



Bird Conservation Nepal
Annual Report
2024/25





Red-breasted Parakeet by Umang Jung Thapa

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Abbreviations & Acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AGM	Annual General Meeting
BCN	Bird Conservation Nepal
BZUC	Buffer Zone User Committee
CF	Community Forest
CFUG	Community Forests User Group
DFO	Division Forest Office
DOFSC	Department of Forest and Soil Conservation
DNPWC	Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation
IBAs	Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas
ICF	International Crane Foundation
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
KTWR	Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve
LCGs	Local Conservation Groups
NBCN	Nepal Bird Conservation Network
NTNC	National Trust for Nature Conservation
PPN	People Partner with Nature
SNP	Shuklaphanta National Park
WWF	World Wildlife Fund for Nature
ZSL	Zoological Society of London



White-tailed Robin by Sugam Tamrakar

Foreword

This year we concentrated our effort on developing our ten-year strategy to guide our conservation and development agendas. With the new strategy, we aim to broaden our horizon to create safe havens for birds across Nepal.

Our advocacy work on Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), High Seas Treaty (HST) and banning of new vulture toxic Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) is gaining momentum with the Nepal government taking positive steps ahead.

The partnership with International Crane Foundation and Asian Development Bank has been highly beneficial in strengthening our work on Central Asian Flyway and safeguarding avifauna which we are already progressing in close partnership with BirdLife partners across Asia.

The Darwin initiative funding secured for establishing the second Vulture Safe Zone (VSZ) around Suklaphanta National Park area in far western Nepal is yet another milestone to fulfil our commitment to Saving Asia's Vultures from Extinction (SAVE) blueprint and Nepal government's Vulture Conservation Action Plan.

Our People Partner with Nature program at Gulmi and Sustainable management of wetlands and grasslands: enhancing biodiversity and livelihoods at Koshi Tappu enabled us to benefit around 5000 households through various livelihood activity support.

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.

Birds connect us and remind us of our shared responsibility towards nature so let's remain committed to protecting these magnificent creatures on earth.



Vimal Thapa
President



Ishana Thapa
CEO



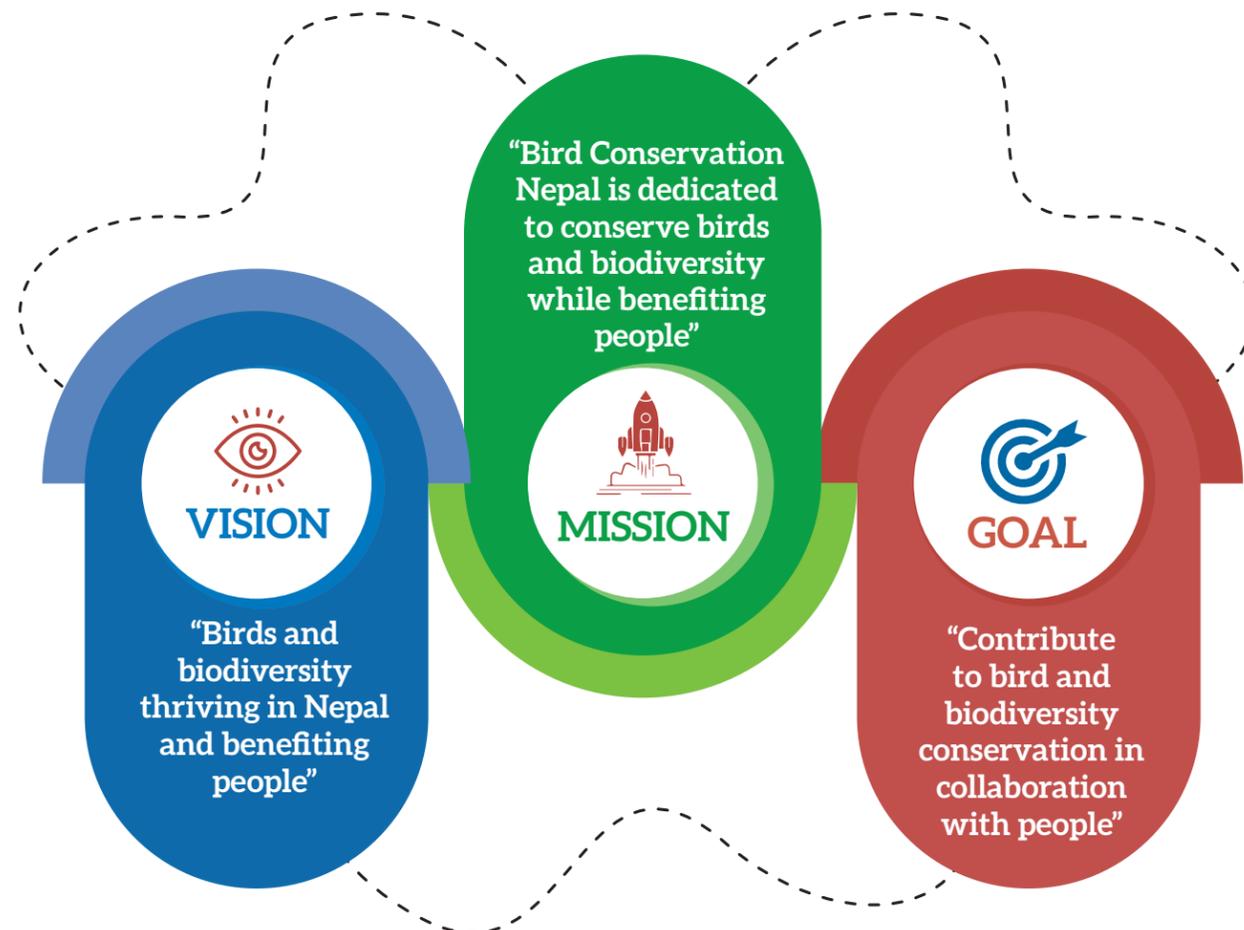
Green-tailed Sunbird by Sangyam Rumba

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 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.



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.



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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 associated 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

The development of our new ten-year strategy outlines how we will contribute to conservation of birds, biodiversity and the wider environment through our shared commitment with our local conservation groups and our members. Our collaboration with ADB has enhanced our knowledge on safeguarding the threatened avifauna from energy power lines. The project partnership with RSPB, BirdLife International and Renewable World has been invaluable in strengthening our capacity on holistic approach of conservation and livelihood for better outcomes.

