, followed closely by the White-rumped Vulture at 338, suggesting a positive trend in the populations of these species.

### Vulture Nest Monitoring

A total of 711 vulture nests were monitored during the breeding season, with 512 nests found to be successful, resulting in a healthy success rate of over 70%. Of the total nests monitored, the highest number, 658, belonged to the White-rumped Vulture (WRV) with 480 being successful. This includes 20 nests with at least one individual of captive origin now breeding in the wild. The nests of released birds also retained a 70% success-rate.

The vulture nests were monitored across 13 districts of Nepal. The highest number of nests, 170, were found in Kapilvastu, followed by 124 nests in Nawalpur and 114 in Kanchanpur. The lowest number of nests, two, were found in Dadeldhura and Resunga IBA, Gulmi as new nesting sites tracked through tagged vulture.

### Annual Vulture Road Transect Survey

The annual vulture road transect survey for 2024 was conducted from 3 to 21 May as part of Nepal's ongoing efforts to monitor vulture population trend.

### Workshop on Vulture Conservation in Lumbini Province

The Province Level Workshop on Vulture Conservation was held on 28 August 2023, at Pauwa Hotel in Bhaluwang, Dang, organized in collaboration with the Nepal Vulture Conservation Movement Network and supported by RSPB, Asian Development Bank, and the Conservation Leadership Program. The event was facilitated by journalist Mr. Sanjay Gupta and the Honorable Finance Minister of Lumbini, Dhana Bahadur Maski, represented as the guest of honor, and included presentations by Bhupal Nepali and Deelip Chand on the current status and challenges of vulture conservation in Nepal. Participants engaged in group discussions to address specific local challenges and shared perspectives on conservation opportunities. The Honorable Finance Minister of Lumbini, Dhana Bahadur Maski, assured ongoing budget allocations for wildlife conservation, while Chair Dilli Bahadur Rawat emphasized the importance of vulture conservation efforts and expressed gratitude to the Lumbini Province Government for its commitment.





Most observations were made in agricultural areas, particularly rice paddies near water sources and reed beds. The buntings were noted to forage comfortably near farmers but would become cautious and fly significant distances when disturbed. Active farmlands, primarily used for rice cultivation, along with reed patches located between agricultural fields and water bodies, were identified as their key habitats.

Finn's Weaver survey was conducted from 6-13 July 2024 in Shuklaphanta National Park of Sudurpashchim province. A total of 198 individuals were recorded. Twenty-four different locations within the core zone of the national park were surveyed. Finn's Weaver was observed in thirteen different places. Most of the time, birds were encountered in pairs and occasionally in are flocks of up to 26 birds. The number remained decreasing in comparison to last year.

### Steppe Eagle Count in Kathmandu Valley

The Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis* count conducted over three consecutive winters from 2021 to 2024 in the Kathmandu Valley provides valuable insights into the species' population trends during both wintering and passage migration. Over a three-hour count at 18 strategically selected sites, data revealed notable fluctuations in eagle numbers. In the first year (2021/22), a total of 968 individuals were recorded (352 in November 363 in December, and 253 in January). In the subsequent year (2022/23), the count dropped slightly to 780 individuals (308 in November 253 in December, and 219 in January). Interestingly, in the most recent winter (2023/24) 742 individuals were recorded (276 in November 200 in December, and 266 in January). Such variations may reflect changes in migratory patterns, habitat conditions, or broader environmental factors impacting their stopover sites.

### National Survey of Critically Endangered Bengal Florican

Bengal Florican *Houbaropsis bengalensis* is a threatened bustard listed as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. To find

out the recent population of the Bengal Floricans, a survey was carried out from 22-29 March 2024 in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve and surrounding areas, Chitwan National Park and Suklaphanta National Park and its buffer zone. A total of 32 individuals were recorded from Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve and its surrounding areas, no record from Suklaphanta National Park and its buffer zone, one from Chitwan National Park and its buffer zone. A repeat survey was carried out from 27 May to 2 June 2024 in Shuklaphanta National Park. A total of five Bengal Florican individuals were recorded throughout the study areas. The Bengal Florican count was not carried in Bardia National Park due to continued absence in the national park in former surveys.

### A Workshop on Stopping the use of Poison in Animal Carcass

On March 17, 2024, a workshop on "Stopping the Use of Poison on Animal Carcasses" was held at the Singhale-Sallaghari Community Forest (CF) in Tanahu district, attended by 37 participants. The event focused on the detrimental effects of poison on wildlife, particularly vultures, and facilitated discussions on the participants' roles in promoting conservation within their community. Participants collectively agreed to refrain from using poison on any animals or birds in the future, and confirmed that no harmful activities affecting vultures are currently practiced within the CF. This workshop marked a significant commitment to vulture conservation, fostering collaboration among community members to protect these vital scavengers.







# SAVING SITES AND HABITAT

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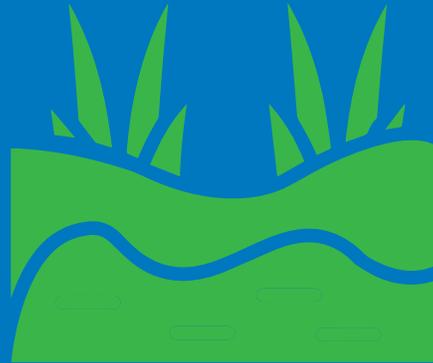
## Key Achievements



Restored **25** hectare of  
wetlands



Distributed **16,300**  
seedlings to 468 farmers



Restored **200**  
hectares of grassland



### Restoration of Natural Wetlands in Madhuwan Buffer Zone Area

From 1 December 2023-19 January 2024, BCN, in collaboration with the Madhuban Buffer Zone User Committee (BZUC), successfully restored natural wetlands in the Madhuwan Buffer Zone area of the KTWR. This initiative aimed to conserve vital wetland habitats for bird populations while simultaneously addressing community poverty. The project involved forming Wetland Restoration Committees under the Shreepur, Haripur and Madhuwan BZUCs, focusing on a 50-hectare area heavily infested with invasive species like water hyacinth. This initiation led to the successful restoration of 25 hectares of natural wetland, establishing a framework for ongoing restoration through the newly formed committee to ensure sustainable management in the future.



### Successful Restoration of Grasslands in Beruwa Barmajhia Buffer Zone Area: A Conservation Milestone

From 11 January–2 February 2024, BCN, in collaboration with the Beruwa Barmajhia Buffer Zone User Committee (BZUC), successfully restored approximately 50 hectares of grassland near Dashin Duban, adjacent to the Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve (KTWR) in Saptari. This initiative aimed to conserve and rehabilitate critical grassland habitats, focusing on avian species dependent on these ecosystems. The project began with community meetings that led to the formation of a dedicated Grassland Restoration

Committee under the Beruwa Barmajhiya BZUC. Over 22 local community members actively participated in the restoration efforts over 22 days, which included the manual removal of invasive grasses and shrubs, as well as the erection of bamboo barriers to protect riparian areas from feral cattle. This valuable work not only supports the rehabilitation of grassland ecosystems but also promotes sustainable resource management for the benefit of local communities.