2 Saving Species

BCN made significant progress in species conservation through coordinated action, scientific monitoring, and strengthened community involvement across Nepal. Vulture conservation advanced with strong provincial government commitments, successful nesting outcomes, and the refinement of long-term management plans in key community forests. Extensive bird surveys across wetlands, grasslands, and river systems revealed important trends in waterbird populations, migration patterns, and breeding activity, including a landmark confirmation of Black-necked Crane breeding in Humla. Research on priority species such as Finn's Weaver, Vulture and Bengal Florican provided valuable updates to support evidence-based conservation planning. Efforts to combat illegal wild bird trade were reinforced through a nationwide awareness program and training for forest officers and youth. Collectively, these initiatives strengthened cross-sector collaboration and enhanced the protection of Nepal's most vulnerable bird species and their habitats.

3 Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods

BCN promoted ecosystem-based livelihoods by supporting sustainable agriculture, eco-friendly enterprises, and reduced pressure on natural resources across key landscapes. Through capacity-building trainings, exposure visits, and enterprise development programs, the initiative directly benefited over 300 individuals, including farmers, women, and community members engaged in alternative livelihood skills. In addition, more than 350 households improved their wellbeing and reduced reliance on forest resources through improved cooking stoves and community fishpond support. Together, these efforts enhanced income opportunities, empowered local communities, especially women, and reinforced the vital link between sustainable livelihoods and long-term ecosystem conservation.

4 Saving Sites and Habitat

BCN strengthened habitat conservation through major restoration efforts in the Koshi Tappu area, empowering women's groups and revitalizing wetlands and grasslands that are already supporting recovering wildlife. Surveys in Resunga, Madane, and Argha highlighted the ecological significance of these forest and grassland landscapes, including additional bird records and important findings for the threatened Cheer Pheasant. Community engagement remained central, with local groups actively participating in restoration, stewardship, and biodiversity awareness programs. These efforts collectively enhanced habitat quality, supported local livelihoods, and promoted sustainable management across priority sites.



Black-headed Gull by Ankit Bilash Joshi



ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT



Darwin Initiative project funding

A new project “Vultures, Cows and People: strengthening an ancient relationship” has been funded by the UK government’s Darwin Initiative. The project will be implemented in partnership with Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and Renewable World (RW).

Project Funding Agreement with BirdLife International

BirdLife International Tokyo has supported BCN to implement a comprehensive program of work which will aim to prevent Critically Endangered Bengal Florican from Edge of Extinction. Likewise, BirdLife International has also supported for a project “Emergency site casework: Engaging local government and communities to conserve migratory birds in Dang-Deukhuri Foothill Forests and West Rapti Wetlands IBA, Nepal”.

Grant Agreement with Asian Development Bank

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided support to conduct scientific research on vulture sensitivity to electricity power lines which will help in installing safety measures.

42nd Annual General Meeting

Bird Conservation Nepal celebrated its 42nd AGM successfully on 28 December 2024 at Amrapali Banquet, Naxal, Kathmandu. The event was chaired by Mr. Vimal Kumar Thapa, Vice-president of BCN and Mr. Bed Kumar Dhakal, Deputy Director General of Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation was the chief guest. The discussion session of the AGM commenced with a presentation on BCN’s annual progress report by Mr. Ashok Bahadur Malla, General Secretary of BCN. This was followed by the annual financial report, presented by Mr. Raj Kumar Rai, Treasurer.

During the 42nd AGM, a new Executive Council was elected to serve a three-year term. Senior Advocate Mr. Hum Raj Nepal, appointed as the election officer, formally announced the names of the elected Executive Council members. This meeting marked a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to promote and enhance bird conservation initiatives across Nepal.

Executive Council Members

President	Mr. Vimal Kumar Thapa
Immediate Past President	Prof. Karan Bahadur Shah
Vice-president	Ms. Sarita Jnawali
General Secretary	Mr. Ashok Bahadur Malla
Joint Secretary	Prof. Dr. Prem Bahadur Budha
Treasurer	Mr. Sudarson Karki
Member	Mr. Jaya Nath Bhandari
Member	Mr. Deepak Shrestha
Member	Er. Mahesh Prasad Pandey
Member	Ms. Ganga Devi Gurung
Member	Mr. Prem Thapa
Member	Mr. Dikpal Krishna Karmacharya



Grant and Recognition

NBCN Grant

Purpose:	Support community-based conservation initiatives
Amount:	NRs. 1,00,000 each
Recipients:	1. Golden Valley Community Learning Center, Ilam 2. Jatayu Restaurant Lalmitiya, Kalika CFUG, Dang.



Jatayu Research Scholarship

Purpose:	Encourage young researchers in Vulture Conservation
Amount:	NRs. 35,000 each
Recipients:	1. Ms. Surakchhya Pokharel 2. Mr. Sarbesh Singh Mahara, to support their research on vultures



New Bird Species Record 2024

Purpose:	Acknowledge individuals contributing to ornithological records
Species	Recorded by
Firethroat	Suchit Basnet and Badri Chaudhary
Lesser Grey Shrike	Dev Raj Joshi
Spotted Flycatcher	Sanjay Tha Shrestha and Shankar Tiwari
White-cheeked Starling	Shankar Tiwari
Naumann’s Thrush	Shankar Tiwari



Strategic Planning Workshop in Lumbini

BCN successfully organized a three-day Strategic Planning Workshop on 29-31 January 2025 at Lumbini Buddha Garden Resort, Lumbini. The workshop was facilitated by conservation scientist Dr. Kamal Thapa and was attended by BCN staffs and members of the Executive Council. The primary objective of the workshop was to review BCN’s current strategies and develop a comprehensive five-year strategic plan. Participants engaged in group discussions focusing on key thematic areas: species, sites, systems, society, financial sustainability, and partnerships.

Each group contributed to setting a revised vision and mission, defining strategic objectives, and formulating actionable plans. Critical discussions were also held on institutional challenges, opportunities, stakeholder engagement, innovation, and long-term sustainability, aligning BCN’s goals with national and global conservation priorities. The workshop provided a solid foundation for BCN’s strategic direction, strengthening internal alignment and reaffirming its commitment to bird and biodiversity conservation across Nepal.



8th National Workshop of Nepal Bird Conservation Network (NBCN)

Bird Conservation Nepal, in collaboration with the Jatayu Restaurant Management Committee, Pithauli, Nawalparasi East, organized a three-day national-level workshop for members of the Nepal Bird Conservation Network (NBCN). The event took place from 29 -31 December 2024 at Nana Jungle Resort, Amaltari, Nawalparasi East. A total of 33 Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) representing 21 Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs) from across the country participated in the workshop. The primary goal of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of these field-based groups in bird and biodiversity conservation and monitoring. Participants also shared feedback, discussed current challenges, and exchanged new perspectives to help shape the annual conservation plan.

The workshop was chaired by Dhan Bahadur Chaudhary, President of the Jatayu Restaurant Management Committee, and inaugurated by Chief Guest Babu Ram Bishwokarma, Chairman of the District Coordination Committee, Nawalparasi East. The program featured presentations by BCN staffs and LCG representatives, along with group discussions. The workshop concluded successfully with renewed commitment from all participants to enhance grassroots-level conservation efforts. It fostered stronger collaboration among LCGs and laid the groundwork for more effective bird and biodiversity monitoring across Nepal.



Capacity Enhancement

- Ms. Ishana Thapa attended Regional Capacity Building Workshop on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction at Chennai, India from 26-29 August 2024.
- Ms. Ishana Thapa attended IUCN Regional Conservation Forum at Bangkok, Thailand from 2-6 September 2024.
- Mr. Ankit Bilash Joshi attended National Vulture Symposium at Gujarat, India on 29 September 2024.
- Prof. Karan Bahadur Shah, Ms. Ishana Thapa and Mr. Khadananda Paudel attended 21st Birdlife International Asia Regional Partnership Meeting at Bogor, Indonesia from 7-9 October 2024.
- Ms. Ishana Thapa participated in Regional Symposium on High Altitude Wetlands and Launching of Gangtey-Phobji Ramsar Site Management Plan at Bhutan from 10-12 November 2024.
- Mr. Ankit Bilash Joshi attended 2nd Asian Ornithological Conference at Beijing, China from 14-18 November 2024.
- Ms. Ishana Thapa and Mr. Ankit Bilash Joshi attended SAVE Annual General Meeting at Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 17-21 February 2025.
- Mr. Kiran Gosai, Mr. Hirulal Dangaura, Mr. Dilip Chand and Mr. Ishwari Prasad Chaudhary attended seminar on Wetland and Migratory Bird Conservation and Management for Belt and Road Countries at China from 22 May- 7 June, 2025.
- Ms. Ishana Thapa attended BirdLife International Council Meeting at Singapore from 18-20 June 2025.
- Ms. Aarati Nepali attended 36th Fraser's Hill International Bird Race and Biodiversity Camp at Fraser's Hill, Malaysia from 21-25 June 2025.

Staff Appointment

- Suban Chaudhary has joined BCN team as the Project Assistant on 15 January 2025
- Amrit Nepali has joined BCN team as the Project Officer-Vulture Conservation Nepal Programme on 22 January 2025
- Sadiksha Basnet has joined BCN team as the Senior Program Development and Communication Officer on 2 February 2025
- Pooja Lama has joined BCN team as Program Associate on 16 March 2025
- Nabaraj Pokharel has joined BCN team as Project Officer on 1 June 2025
- Basanta Prasad Lamsal has joined BCN team as Project Assistant on 1 June 2025

Staff Departure

- Mohan Bikram Shrestha, Senior Research Officer, left BCN on 30 September 2024
- Sudha Shrestha, Program Associate, left BCN on 28 February 2025
- Nahakul Bhusal, Project Assistant, left BCN on 31 March 2025
- Aavas Pradhan, Project Officer, left BCN on 31 March 2025
- Bharat Panthi, Project Assistant, left BCN on 30 April 2025
- Santosh Bajagain, Research Officer, left BCN on 30 June 2025
- Deu Bahadur Rana, Project Officer, left BCN on 30 June 2025

SAVING SPECIES



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Finn's Weaver Survey

A survey on Finn's Weaver (*Ploceus megarhynchus*) was conducted in Suklaphanta National Park on 11-14 July 2024, recording a total of 213 individuals. Most were observed in pairs, with occasional flocks of up to 40 individuals. The species was found nesting colonially, with as many as 50 nests on a single tree, primarily on simal, sissou, rajbriksha, karha, and hukka kath trees, as well as on tall grasses such as nalinga, sisu, kansh, kush lerghut, and munj. Of the 25 locations surveyed, Finn's Weaver was recorded in 10 sites within the park's core zone, indicating key breeding habitats and providing important insights into the species' population status and nesting preferences within SNP.



Combating Wild Bird Trade: Awareness and Action Workshop at Sudurpaschim Province

BCN organized the "Wild Bird Trade Control and Sensitization Program" in Sudurpaschim Province on 25 August 2024, marking the final workshop in a series of seven conducted across Nepal's provinces in collaboration with the Department of Forest and Soil Conservation (DOFSC) and facilitated by Sudurpaschim Province, with support from LUSH – Fresh Handmade Cosmetics. The event was chaired by Pramod Bhattarai, Secretary of the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forest, and Environment for Sudurpaschim Province. During the program, Hem Raj Bist, Director of the Province Forest Directorate, stressed the importance of controlling wild bird trade, while Shiva Kumar Wagle, Director General of the DOFSC, shared key insights on wildlife trade control. Forest officers from various districts received guidance on existing laws and regulations related to wild bird trade, facilitated by DOFSC officers Surendra Adhikari and Sabanam Pathak. Research Officer Santosh Bajagain presented the current status of wild bird trade in Sudurpaschim and across Nepal, and Senior Research Officer Mohan Bikram Shrestha provided information on CITES-listed bird species from BCN. The program successfully strengthened collaboration among government agencies and conservation organizations reinforcing collective commitment toward the effective control of wild bird trade.



Little Cormorant Nest Monitoring

A nest monitoring activity of Little Cormorant (*Microcarbo niger*) was carried out in Rajapur Municipality-4, Shantipur, Bardia. The survey, conducted from 20 June to 2 August 2024, covered a 3-hectare area within the Durga Community Forest. During the study, a total of 160 birds and 64 nests were recorded, contributing valuable data for the conservation and understanding of local waterbird populations.