### Enhancing Livelihoods and Conservation Through Plantation Campaign in Resunga and Madane

BCN launched a successful plantation campaign in December 2023 by distributing 3,300 walnut *Juglans regia* seedlings, directly benefiting 130 farmers in the Resunga and Madane Forest Protection Areas. This initiative aims to diversify livelihoods while promoting environmental conservation. Building on this success, BCN further distributed 8,000 citrus seedlings (including oranges and lemons) and 5,000 seedlings of fodder trees (*Ficus* species) and non-timber forest products (*Cinnamomum* species) in June 2024, reaching a total of 468 local farmers. To ensure the successful growth of these seedlings, BCN provided technical training on proper planting techniques and post-plantation care. These campaigns not only empower local communities economically but also contribute to enhancing forest cover and ecological health in the region.



## Bird Survey in Resunga and Madane Forest Conservation Area

From 4-13 March 2024, BCN conducted an extensive bird survey in the Madane and Resunga Forest Conservation Areas as part of the People Partner with Nature program (PPN). Over ten days, the survey documented a remarkable total of 126 bird species in each area, with six new species recorded in Madane and one new species in Resunga. This brings the total number of identified bird species to 286 in Madane and 263 in Resunga. Both areas are recognized for their ecological significance and are also designated as an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area. This survey not only enhances our understanding of avian diversity but also reinforces the need for continued conservation efforts in these vital habitats.

## Training on Enhancing Capacity for Wetland and Grassland Management

BCN successfully organized a one-day training session on 1 March 2024, focused on enhancing the management capacity of grasslands and wetlands. The event attracted 53 participants, including buffer zone users, staff from Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve, Nepal Army personnel, NTNC staff, community forest users, and local leaders. The training aimed to equip participants with the skills necessary for effective grassland and wetland management while promoting



sustainable practices. Key topics included habitat protection and community outreach efforts.

## Workshop on Integrating Culture Conservation Actions in Planning and Local Fundraising

BCN, in collaboration with the Division Forest Office, Rajapani CF, and Prativa CF, Kapilvastu, organized a workshop on 25 January 2024 to raise awareness among community forest user groups, youth, and stakeholders about culture conservation and to incorporate culture conservation initiatives into their forest operational plans.





Mr. Shivanandan Shah, Forest Officer from the Division Forest Office in Kapilvastu, along with Mr. Bhupal Nepali and Deelip Chand from BCN, facilitated the workshop. Discussions revolved around the importance of vultures, the threats they face, the significance of operational plans, and strategies for integrating vulture conservation actions into these plans. Participants included Mr. Bishnu Paudel, Chair of ward number two in Banganga, members of various community forest user groups near vulture nesting sites, and youth club members.

Shuklaphanta National Park. The project engaged 253 local individuals in active grassland management and restoration, while also training 30 community members in non-breeding Bengal Florican survey techniques. Furthermore, 583 participants were trained in Bengal Florican conservation, and 140 youths gained skills in nature and bird tourism from four municipalities. These efforts not only improved habitat conditions but also strengthened local capacity for long-term conservation and sustainable tourism development.

A similar ongoing advocacy program has yielded positive effective results, with one nesting colony in Samjhana community forest incorporating vulture conservation into its operational plan. Additionally, a three-hectare area in the forest is dedicated as a vulture protection area.

### Restoring Habitats for Bengal Florican: A Successful Community-Led Conservation Initiative

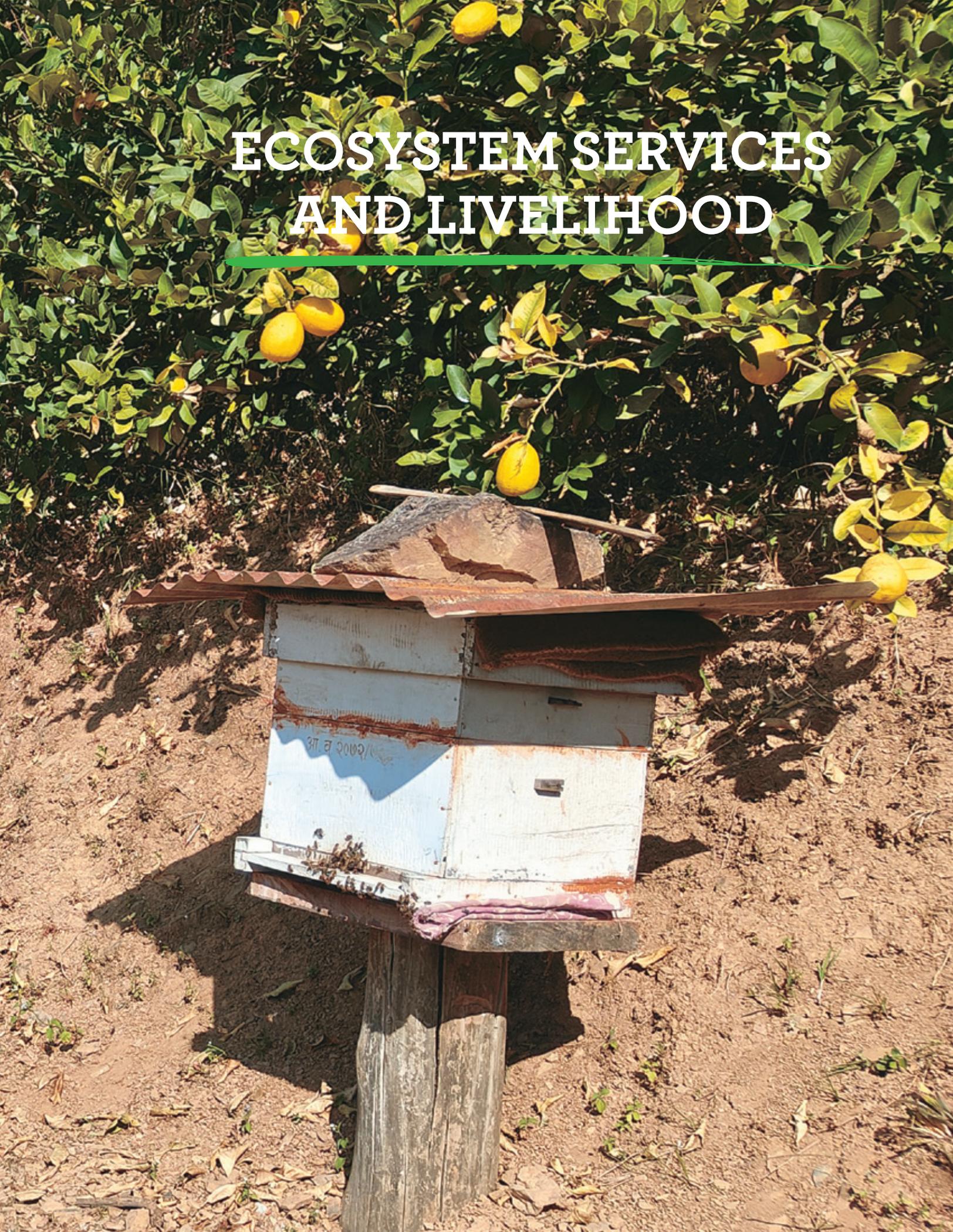
BCN successfully implemented the Recovery of Critically Endangered Bengal Florican through Habitat Management and Community Stewardship project, funded by USAID-Biodiversity (Jal Jangal). The project focused on restoring 150 hectares of vital grassland habitat, benefiting the Bengal Florican and other endangered species. Areas restored included 20 hectares in Uldpur, Belauri, Kanchanpur; 30 hectares in Uldpur, Laljhadi; 50 hectares in Kishan Buffer Zone Community Forest; and 50 hectares in





# ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD

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## Key Achievements



Supported **80** bee hives



**60** chaff cutter machine supported



**1,000** households benefitted from the improved cooking stove installation



Altogether **432** participants trained on aquaculture, apiculture, sustainable fishing technique and vegetable cultivation



Established **76** fish ponds benefiting households through income generation



Distributed **4,000** kg of improved maize seeds and **40** maize planter to local farmers

### Improved Maize Seed Distribution in Gulmi

In March 2024, BCN implemented a significant initiative under its PPN program, funded by the Civil Society in Development (CISU). The program provided 4,000 kilograms of improved maize seeds, specifically the Manakamana-03 variety, to farmers in Resunga and Madane Forest Protection Areas from several wards, including Resunga-03 and Resunga-14

in Resunga Municipality, and Gulmi Durbar-01, as well as Malika-02 and Malika-03 in Malika Rural Municipality, and Madane-01 in Madane Rural Municipality. Alongside the seeds, 40 maize seed planters were also provided, along with technical training to enhance production. As a result, local farmers reported increased crop yields and improved food security, demonstrating the initiative's impact on both livelihoods and sustainable agricultural practices within the region.

## Promoting Sustainable Living through Improved Cooking Stoves Initiatives

BCN is taking significant steps toward sustainable living through the installation of Improved Cooking Stoves (ICS) in the Resunga and Madane Forest Protection Areas and in the KTWR buffer zone.

Under the “Integrating Livelihoods and Conservation - People Partner with Nature for Sustainable Living” program, funded by the CISU, BCN aims to reduce the demand for fuel wood, alleviating pressure on local forests. BCN has supported 800 households by facilitating the installation of ICS, which enhances biomass combustion efficiency and significantly reduces indoor air pollution.

In a related effort, with support from the Darwin Initiative, BCN has installed ICS in 200 households across Ward 11 of Kanchanrup Municipality in Saptari and Ward 6 of Barahakshetra Municipality in Sunsari. These stoves reduce fuel wood consumption and minimize smoke emissions, improving indoor air

quality and helping to prevent respiratory illnesses, particularly among women. Together, these initiatives exemplify a holistic approach to balancing environmental conservation with community livelihoods, promoting healthier living conditions while protecting valuable forest resources.

## Chaff-Cutter Machine Distribution for Sustainable Stall Feeding

BCN has taken a significant step towards sustainable livestock management and ecosystem conservation by providing 60 chaff-cutter machines to households in various buffer zone user committees, including Tapeshwori in Udayapur, Purbapipra, Dharampur and Ghoghanpur in Saptari, and Madhuban, Kushaha Laukahi and Haripur in Sunsari district. This initiative aims to reduce overgrazing in the grasslands surrounding the KTWR by promoting stall-feeding practices, which alleviate the environmental impact of free-ranging livestock. By simplifying the process of preparing fodder, the chaff cutters not only help conserve biodiversity but also improve the livelihoods of rural families, allowing them to save time and labor for other income-generating activities while fostering better care for their animals.

## Promotion of Api-culture in Resunga and Madane

On 16 December 2023, BCN conducted a one-day beekeeping training session in Tamghas, Gulmi, benefiting 25 participants, followed by another session on 23 December 2023 in Malika-04, Arkhwang, attended by 33 participants. These sessions equipped community members with essential beekeeping skills, fostering a sustainable





livelihood option that has significant income potential. To further support these efforts, BCN provided 80 bee hives to underprivileged and marginalized farmers, facilitating the establishment of new beekeeping enterprises. This initiative not only empowers local communities economically but also aligns with environmental conservation efforts.

### **Empowering Women and Communities Through Observation Tours**

BCN organized two observation tours from 29-31 March 2024 aimed at empowering women and indigenous communities in Saptari and Udayapur districts. Thirty participants explored successful women-managed cooperatives in Udayapur,

including the Sana Kisan cooperative, where they learned about entrepreneurship and small business management. Highlights included visits to the Mahila Sana Kisan group, a bamboo handicraft enterprise, and a homestay tourism initiative, showcasing various empowerment programs. Simultaneously, participants from Sunsari, Saptari, and Udayapur engaged in a jungle safari at Kumroj Buffer Zone Community Forest, gaining insights into the sustainable management of grasslands and wetlands. They also visited the Gharial Breeding and Conservation Center, Beeshazar Ramsar site, and Bharandabhar Biological Corridor, enhancing their understanding of biodiversity conservation and ecotourism. Both tours emphasized the importance of capacity building for sustainable livelihoods and environmental protection.

### **Empowering Local Communities by Training on Sustainable Fishing Techniques**

Two comprehensive training sessions were held on 28 November 2023, and 28 February 2024, at Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve on sustainable fishing techniques. The November session engaged 129 participants, including fishing license holders and community members, focusing on sustainable fishing techniques and responsible harvesting practices. Funded by the Darwin Initiative, this initiative fostered a deep understanding of sustainability principles





and their practical applications. The February training further targeted 59 fishermen and residents, emphasizing the sustainable use of natural resources. Presentations covered sustainable fishing practices and the ecological balance required to maintain the reserve's rich biodiversity. Both events highlighted the community's commitment to conservation and sustainable practices, marking significant progress toward harmonious coexistence with the environment.

### Promoting Sustainable Practices: Community Workshop on Resource Management and Conservation

On 19 March 2024, a workshop brought together community leaders and buffer zone user committee members to discuss sustainable fishing and resource management. Participants gained insights into the interdependence of local communities and nature, with presentations from BCN's Aavas Pradhan, Project Officer, and KTWR's Ramesh Kumar Yadav, the Senior Conservation Officer, emphasizing prudent management techniques and community-based resource management. Attendees developed tailored action plans to implement sustainable fishing practices and resource utilization in their areas, fostering collaboration among stakeholders.

On 16 and 18 October 2023, training sessions were conducted on sustainable fishing techniques for 129 local participants, engaging them through interactive activities that highlighted sustainability concepts and the

ecological impacts of fishing methods. Discussions emphasized the need for environmentally friendly practices to address declining fish populations.

From 28-30 December 2023, a three-day training session focused on integrating the conservation of threatened bird species into the operational plans of buffer zone community forests, was attended by 64 participants from 15 community forests. Sessions covered biodiversity, gender inclusion, and practical forest management, including hands-on activities for assessing forest resources.

These initiatives collectively aimed to empower local communities to manage natural resources sustainably while promoting bird conservation, thereby reinforcing the vital connection between ecological health and community livelihoods.

### Empowering Communities Through "One household, One Fish Pond" Initiative in Koshi Tappu

BCN, supported by the Darwin Initiative, is making strides in promoting sustainable livelihoods through the "One Household, One Fish Pond" initiative as part of its project on the "Sustainable Management of Grasslands and Wetlands: Enhancing Biodiversity and Livelihoods" in the KTWR.





In its second year, the program successfully established 76 fish ponds across several buffer zone user committees in Saptari and Udayapur districts, including Badgama Jagatpur BZUC, Purba Pipra BZUC, Dharampur Ghoghanpur BZUC, Odra Kamalpur BZUC, and Tapeshwori BZUC. This initiative aims to diversify the income sources of local families, who primarily rely on fishing. As a result of the program, participating households are now earning between 50,000 to 80,000 Nepali rupees annually. This additional income has significantly improved their living standards, enabling families to afford essential needs such as medical care and education for their children, thereby enhancing their overall quality of life.