Monitoring Demoiselle Crane Migration

Autumn migration monitoring of the Demoiselle Crane (*Grus virgo*) was carried out across Kailali, Kanchanpur, and Bardia districts on 27 September-16 October 2024. The first flock was observed on 27 September and the last on 16 October. Over the 20 days of observation, a total of 9,086 individuals were recorded. The highest migration activity was noted on 11 October with 1,450 cranes, followed by 3 and 10 October with 970 and 700 individuals, respectively. The lowest count was recorded on 16 October with only four cranes observed. Compared to last year's total of 19,817 individuals, a noticeable decline in the number of migrating cranes was recorded this season.

Karnali Provincial Government's Commitment to Vulture Conservation

An interaction and coordination meeting on vulture conservation was held on 14 November 2024 in Birendranagar, Surkhet, organized by BCN in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry, Tourism,



Forests and Environment, Karnali Province. The meeting brought together key provincial ministries and stakeholders to discuss conservation efforts for vultures. For the first time, the Karnali Provincial Government announced plans to allocate NPR 2 million in Fiscal Year 2081/82 for vulture conservation initiatives, including habitat protection, safe feeding sites, community awareness, and research mentioned by Ministry's Secretary Dirgha Narayan Koirala. Minister Suresh Adhikari committed to integrating vulture conservation into school curricula and directing all 10 DFOs to begin localized conservation efforts from next year. This marks a significant policy step towards protecting vultures and strengthening biodiversity conservation in the province.

Review Meetings on Vulture Conservation Management Plan

BCN in collaboration with DFOs of Dang, Kapilvastu, and Palpa successfully organized a series of review meetings for the draft Vulture Conservation Management Plan. These meetings were held on 22, 29, November and 2 December, 2024 in the districts of Dang, Kapilvastu, and Palpa respectively. The events were conducted with the active participation of CFUGs: Ucha Nimbu CFUG (Dang), Rajapani CFUG (Kapilvastu), and Khaireni CFUG (Palpa), where vulture nesting and roosting sites are located. The main objective of the program was to review and finalize the draft five-year conservation and management plans prepared for these community forests, ensuring their long-term and effective implementation. During the meetings, detailed discussions were held on various aspects of the vulture conservation program, including planned activities, implementation timelines, budget estimates, resource mobilization, operational methods, and strategies for coordination and collaboration with relevant stakeholders. Senior Forest Officer Sandeep Basukala from the DFO, Kapilvastu, and Ranger Ganesh Nepali from Lamahi-Deukhuri, Dang, expressed their commitment to support the implementation of the vulture conservation plans and ensure the success of the initiative through active cooperation from the forest offices.

Province-level workshops on vulture conservation held in Koshi and Sudurpaschim Province

Bird Conservation Nepal, in coordination with provincial authorities, organized province-level workshops on vulture conservation in Koshi and Sudurpaschim provinces in February 2025.

The Koshi Province workshop was held on 17 February 2025 at the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forest and Environment, Biratnagar, chaired by Provincial Forest Director Mr. Indra Prasad Sapkota, with Hon'ble Minister Shree Laxman Kishor Chaudhary as chief guest.

Similarly, the Sudurpaschim Province workshop took place on 25 February 2025, chaired by Mr. Hemraj Bista, General Director of the Provincial Forest Directorate, also with Hon'ble Minister Shree Laxman Kishor Chaudhary as chief guest.

Both workshops were attended by around 82 participants each, representing provincial ministries, forest departments, conservation organizations, local communities, and media. Bird Conservation Nepal presented the current status, threats, and challenges facing vultures in Nepal, while provincial forest officials shared ongoing conservation initiatives. The programs concluded with interactive discussions highlighting the importance of multi-stakeholder collaboration, inter-agency coordination, and community engagement for effective vulture conservation.

Strengthening Vulture Conservation in Gandaki

BCN organized a crucial coordination meeting on 23 March 2025 for vulture conservation at Pauwa Hotel, Pokhara. The event brought together 35 representatives from various ministries, government bodies, and local organizations to address the ongoing threats to vultures, including habitat loss and poisoning. Mr. Jibnath Paudel, Secretary of the Ministry of Forest and Environment, chaired the meeting and emphasized the importance of evidence-based solutions for sustainable vulture

conservation. Presentations were made on the current vulture population status and conservation efforts, with a focus on securing funding for initiatives like the Ghachok Vulture Restaurant.

Following the meeting, a Vulture Conservation Interaction Program was held in Machhapuchre Rural Municipality on 25 March 2025, chaired by Mr. Rabi Lal Pokharel, Founder Chairman of Vulture Restaurant, engaging local school principals and community leaders. The program highlighted the need to integrate vulture conservation into the school syllabus and encourage more student involvement in local conservation efforts. Both events emphasize the importance of continued collaboration and education to ensure the conservation of vultures in Gandaki Province.



Vulture Nest Monitoring

A total of 804 nests belonging to six vulture species were recorded, indicating a positive trend in vulture conservation. The species included White-rumped Vulture-748 nests, Himalayan Griffon-29, Bearded Vulture-3, Slender-billed Vulture-12, Red-headed Vulture-2, and Egyptian Vulture-11. 748 White-rumped Vulture (WRV) nest were recorded, out of which only 551 of them were found to be successful making 73.66 % breeding success. These results reflect encouraging progress in vulture breeding success and emphasize the need for continued conservation and monitoring efforts.

Annual vulture Road Transect Survey

The annual vulture road transect survey was conducted from 6–18 May 2025 along predetermined transects. A total of 787 individual vultures

representing six species were recorded. White-rumped Vulture was the most frequently observed species with 363 individuals, followed by Himalayan Griffon with 273 individuals. Other species recorded included Egyptian Vulture (92), Red-headed Vulture (44), Slender-billed Vulture (9), and Bearded Vulture (6). The results show that White-rumped Vulture and Himalayan Griffon were commonly observed along the survey route, while the lower numbers of other vulture species indicate the need for continued monitoring and focused conservation attention.

Annual Bengal Florican Survey

BCN, in collaboration with national and local conservation partners, successfully conducted the annual survey of the Critically Endangered Bengal Florican (*Houbaropsis bengalensis*) in KTWR and SNP during March and April 2025. The survey was carried out in coordination with KTWR, SNP, Nepal Army, NTNC, Koshi Bird Society, Biodiversity Conservation Center, Shuklaphanta Nature Guide Association, and Kanchanpur Bird Conservation Group Nepal. Prior to the fieldwork, an orientation session was organized for to train participants on survey methodologies and to update the latest information on the species' status. A total of nine individuals (five males and four females) were recorded during this phase.

The survey recorded nine individuals (five males and four females) in KTWR and four individuals (three males and one female) in SNP. This annual survey plays a crucial role in monitoring the population and distribution

of the Bengal Florican in Nepal, and for guiding conservation efforts for one of the country's most threatened bird species.

Cotton Pygmy Goose and Little Pratincole Counts in Kailali

BCN carried out survey on Cotton Pygmy Goose and Little Pratincole in coordination with the Division Forest Office, Pahalmanpur, with the aim of updating the population status and monitoring trends of this indicator species of the Ghodaghodi wetland. During the summer count held over three days (8-10 July 2025), a total of 164 Cotton Pygmy Goose were recorded. The winter survey was conducted over two days, on 10-12 January, 2025, during which 353 Cotton Pygmy Goose were recorded. Additionally, a summer count of the Little Pratincole along the Mohana River was conducted from 15-20 September 2024, where a remarkable 6,200 birds were recorded.



population, breeding status, and habitat preference. A field survey conducted on 5-24 July 2025 confirmed the presence of a breeding pair with a juvenile, observed foraging in a river valley. This significant finding confirms breeding activity in the region and underscores the importance of continued monitoring to inform conservation efforts for the species and its fragile habitat.

Annual Water Bird Census in Sudurpashchim Province

BCN successfully conducted the Annual Waterbird Census 2025 across Kailali, Kanchanpur, Bardia, and Dadeldhura districts of Sudurpashchim Province on 4-22 January 2025. The census was carried out in collaboration with SNP, Bardiya National Park, NTNC, BNCC, Kanchanpur Bird Conservation Group, Community Forest Coordination Committee, Community Based Anti-poaching Unit and other conservation organisation. A total of 10 wetlands were surveyed in Kanchanpur and 18 in Kailali. Altogether, 22,111 birds were recorded in Kanchanpur, 2,522 in Kailali, and 6,006 in Bardia, providing crucial data for wetland and waterbird conservation efforts in the region.



Black-necked Crane Survey in Limi Valley IBA, Humla

The Black-necked Crane (*Grus nigricollis*), a rare and Nearly Threatened species, is considered vagrant and data deficient in Nepal. While sightings of a pair during the breeding season have been regularly reported from the Limi Valley IBA in Humla District, no dedicated studies had been undertaken until now. To address this gap, BCN initiated a project funded by International Crane Foundation in collaboration with Namkha Rural Municipality to assess the species'



Solitary snipe by Sangyam Rumba

SAVING SITES AND HABITAT



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Restored
50 hectares
of wetlands



Restored
72.62 hectares
of grassland

Empowering Women and Restoring Wetlands: Handicraft Display Center Handed Over to Koshi Tappu Cooperative

With the initiation of the KTWR and the support from the BCN, display centre for handicrafts made from wetlands and alien invasive species was officially handed over to the women-led Koshi Tappu Multipurpose Cooperative on 27 September 2024. This effort is part of the “Sustainable Management of Wetlands and Grasslands: Enhancing Biodiversity and Livelihoods” project, supported by the Darwin Initiative.

The project aims to promote women’s entrepreneurship, enhance livelihoods, and restore degraded wetlands within the buffer zone area. The handover ceremony was honoured by the presence of Hon. Gyanendra Bahadur Karki, former Minister of the Government of Nepal and Member of the House of Representatives, along with Israil Mansuri, Member of the Provincial Assembly, Aiyub Ansari, President of Koshi Rural Municipality, and Senior Conservation Officer Ramesh Kumar Yadav, among other distinguished guests.

Wetland Restoration at KTWR Buffer Zone

BCN, under the Darwin Initiative project “Sustainable management of wetlands and grasslands: enhancing biodiversity and livelihoods,” successfully restored nearly 50 hectares of natural wetland at Gohiya Dah, located in the Pipra Purwa Dharampur Ghoghanpur Buffer Zone area of KTWR, Saptari on January 2025. This effort was part of a broader goal to protect wetland ecosystems, support populations of wetland-dependent bird species, and improve community livelihoods. A dedicated wetland restoration committee was formed under the local Buffer Zone User Committee, and 20 local community members worked for 28 days using hand tools to manually remove invasive species, primarily water hyacinth. This collaborative effort not only restored critical wetland habitat but also strengthened local engagement in long-term conservation.



Restoration of Shripur Haripur Community Grassland Enhances Habitat and Livelihoods

BCN, under the Darwin Initiative supported project “Sustainable Management of Wetlands and Grasslands: Enhancing Biodiversity and Livelihoods,” carried out a major grassland restoration initiative in the Shripur Haripur Community Grassland area, located along the southern boundary of the core



zone of Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve in Sunsari from January to March 2025. A total of 72.62 hectares were sustainably managed through this initiative, including 7.75 hectares fenced for full protection. The restored area has already started to show signs of ecological recovery, with the return of key grassland bird species such as the Swamp Prinia and Bengal Florican, along with improved habitats for small mammals and reptiles. This community-led restoration has proven effective not only in improving habitat quality but also in balancing conservation with local resource use, setting a strong foundation for future biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in the buffer zone.

Bird Survey in Resunga and Madane Forest Conservation Area/IBA

BCN conducted an extensive bird survey in the Madane and Resunga Forest Conservation Areas as part of the People Partner with Nature program (PPN) from 20-29 March 2025. During the ten-day survey period, a total of 113 bird species were recorded in Madane, and 129 species in Resunga. Among these, 2 bird species in Madane and 2 in Resunga were documented as new records for the respective areas. With this addition, the total number of bird species recorded has reached 288 in Madane and 265 in Resunga.

Cheer Pheasant Survey Highlights Conservation Priorities in Argha IBA

A survey conducted in April 2025 by BCN confirmed the continued presence of the globally vulnerable Cheer Pheasant (*Catreus wallichii*) in the Argha

IBA, Arghakhanchi District. The study, supported by the Oriental Bird Club, recorded the species for the first time at the Rock Garden area of Sandhikharka Municipality, expanding its known distribution within the IBA. Surveys revealed that habitat degradation, overgrazing, and hunting are major threats, while local awareness of the species' conservation status remains low. Encouragingly, many community members expressed willingness to support conservation actions. The findings underscore the significance of this landscape for Cheer Pheasant conservation and the urgent need for continued monitoring and community-based conservation initiatives to protect this threatened species and its habitat outside Nepal's protected areas.