The “One Household, One Fish Pond” initiative exemplifies how sustainable practices can lead to both biodiversity conservation and community well-being, reinforcing the importance of integrating ecological health with local livelihoods.

### Diverse Vegetable Seed Support in Gulmi

In March 2024, BCN, under the PPN program funded by CISU, launched a vital initiative to enhance income generation and improve nutrition through vegetable cultivation in Gulmi. BCN provided diverse vegetable seeds—including tomatoes, chili, asparagus, and radishes—to four agricultural groups from Resunga and Madane, selected based on land availability and specific farmer needs. To complement seed distribution, BCN organized four field training sessions from 21-26 March 2024, engaging a total of 95 participants. These sessions equipped farmers with essential skills for successful vegetable cultivation. The initiative has empowered these groups to cultivate nutritious vegetables, significantly contributing to increased household income and improved community nutrition while promoting sustainable agricultural practices in the region.







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## Outdoor Learning at Ranibari Biodiversity Conservation Learning Center

BCN successfully engaged 476 students from eight institutions at the Ranibari Biodiversity Conservation Learning Center, providing them with valuable outdoor learning experiences. Participating schools include Kastamandap Vidhyalaya, Lincoln School, Lavender Pre-school, Nawa Ratna English Boarding School, The Excelsior School, Activities and Resource Center for Children, Panchakanya Basic School and Nandi Madhyamik Vidhalaya. In a special initiative for International Vulture Awareness Day, BCN organized an interschool drawing competition that engaged 20 students from ten different schools: Vidhya Shanti Niketan School, New Star Pole English School, Hilary English High School, Lalitpur Madhyamik Vidhyalaya, Vajra Academy, Reliance Public School, New Millenium School, Nawaratna English Boarding School, Ranidevi Basic School and St. Lawrence School fostering creativity and awareness about vultures. Additionally, 30 Friends of the Zoo members from 15 schools in the Kathmandu Valley received basic training in bird identification, equipping them with essential skills for conservation. These educational programs not only promote biodiversity knowledge but also inspire the next generation to become active stewards of their environment.

## Engaging the Citizen Scientist Through Neighbourhood Bird Count

BCN successfully conducted its nationwide semiannual neighborhood bird counts with significant public engagement. The winter count, conducted from 1 to 8 December 2023, attracted 172 participants from 36 districts, who submitted 323 checklists. The subsequent summer count, held from 1-8 June 2024, involved 113 contributors from 29 districts, resulting in 263 submissions. The Rock Pigeon emerged as the most frequently observed species among the 100 identified through the “Chhimeki Chara” app. To further engage the community, orientations at schools and colleges were organized, along with online quizzes, a drawing competition, and a video-making contest on social media. These initiatives not only amplified public involvement but also highlighted the vital role of citizen scientists in monitoring and protecting Nepal’s avian biodiversity.





## Engagement in Book Free Friday Programme

BCN was involved in the Book-Free Friday program, a collaborative effort with Kathmandu Metropolitan City. Running from 24 May–25 July 2024, the program carried weekly activities at Panchakanya Basic School in Baluwatar and Nandi Madhyamik Vidhyalaya in Naxal, involving BABA Club students every Thursday and Friday. The activities included installing compost bins, setting up bird baths and nesting boxes, creating wall art, organizing cleanliness drives, planting seedlings, and introducing citizen science projects. Additionally, students enjoyed enriching outdoor learning sessions at the Ranibari Biodiversity Conservation Learning Center. The program aimed to boost environmental awareness, promote sustainable practices, and deepen students' appreciation for nature.

## Successful Launch of Bird-Friendly Neighbourhood Exhibition in Patan

BCN hosted its first Bird-Friendly Neighborhood (BFN) exhibition on 27 September 2023, at Nagbahal, Patan. The event's main attraction was an awareness booth showcasing BCN's initiatives and informative materials, a photo exhibition highlighting local bird species, and a quiz that encouraged participation. Children enjoyed art activities and face painting, while a micro-nursery provided information on bird-friendly plants. The exhibition effectively raised awareness

about the importance of birds and the BFN initiative, fostering community involvement and support for conservation efforts.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Walk for Bird

On 23 December 2023, BCN successfully hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Walk for Bird at Tarevir, drawing participants from various organizations and individuals united in their passion for avifauna conservation. This annual event, partially supported by Zeiss optical, attracted 58 nature enthusiasts and raised awareness while also serving as a fundraising initiative. During the hike, an impressive total of 53 bird species was recorded, with notable sightings including the Black-chinned Babbler, Eurasian Sparrow hawk, White-tailed Nuthatch, Steppe Eagle, and Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush. The Walk for Bird not only allowed participants to appreciate Nepal's rich avian diversity but also fostered community engagement and collaboration among educational institutions, NGOs, and INGOs, reinforcing the importance of collective efforts in bird conservation.

## Celebration of 29<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week

BCN celebrated the 29<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week by organizing a bird-watching event on 14th April 2024 at Shivapuri-Nagarjun National Park, one of the Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas of Nepal, with the collaboration of DNPWC, IUCN, NTNC, WWF, ZSL. The theme of 29<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week was "Wildlife Conservation:



Ecotourism and Income Generation”. During the event, the importance of bird conservation and the role of birds in the ecosystem was highlighted, along with the specific threats faced by birds in Nepal, and the necessity of advocating for their protection through sustainable practices and policy initiatives. A total of 51 participants from diverse backgrounds, including students, teachers, nature guides, media, and conservation organizations participated in the event. A total of 63 species were recorded by the participants.

### Celebration of BCN Day

On 24 April 2024, BCN celebrated its 42<sup>nd</sup> BCN Day with a vibrant Bird Watching and Clean-Up Campaign at Godawari-Phulchowki. Supported by Laxmi-Sunrise Bank Limited, the event aimed to raise awareness about environmental conservation, specifically focusing on bird habitats and ecosystems. Approximately 80 participants from various sectors, including academia, banking, tourism, media, and CFUG, joined the initiative. BCN emphasized the active participation of local communities, including Godawari Municipality Ward No. 3 residents and members of the Naudhara and Godawari Kunda CFUG. The campaign featured bird watching along the picturesque Godawari-Phulchowki trail while participants also engaged in a cleanliness drive, covering a 12 km route. The collected trash was managed by NEPCO Nepal, and Godawari Mineral Water generously provided water for all attendees. This celebration highlighted the importance of

community participation in fostering a love and respect for nature, making it a meaningful occasion beyond just birdwatching and clean-up activities.

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

International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD), observed annually on the first Saturday of September, marked its 15<sup>th</sup> celebration on 2 September 2023. Throughout the first week of September, comprehensive awareness activities were undertaken in 20 districts with 34 programs. BCN collaborates with local partners to conduct diverse awareness programs targeting various segments of our society. Notable events include the Lumbini Province Workshop on Vulture Conservation, securing a budget allocation commitment from the Finance Minister. A Teej program near a Vulture Safe Feeding Site featured artistic expressions conveying messages on vultures





and biodiversity. Panel discussions, school awareness programs, street dramas, art competitions, and media broadcasts contributed to raising awareness. National Vulture Counts were also conducted to establish baseline data on vulture populations nationwide through citizen science.