Strengthening Biodiversity Conservation in Community Forest

BCN organized Biodiversity and Ecosystem services workshop on June, 2025 in 41 CFUGs from Resunga and Madane forest areas in Gulmi, and selected CFUGs from Palpa and Rukum East. The workshops aimed to raise awareness on biodiversity values, ecosystem services, and integrate these into CFUGs' operational plans. In Gulmi, 18 localized workshops were held (9 each in Resunga and Madane), while district-level workshops were conducted in Rukum East with 13 CFUGs and Palpa with 10 CFUGs. Each session used participatory methods such as biodiversity mapping, risk analysis, and group discussions to identify key biodiversity elements and climate risks. The developed management plans will be incorporated into respective community forest operation plans during renewal, promoting biodiversity conservation alongside sustainable forest use.



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Supported
80
bee hives



65 chaff cutter
machine
supported



300 households
benefitted from the
improved cooking
stove installation



Established
57 fish pond
benefiting
households through
income generation



Distributed
6000 kg
bio-manure

Promoting Bird Conservation in Mai Valley IBA

BCN implemented an exploratory project in the Mai Valley IBA to assess the potential for bird conservation through sustainable enterprise development of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs). Between June 2024 and November 2024, BCN conducted six stakeholder consultation workshops with local communities, forest user groups, and relevant agencies. These workshops focused on identifying viable NTFPs, mapping local resources and stakeholders, and exploring opportunities for sustainable enterprise development. Participants also received orientation on the ecological importance of birds and the need to conserve their habitats. To complement the workshops, an exposure visit was organized, offering practical insights into alternative livelihoods that support biodiversity conservation. In total, the project directly benefited 184 individuals, enhancing local awareness and capacity to integrate conservation with sustainable resource use. This initiative highlights the potential of community-based approaches in bridging conservation and sustainable development, especially in biodiversity-rich areas like Mai Valley IBA.



Exposure Visit in Eastern Rukum

BCN organized a three-day study and exposure visit for farmers from the Resunga and Madane Forest Conservation Areas to Eastern Rukum. The visit took place on 22-24 November 2024 including 26 participating farmers. The primary objective was to exchange knowledge on beekeeping and organic vegetable farming and to introduce farmers to the potential of

organic agricultural enterprises. Following the visit, participants gained valuable insights into beekeeping management techniques, honey processing methods, challenges in apiculture, and market opportunities, while also expressing motivation to adopt organic farming practices in their communities.

Drone Handling Training in Gulmi

BCN conducted a three-day drone handling training on 11-13 December 2024 in Tamghas, Gulmi to promote the use of drone technology in natural resource management, under PPN program, funded by Civil Society in Development (CISU). The training included eight staff from the Division Forest Office, Gulmi, and three staff from BCN. Its main objective was to build the participants' capacity in drone operation, data collection, and analysis. The training covered theoretical and practical aspects of drone technology, including its applications and benefits in conservation and resource management.

Support for Beekeeping in Resunga and Madane

BCN organized a five-day beekeeping training in the forest conservation areas of Madane and Resunga in Gulmi district. Held in the month of December 2024-January 2025, the training aimed to promote beekeeping as an alternative livelihood option. A total

of 20 participants from both conservation areas took part in the training. To further support beekeeping in the project areas, BCN provided 80 beehives to poor and marginalized farmers in Madane and Resunga, helping enhance sustainable livelihoods while contributing to biodiversity conservation.

Bio-Manure Support for Sustainable Maize Farming

BCN has distributed 6,000 kg of organic bio-manure to local maize farmers in Resunga and Madane Forest Protection Areas on May 2025. The initiative complements previous support of improved Manakamana-03 maize seeds, a high-yielding, drought-tolerant, and pest-resistant variety, aiming to increase crop productivity and enhance food security. The selected bio-manure, "Amritdana," improves

soil fertility, enhances water retention, and reduces dependence on chemical fertilizers. Beneficiaries were selected based on criteria set by local agriculture groups and ward offices, focusing on forest dependent poor maize farmers using improved seeds. Distribution took place in Resunga-14, Gulmidurbar-01, and Malika-02, 03, and 04 wards. This combined approach tackles major causes of low maize productivity due to poor seed quality and soil degradation, promoting sustainable agriculture, improving yields, and increasing farmer income in the long term.



Promoting Sustainable Grazing through Chaff Cutter Distribution

BCN distributed 65 chaff cutters to the Buffer Zone User Committees (BZUCs) surrounding KTWR as part of the Darwin Initiative Project “Sustainable management of wetlands and grasslands: enhancing biodiversity and livelihoods”. This initiative aims to promote stall feeding by enabling local communities to cut grasses at home, thereby reducing the pressure of free grazing within protected areas. By supporting sustainable livestock practices, the activity contributes to the long-term conservation of wetland and grassland ecosystems in the buffer zone.

Improved Cookstoves Boost Livelihoods

BCN implemented an Improved Cookstove Program in the buffer zone of Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve. The initiative aimed to reduce firewood consumption, decrease forest degradation, improve health conditions, and enhance livelihoods for marginalized communities. A total of 300 improved cookstoves were successfully constructed in economically disadvantaged households, including poor, Dalit,

single women, and indigenous families on May 2025. The program not only contributes to environmental conservation but also empowers women by improving their daily lives and promoting sustainable household practices.

One Household, One Fishpond Program Supports Sustainable Livelihoods

BCN launched the “One Household, One Fishpond” program in the buffer zone of Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve to support local livelihoods, reduce overfishing in core areas and rivers, and promote sustainable wetland management. In the third year of the project, a total of 57 fishponds were constructed on private land, 38 in Saptari, 11 in Udaypur, and 5 in Sunsari, each pond built on 1 kattha of land for economically disadvantaged households selected by the Buffer Zone Management Committee. These fishponds, provide an alternative income source for poor families while reducing pressure on natural aquatic resources.

Three-Day Mushroom Farming Training for Magar Community Women-Led Group

BCN, under the Darwin Initiative-supported project “Sustainable Management of Wetlands and Grasslands: Enhancing Biodiversity and Livelihoods”, conducted a three-day mushroom farming training on 7-9 March 2025 for a women-led Magar community group in Barahakshetra-9, Sunsari. The training, held in coordination with the Prakashpur Buffer Zone User Committee, equipped 29 local participants (including 26 women) with sustainable mushroom cultivation skills using agricultural waste and invasive species like water hyacinth, promoting alternative livelihoods while contributing to wetland restoration. Led by BCN staff using a participatory, hands-on approach, the program aimed to reduce community dependency on natural resources from KTWR and support biodiversity conservation through eco-friendly farming practices.

Bird Observation Hide Constructed at Ghodaghodi Lake

A bird observation hide has been constructed at the renowned Ghodaghodi Lake, a Ramsar-listed wetland site located in Kailali, to promote birdwatching tourism in the area. The structure was built over two months during May-July 2025 by BCN with financial support from the Provincial Tourism Development Program Implementation Unit, Dhangadhi, Kailali. The Bird Hide is expected to boost eco-tourism by providing visitors with a dedicated space to observe the rich bird diversity of the lake. Ghodaghodi Lake, listed as a Ramsar Site since 2003, is one of the largest and most important wetland areas in Nepal’s Terai region.



Empowering Bantar Women through Sustainable Weaving Skills

BCN, under the Darwin Initiative-supported project “Sustainable Management of Wetlands and Grasslands: Enhancing Biodiversity and Livelihoods,” conducted a three-day Skill Enhancement Training for women of the Bantar community residing in the buffer zones of the KTWR on 7-9, March 2025. The training focused on revitalizing traditional weaving using invasive and wetland-based materials like water hyacinth and cattail. A total of 32 participants, including 31 women and one man from the Koshi Tappu Simsar Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd., took part in hands-on sessions to create eco-friendly products such as mats, baskets, and vases. The training emphasized sustainable harvesting, creative design, and intergenerational knowledge transfer, empowering women with new livelihood opportunities while promoting wetland conservation. The training successfully blended tradition with innovation, equipping Bantar women with marketable skills and advancing the vision of conservation-based, eco-friendly livelihoods in the KTWR buffer zone.



Strengthening Local Capacity through Conservation Site Visits

BCN organized an observation tour from 5-9 March, 2025, for 27 participants including KTWR staff, women, indigenous people, and youth from KTWR and its buffer zone as part of its ongoing efforts under the Darwin Initiative project, “Sustainable Management of Wetlands and Grasslands: Enhancing Biodiversity and Livelihoods”. The group visited SNP, Ghodaghodi Lake, and Bardiya National Park to observe best practices in community-managed grasslands, wetlands, and biodiversity conservation. The tour aimed to enhance knowledge and inspire sustainable natural resource management and nature-based livelihood initiatives in KTWR, a Ramsar site and Important Bird and Biodiversity Area that supports 536 bird species, including 26 globally threatened ones. These learning exchanges support local empowerment and long-term ecological sustainability in one of Nepal’s most critical wetland ecosystems.



CONSERVATION AWARENESS, OUTREACH AND PUBLICATION



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Outreach Events= **88**Number of People
Reached= **5240**Coverage= **23** DistrictsBird-friendly Rooftop Plantation
Initiative

As part of the Bird-friendly Neighbourhood Program by BCN, Bird-Friendly Rooftop Plants and pots were distributed to the Vashkar Women's Group of Nyakhachowk Community in Ward-16 of Lalitpur Metropolitan City. This initiative took place on August 9, 2024, during the auspicious occasion of Nagpanchami.



A total of 30 bird-friendly rooftop plants, along with pots, were provided to the women's group within their community. The event included a brief session led by local experts and representatives from BCN, where they discussed the various plant species distributed and highlighted their benefits for both humans and birds. The initiative aims to foster bird-human coexistence by introducing native plants that attract local bird species, enhancing urban biodiversity. Local experts and representatives from BCN discussed the benefits of the plants. The event also involved monitoring previously planted plants in the community park, reinforcing the commitment to creating more bird-friendly neighbourhoods.

Kanchanpur Bird Conservation Group
formation

Bird Conservation Nepal has formed the Kanchanpur Bird Conservation Group on 12 August 2024 at Belauri Kanchanpur. A three days nature and bird tourism training was conducted in Beldandi, Belauri, Laljhadi and Punarwabas municipalities. A total of 140 youth participated in the training. A group of participating youth has been formed which organizes bird watching programs every Saturday. The nature and bird tourism training was completed under Recovery of Critically Endangered Bengal Florican through Habitat Improvement and Community Stewardship the project with financial support from USAID Jal Jangal.

16th International Vulture Awareness
Day Celebrated across Nepal

BCN marked the 16th International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD) with week-long celebrations on 1- 7 September, 2024, across 20 districts of Nepal. The events aimed to raise awareness about the importance of vulture conservation and engage communities in efforts to protect these critically endangered birds. A diverse array of activities was organized, including a special Vulture Hike and Count and a Bird Watching Program at Batase Danda near Ichangu, Kathmandu, which drew significant participation from bird enthusiasts and conservationists. Simultaneously, vulture counts were conducted in vulture range districts across the country, providing valuable data for conservation efforts.

Educational and outreach programs played a key role in spreading the message of vulture conservation. Schools, universities, and community centers hosted activities such as art competitions, quiz competitions, documentary screenings, and talk programs. These initiatives fostered interest and dialogue on the critical role vultures play in maintaining ecological balance. Community outreach programs organized in collaboration with local partners further emphasized the importance of vultures to Nepal's biodiversity. Media campaigns and social platforms amplified the message, ensuring broad public engagement in vulture conservation efforts. The celebrations underscored the importance of protecting Nepal's vultures and their habitats, reinforcing BCN's commitment to conservation through collaborative efforts at all levels of society.

Awareness Program on Wetland Bird
Conservation Held in Belauri

BCN and the Kanchanpur Bird Conservation Group jointly organized an awareness and interaction program on the conservation of wetland-dependent birds in Belauri Municipality, Kanchanpur on 1 January 2025. The event was held in wards 2, 3, 6, and 7, with participation from over 200 local stakeholders, including government officials, forest user groups, and community leaders. Discussions focused on the importance, status, and threats to birds found in local wetlands such as Puraini, Bandha, Nakaiya, and Khapti. Deputy Mayor Jogaram Dangoura expressed the municipality's commitment to supporting bird and wetland conservation efforts.