### **Conservation Takes the Stage: The Vital Role of Vultures in Our Ecosystem**

Nepal Mountaineering Association, in collaboration with Bird Conservation Nepal, staged a thought-provoking theatrical play on vulture conservation during the 8<sup>th</sup> Mountain Festival from 8-12 December 2023 in Pokhara. The play skillfully highlighted the crucial role of vultures in our ecosystem and the alarming decline in their population due to the misuse of harmful NSAIDs in livestock. The performance was done by Institute of Forestry students and local school students, which left a lasting impression on the audience, emphasizing the urgent need for conservation efforts to protect these vital scavengers. The event underscored how art can effectively raise awareness and inspire action for bird and biodiversity conservation.

### **Vulture Awareness Program in Ghachowk, Kaski**

Machhapuchre Rural Municipality in Ghachowk, Kaski, has taken the initiative to include vulture conservation lessons in the school curriculum. Schools in the area are now organizing visits to the Vulture Safe

Feeding Site in Ghachowk, Kaski. On 2 March 2024, students and teachers from Prithvi Narayan Secondary School in Dhampus, Kaski, visited the site.

During the visit, they learned about vultures, their importance in the ecosystem, the reasons for their decline, Bird Conservation Nepal's efforts in vulture conservation in Nepal, and everyone's roles in vulture conservation.

### **Bird Photo Exhibition in Ghodaghodi Bird Sanctuary**

BCN jointly organized Bird fair and Bird Photo Exhibition occasion of International Biodiversity Day in the Ghodaghodi bird sanctuary an important bird & biodiversity area (IBA) on 22 May 2024 with supported by Division forest office Pahalmanpur





kailali and collaborated with Ghodaghodi Municipality, and Local level Stakeholders Basanta Protection forest Council, Ghodaghodi Area conservation & Awareness Forum, Area forest office, Sukhad, Bird Conservation Network, Community Forest coordination Committee Pahalmanpur, Community Forest User Group. The program was celebrated under the theme **“Be Part of The Plan”**.

### Installation of 3D Model at International Mountain Museum Pokhara

BCN, in partnership with the Nepal Mountaineering Association and the International Mountain Museum, has unveiled an innovative 3D model in Pokhara on 27 September 2023. This model illustrates

the migration routes and habitats of various bird species along the Central Asian Flyway. Designed to enhance visitor engagement, the installation offers valuable insights into the diverse avian populations that traverse these routes, fostering a deeper understanding of their migration patterns and the critical wetland areas they rely on. Through this initiative, BCN aims to raise awareness about the significance of bird conservation and the interconnectedness of ecosystems in Nepal.

### Awareness Program to School Students

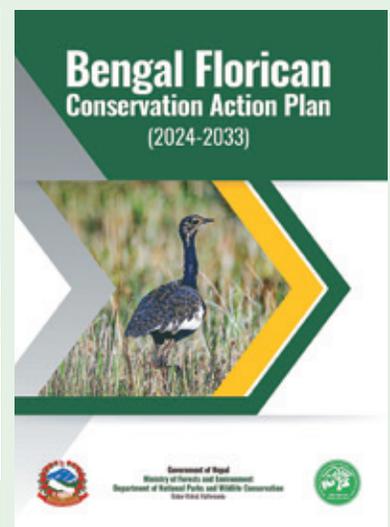
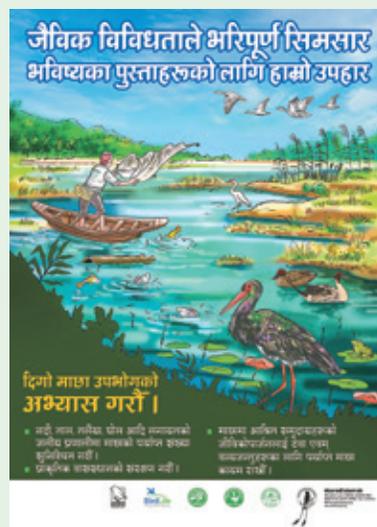
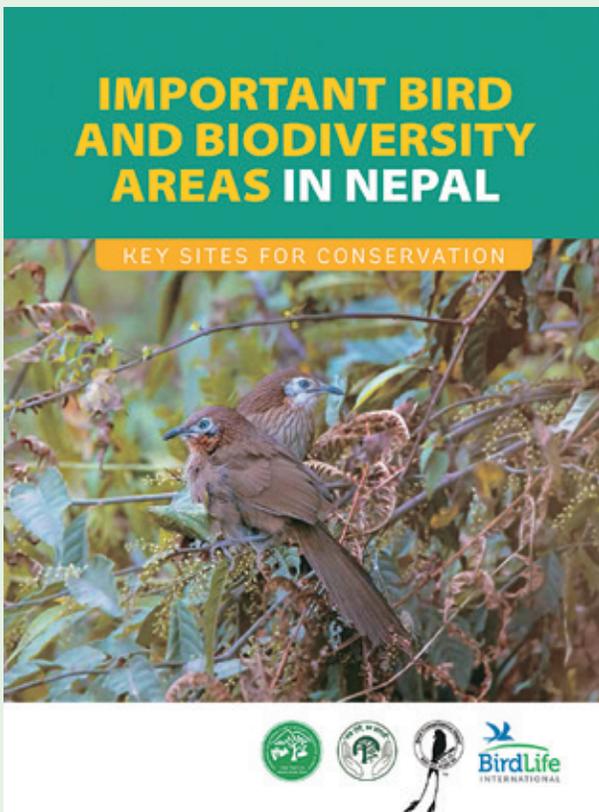
A program entitled “Awareness Program in Effects of Climate Change and Importance of Birds and Biodiversity” focusing on vulture conservation was conducted at three different schools in Rong



Rural Municipality of Illam from 21-23 June 2023 organized by Golden Valley Community Learning Center, Salakpur, Rong and technically supported by BCN. The main objective of the program was to aware the students about the present scenario of climate change and the effects we are likely to face in the near future about these changes linking with the haphazard human development that affects with the emerging threats to vulture, other birds and biodiversity. Kumar Moktan, chairperson of Golden Valley learning center, and Deelip Chand from BCN facilitated the program. During the program, the Chairperson of Rong Rural Municipality informed us on the planned bird sanctuary in the Municipality.

### Launch of “Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas in Nepal (IBAs): Key Sites for Conservation”

BCN, in collaboration with DNPWC and DOFSC, published the “Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas in Nepal: Key Sites for Conservation”, taking a momentous step forward in its commitment to conservation. The official unveiling of the book was done by Bed Kumar Dhakal, Deputy Director General of DNPWC on the auspicious occasion of 29<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week (14 April 2024) at Shivapuri- Nagarjun National Park. The IBA Book is a comprehensive resource that provides in-depth information about key sites for the conservation of Nepal’s birds and biodiversity through meticulous research and collaboration with leading experts.





White-browed Shrike Babbler by Santosh Bajajain

# Financial Update

## Annual Expenditure from July 17, 2023 to July 15, 2024

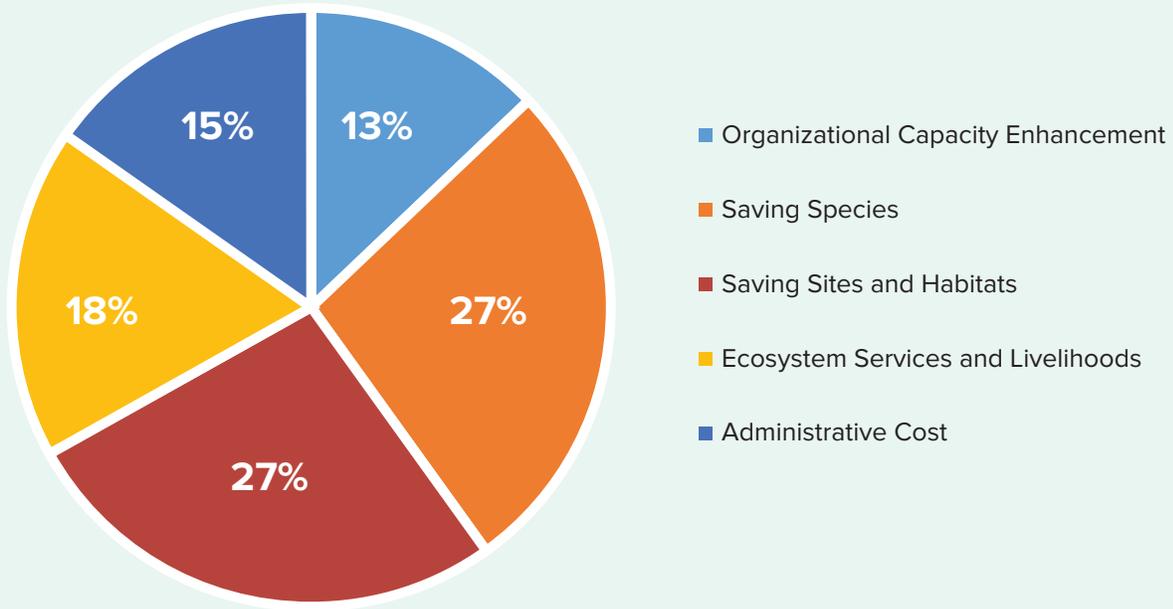
SN	Particulars	Expenditure till date	% Expenditure
1	Organisational Capacity Enhancement	8,583,548.00	13
2	Saving Species	18,091,068.00	27
3	Saving Sites and Habitats	17,841,149.40	27
4	Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods	11,894,099.60	18
5	Administrative Cost	10,147,480.00	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>66,557,345.00</b>	

## Income Vs Expenditure Trend for 2019-2020 /2023-2024

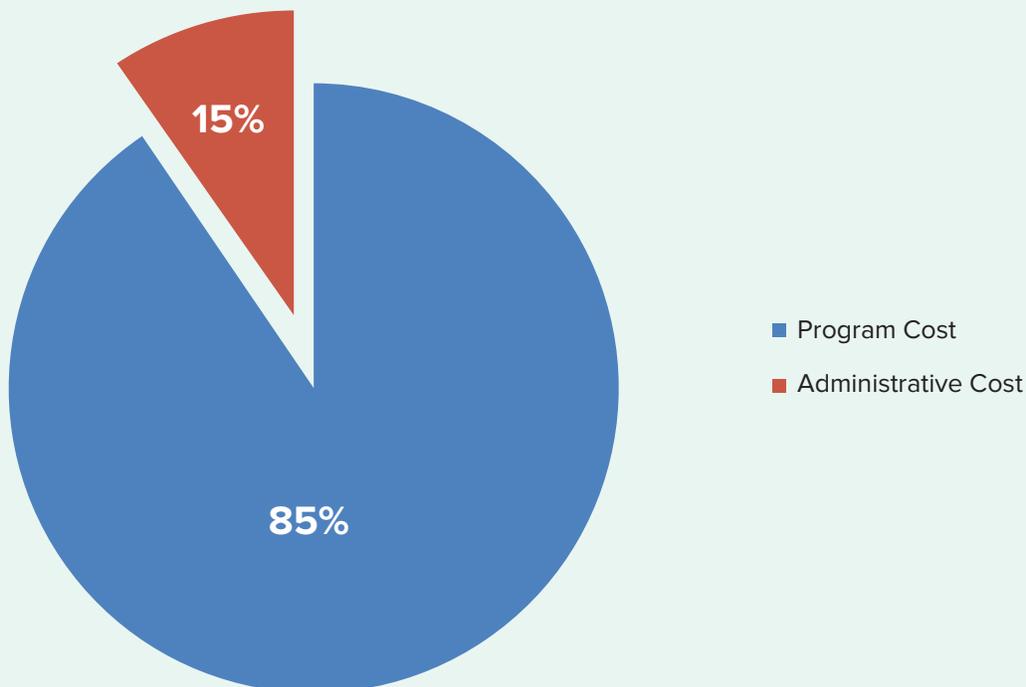
S.N.	Period	Income	Expenditure
1	2019/2020	43,333,539.00	33,569,851.00
2	2020/2021	42,213,046.00	46,562,848.00
3	2021/2022	54,499,921.00	50,683,488.00
4	2022/2023	63,195,182.00	58,183,280.00
5	2023/2024	71,136,704.00	66,557,345.00



### Annual Expenditure in Rs.



### Program Vs Administrative Cost

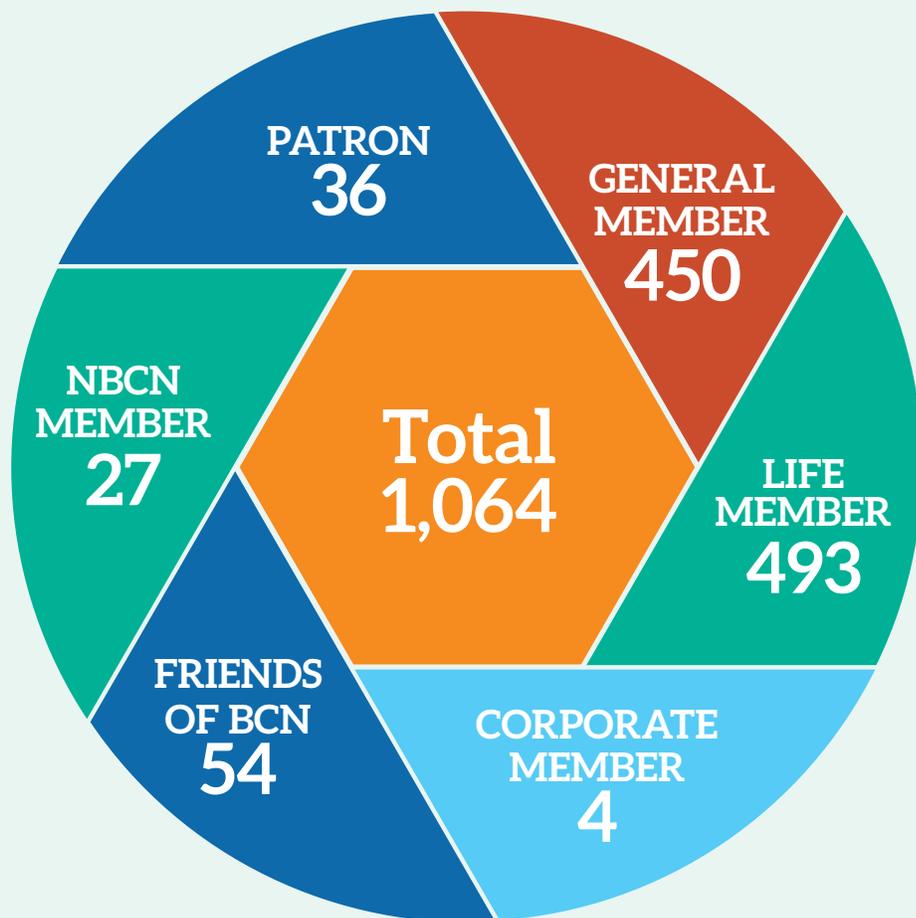


# Membership Update

Being a membership-based organization, BCN has continued along its path of growth. In this fiscal year 22 Life members, 7 FOBs (Friends of BCN), 8 NBCN and 350 General members joined BCN. Including all the categories, this year we have 1,064 members.

Every year new members from different diverse fields join BCN with their high interest in birds and

their conservation. Among them some of them are conservationists, students, tourism entrepreneurs, etc. BCN is a Partner of BirdLife International which makes BCN's member part of a global network of 119 countries working in partnership with BirdLife International, a scientific authority on birdlife worldwide. Figure below provides membership detail for the fiscal year 2023/24.



## ANNEX I:

# BCN Framework

## PATRONS

1.	Karna Shakya	Nepal
2.	Rajendra Lal Shrestha	Nepal
3.	Michie Kashiwabara	Japan
4.	Shyam Khatri	UK
5.	Sir John Chapple	UK
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10.	Tara P Lama	USA
11.	Krishna Karki	Germany
12.	Uttam Raj Kayastha	Nepal
13.	Sarbendra Pachhai	Nepal
14.	Deepak K Chettri	Nepal
15.	Dr. Joel T Heinen	USA
16.	Loknath Wosthi	Japan
17.	Rajendra Gurung	Nepal
18.	Shyam Krishna Prasai	Nepal
19.	Ganga Jung Thapa	Nepal
20.	Prof. David Simone	New Zealand
21.	Dr. Guy Castley	Australia
22.	Dr. Jean-Marc Hero	Australia
23.	Bikram Rai	Nepal
24.	Dr. Shant Raj Jnawali	Nepal
25.	Chungba Sherpa	Nepal
26.	Umang Jung Thapa	Nepal
27.	Basanta Raj Mishra	Nepal
28.	Bhogendra Rayamajhi	Nepal
29.	Jaya N.Bhandari	Nepal
30.	Dr. Rishi Shah	Nepal
31.	Utsab Jung Thapa	Nepal
32.	Pemba Sherpa	Nepal
33.	Jyotendra Jyu Thakuri	Nepal
34.	Babu Krishna Karki Brig Gen (Retd.)	Nepal
35.	Additya Shrestha	Nepal
36.	Sujan Kumar Shrestha	Nepal

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

President	Prof. Karan Bahadur Shah
Immediate Past President	Mr. Rajendra Gurung
Vice President	Mr. Vimal Thapa
General Secretary	Mr. Ashok B. Malla
Joint Secretary	Ms. Sarita Jnawali
Treasurer	Mr. Raj Kumar Rai
Members	Prof. Dr. Prem Bahadur Budha Mr. Ramesh Chaudhary Mr. Sudarson Karki Ms. Anita Gurung Mr. Deepak Shrestha Mr. Jaya Nath Bhandari

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6	Mr. Marcus Cotton
7	Mr. Arend Van Riessen
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9	Mr. Deepak Kumar Singh
10	Ms. Dibya Gurung
11	Dr. Ganesh Gurung
12	Mr. Yub Raj Basnet

## STAFFS

### Chief Executive Officer

Ishana Thapa

### Finance & Admin Head

Pratikcha Srivastava

### Vulture Conservation Program Manager

Ankit Bilash Joshi

### Senior Program Manager

Khadananda Paudel

### Senior Research Officer

Mohan Bikram Shrestha

### Research Officer

Santosh Bajagain

### Conservation Education Officer

Aarati Nepali

### Accountant

Muna Munikar

### Communication and Marketing Associate

Puja Gurung

### Program Associate

Sudha Shrestha

### Research Associate

Kiran Gosain

### Project Officer

Bharat Panthi

### Project Officer

Shambhu Bhattarai

### Project Officer

Deu Bahadur Rana

### Project Officer

Bhupal Nepali

### Project Officer

Deelip Chand Thakuri

### Field Officer

Ishwari Chaudhary

### Field Officer

Hirulal Dangaura

### Technical Assistant

Thanishwar Khanal

### Project Officer

Aavas Pradhan

### Assistant Field Officer

Sanjay Chaudhary

### Project Assistant

Nahakul Bhusal

### Support Staff

Deepa Bista

### Driver

Ram Krishna Maharjan

Yam Mahato

## LIFE MEMBERS

S.N	Name	Membership Number
1	Bharat Prasad Parajuli	1
2	Douglas James	2
3	Linda Griffith	3
4	Rajendra N. Suwal	4
5	Sunil Shakya	5
6	Takeshi Seki	6
7	Marcus A.C Cotton	7
8	Tim Inskipp	8
9	Carol Inskipp	9
10	Dr. Hem Sagar Baral	10
11	David Mills	11
12	John B. Halliday	12
13	Chris Murphy	13
14	Malcom/Siobhan Ausden	14
15	Subechhya Basnet	15
16	Prabigya Basnet	16
17	Margaret MacNaughton	17
18	Jennifer Jones	18
19	Peter Brendt	19
20	Mark/Janice Hollingworth	21
21	Tim/Irene Loseby	22
22	Badri Pudasaini	23
23	Noritaka Chida	24
24	Peter Hampton	25
25	Ben King	26
26	Nicholas B.Pett	27
27	Paul Holt	28
28	Esther Lev	29
29	Aasheesh Pittie	30
30	R. Perkins	31
31	S. Perkins	32
32	Roland Anges Charnwick	33
33	A.M. Bennett	34
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36	Lynda Cambum	37

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37	David Cottridge	38
38	Avril McLeod	39
39	Linda R. Macaulay	40
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41	Seb Buckton	42
42	Krys Kazmierczak	43
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46	Kalu Ram Tamang	47
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74	Ben Vickers	76

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139	Baikuntha Man Shrestha	143
140	David J Middleton	145
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142	Chandra Kmr. Golchha	147
143	Suresh Sapkota	148
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147	Dr. Ghana Shyam Gurung	152
148	Gautam Sapkota	153
149	Sushma Shrestha	154
150	Deependra Joshi	155

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151	Scott Mason	156
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153	Dr. Hira Mana Pradhan	158
154	Gyan Chand Dugar	159
155	Keshav Paudel	160
156	Ravi Shankar Pandit	161
157	Bhupal Nepali	162
158	Dr. Surya Paudel	163
159	Ishwori Prasad Chaudhary	164
160	Puja Gurung	165
161	Khadananda Paudel	166
162	Mana Krishna Shrestha	167
163	Suraj Kmr. Gurung	168
164	Mitra Pandey	169
165	Raju Tamang	171
166	Pratikchha Srivastava	172
167	Menuka Basnyat	173
168	Marianne Heredge	174
169	Ishana Thapa	175
170	Sunil Bantawa	176
171	Ang Phuri Sherpa	177
172	Dinesh Giri	178
173	Shree Ram Subedi	179
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176	Anand Chaudhary	182
177	Molly Kim Goek Manison	183
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179	Basanta Raj Kunwar	185
180	Dr. Sagar Paudel	186
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186	Mohan Chandra Biswakarma	193
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190	Bimal Chapagain	197
191	Siling W Ghale	198
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208	Deepak Raj Joshi	215
209	Dr. Bhushan Raj Shrestha	216
210	Dr. Sushila Chatterjee Nepali	217
211	Surya Prakash Tiwari	218
212	Kurban Man Suri	220
213	Abinash Nepali	221
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215	Babu Ram Yadav	223
216	Krishna Mani Baral	224
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218	Braj Kishor Yadav	227
219	Bed Khadka	228
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222	Ganga Bdr. Ghale	231
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224	Dr. Nava Ratna Pradhan	233
225	Krishna Bhusal	234
226	Dr. Ashok Ram	235

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229	Tek Bdr. Gharti Magar	238
230	Dr. Amir Sadaula	239
231	Hari Krishna Laudari	240
232	Romash Gautam	241
233	Manshanta Ghimire	242
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235	Dharam Raj Thapa	244
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241	Ramesh Chaudhary	252
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252	Raman Nepali	264
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254	Seejan Gyawali	266
255	Deepak Rajbanshi	267
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257	Ramjan Chaudhary	269
258	Ang Tenji Sherpa	270
259	Dhan Bdr. Basnet	271
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261	Jasmine Rajbhandary	273
262	Pradeep Khanal	274
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266	Kamal Hari Bhandari	278
267	Bharat Panthi	279
268	Sabin Lamichhane	280
269	Parbat Raj Thani	281
270	Dr. Bhuvan Keshar Sharma	282
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295	Prakash Lamsal	307
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297	Ankit Bilash Joshi	309
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447	Sandesh Thapa	460
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453	Anjan Sodari	466

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456	Rajesh Dhungana	469
457	Ritu Gurung KC	470
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459	Kamal Raj Gosai	472
460	Jeevan Rai	473
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462	Chakra Bdr. Singh	475
463	Khagendra Bdr. Bohara	476
464	Dhurba Raj Rokaya Magar	477
465	Saroj Chaudhary	478
466	Suraj Baral	479
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## ANNEX II:

# Financial Information



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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 2081 (15<sup>th</sup> July 2024) which comprise the Balance Sheet as on 31<sup>st</sup> Ashadh 2081, Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Cash Flow for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> Ashadh 2081 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 2081 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

UDIN: 241006CA00865hqrBA

Date: October 06, 2024  
Place: Kathmandu, Nepal

**Bird Conservation Nepal**

Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Statement of financial position**

As on Ashadh 31, 2081 (July 15, 2024)

Figures in Rs

Particulars	Schedule	Ashadh 31, 2081	Ashadh 31, 2080
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non Current Asset</b>		<b>8,731,440</b>	<b>10,120,704</b>
Property, Plant and Equipment	1	8,731,440	10,120,704
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>100,154,322</b>	<b>82,404,195</b>
Advance, Prepaid & Receivable	2	1,945,805	1,008,573
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	98,208,517	81,395,622
<b>Total</b>		<b>108,885,762</b>	<b>92,524,899</b>
<b>Fund and Liabilities</b>			
<b>Fund Balances</b>		<b>105,374,971</b>	<b>90,221,598</b>
BCN Core Fund	4	42,807,313	37,550,329
Restricted Fund Balance	5	22,342,868	11,392,085
Unrestricted Fund Balance	6	31,603,814	31,603,814
LCG Fund		1,500,000	1,500,000
Capital Fund	7	7,120,975	8,175,369
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>3,510,791</b>	<b>2,303,301</b>
Accounts Payables	8	3,510,791	2,303,301
<b>Total</b>		<b>108,885,762</b>	<b>92,524,899</b>

Significant accounting policies &  
explanatory notes

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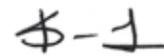

Prof. Karan Bahadur Shah  
President




Raj Kumar Rai  
Treasurer



Ishana Thapa  
Chief Executive Officer



Pratikhha Srivastava  
Finance./Admin Head

Place: Kathmandu.  
Date: Ashwin 18, 2081

**Bird Conservation Nepal**

Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Statement of Income and Expenditure**

For the period Shrawan 1, 2080 to Ashadh 31, 2081 (July 17, 2023 to July 15, 2024)

Figures in Rs

Particulars	Schedule	FY: 2080/81	FY: 2079/80
<b>Income</b>			
Incoming Resources	9	58,828,208	49,330,631
Financial Income	11	6,317,346	6,686,990
Overhead & Support Income	10	5,991,151	7,177,562
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>71,136,704</b>	<b>63,195,182</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Grant Program Expenditure	12	47,826,317	43,905,248
BCN Core Expenditure	13	1,705,471	1,760,532
BCN Personnel Expenditure	14	6,878,077	4,916,454
BCN Office Operation Expenditure	15	7,937,726	5,061,981
Depreciation	1	2,209,754	2,539,065
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>66,557,345</b>	<b>58,183,280</b>
<b>Excess /(deficit) of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>4,579,359</b>	<b>5,011,902</b>

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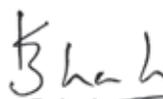


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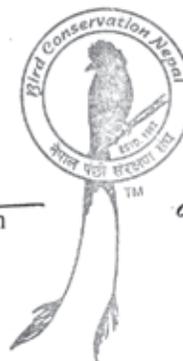
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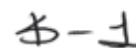
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**Statement of Cash flow**

For the period Shrawan 1, 2080 to Ashadh 31, 2081 (July 17, 2023 to July 15, 2024)

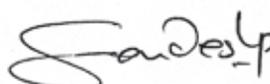
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Particulars	FY: 2080/81	FY: 2079/80
<b>A. Cashflow from Operational Activities</b>	<b>4,914,229</b>	<b>5,421,652</b>
Excess /(deficit) during the period	4,579,359	5,011,902
Adjustments:		
Depreciation	2,209,754	2,539,065
Non Cash Item- Capital Grant	(1,874,884)	(2,129,315)
<b>Cashflow before change in changeable fund</b>	<b>270,258</b>	<b>227,987</b>
(Increase)/decrease in current assets	(937,232)	(345,808)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities	1,207,490	573,795
<b>Net Cashflow from Operational Activities</b>	<b>5,184,487</b>	<b>5,649,639</b>
<b>B. Cashflow from Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of PPE-Core Fund	-	(85,000)
<b>Net Cashflow from Investing Activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(85,000)</b>
<b>C. Cashflow from Financing Activities</b>		
Increase or (decrease) in Restricted Fund	10,950,783	(19,264,498)
Increase or (decrease) in Unrestricted Fund	-	22,546,558
Increase or (decrease) in BCN Core Fund	677,625	
<b>Net Cashflow from Financing Activities</b>	<b>11,628,407</b>	<b>3,282,060</b>
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in net cash flow (A+B+C)</b>	<b>16,812,895</b>	<b>8,846,699</b>
<b>Opening Balance of Cash and Bank Balance</b>	<b>81,395,622</b>	<b>72,548,922</b>
<b>Closing Balance of Cash and Bank Balance</b>	<b>98,208,516</b>	<b>81,395,622</b>

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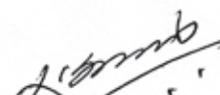

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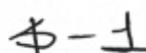
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