Raising Awareness for Birds and Biodiversity at the Mountain Festival 2024

BCN participated in the 9th Mountain Festival 2024, organized by the Nepal Mountaineering Association and the International Mountain Museum from 8–12 December in Pokhara. BCN set up an exhibition stall featuring educational materials and merchandise to raise awareness about bird and habitat conservation. A key highlight was the drama “हिमालयको कठिन यात्रा: पन्थीको पुकार”, performed by students from the Institute of Forestry, Pokhara, depicting the migration of the Bar-headed Goose and the challenges faced by migratory birds. Through these initiatives, BCN engaged the public and emphasized the importance of conserving birds and their habitats for a balanced ecosystem.

Celebration of World Wetland Day

World Wetlands Day 2025 was celebrated on 2 February, 2025 at Ghodaghodi Lake, a Ramsar-listed wetland in Kailali, with a series of awareness activities and birdwatching events. The program was jointly organized by the Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forests and Environment (Sudurpashchim Province), Ghodaghodi Municipality, Division Forest Office Pahalmanpur, BCN, Basanta Protected Forest Council, Sector Forest Office Pahalmanpur, and the Pahalmanpur Community Forest Coordination Committee. A parallel birdwatching program was also organized at Puranai Lake, Belauri, Kanchanpur by BCN and the Kanchanpur Bird Conservation Group.



The main event at Ghodaghodi was chaired by Hem Bahadur Bam, with Mayor Khadka Bahadur Rawat of Ghodaghodi Municipality as the chief guest. Participants included Division Forest Officer Ramchandra Kandel, representatives from the Basanta Protected Forest Council, local conservation stakeholders, eco-clubs from schools, Ghodaghodi Youth Forum, Maghi Homestay operators, and more than 300 community members. Speakers from participating organizations shared their views on the ecological significance of the birds found in Ghodaghodi Lake and the importance of wetlands conservation.

School Awareness Program Engages Youth in Bird Conservation

BCN conducted a three-day school awareness program on 3-5 March, 2025, in the buffer zone of Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve. The program aimed to educate students on the importance of bird conservation, introduce basic bird identification techniques, and inspire individual conservation actions. A total of 214 students from Grades 7 to 10 participated across three schools: Koshi Secondary School, Jaldevi Primary School, and Prakashpur Higher Secondary School. The sessions included interactive lessons on birdwatching, the ecological roles of birds, and practical ways students can contribute to conservation. The program successfully raised awareness among youth and fostered early engagement in biodiversity protection at the community level.



Basic Ornithology Training for Undergraduates 2025

BCN Pokhara and Hetauda Branches (student-led groups at the Institute of Forestry), successfully organized “Basic Training on Ornithology for Undergraduates 2025”, with financial and technical support from Bird Conservation Nepal. The Pokhara Branch held a three-day training on 5-7 April, 2025 while the Hetauda Branch conducted a two-day session from 19-21 April, 2025. The trainings aimed to introduce undergraduate students to key ornithological concepts and field practices, focusing on bird identification, conservation importance, survey methods, and data collection. Both events brought together students, bird enthusiasts, and emerging researchers, combining classroom sessions with field-based learning. Practical assignments and birdwatching fieldwork allowed participants to apply their knowledge and strengthen their research skills. Through these programs, BCN continues to empower young conservationists and strengthen grassroots engagement in ornithological research and bird conservation across Nepal.



30th Wildlife Week Day Celebration

Bird Conservation Nepal celebrated the 30th Wildlife Week on the theme “बुझौ वन्यजन्तु को आनीबानी : घटाऔ मानवसंग को द्वन्द्व र हानीनोक्सानी” by organizing a bird watching event at Sundarijal, Shivapuri Nagarjun National Park, in collaboration with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation on 19 April 2025. The event saw the enthusiastic participation of over 80 individuals, including students, conservationists, bird lovers, and photographers. More than 50 bird species were recorded during the walk, with special highlights including the Grey-throated Babbler (*Stachyris nigriceps*), White-bellied Erpornis (*Erpornis zantholeuca*), and Brown Dipper (*Cinclus pallasii*). The program provided a valuable opportunity to observe bird behavior firsthand, raising awareness about the role of birds in ecosystems and the importance of conserving birds and biodiversity.



43rd BCN Day Celebration

Bird Conservation Nepal celebrated 43rd BCN day by organizing Bird Race and Charity Dinner events on 24-25 April, 2025. The first day featured a Bird Race at Godawari with five participating groups, each led by an experienced group leader, collectively recording 105 bird species. The second day's event, held at the Nepal Tourism Board, highlighted over two decades of BCN's popular fortnightly Saturday birding program. A detailed presentation showcased the valuable data collected from these birdwatching sessions, highlighting trends in species diversity and conservation insights. A video screening was also shared including the personal experiences of birdwatchers from diverse backgrounds, and a photo exhibition displayed captivating bird images by various photographers. The celebration concluded with a charity dinner to support ongoing bird and biodiversity conservation efforts.

World Environment Day Celebration

BCN celebrated World Environment Day 2025 with nationwide activities under the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution", uniting communities, conservation groups, and government bodies to promote environmental awareness and action. In Mujhana, Lumbini, over 175 participants took part in a collaborative program organized by local institutions, featuring tree plantation, sanitation drives, and awareness speeches

highlighting the impacts of plastic pollution, climate change, and the importance of biodiversity. In Gulmi, a plantation program was held in partnership with the Division Forest Office at Bajjani CFUG, where more than 100 participants planted 150 native saplings and discussed sustainable forest management and community-driven conservation. In Kathmandu, a vibrant public awareness campaign at Ranibari Community Forest drew 365 visitors, including students from six schools who explored educational exhibits on birds, biodiversity, and the effects of plastic on ecosystems. A special outdoor learning session engaged 71 students from Kasthamandap School in hands-on conservation activities, helping deepen their understanding of environmental stewardship. Together, these efforts reflected Nepal's collective commitment to tackling plastic pollution and building a greener, more sustainable future.



Raising Awareness for Bird and Habitat Conservation in Limi Valley IBA

BCN organized a community and school awareness program in the Limi Valley IBA to promote local stewardship for bird and habitat conservation, on 20 July 2025. The events were held at Halji Village and Shree Sunkhani Basic School, engaging a total of 57 participants, 31 community members and 26 students. The sessions highlighted the importance of birds, their ecological roles, and the urgent need for habitat protection, with a special focus on the Black-necked Crane, a rare and globally Near Threatened species found in the region.



New Publication

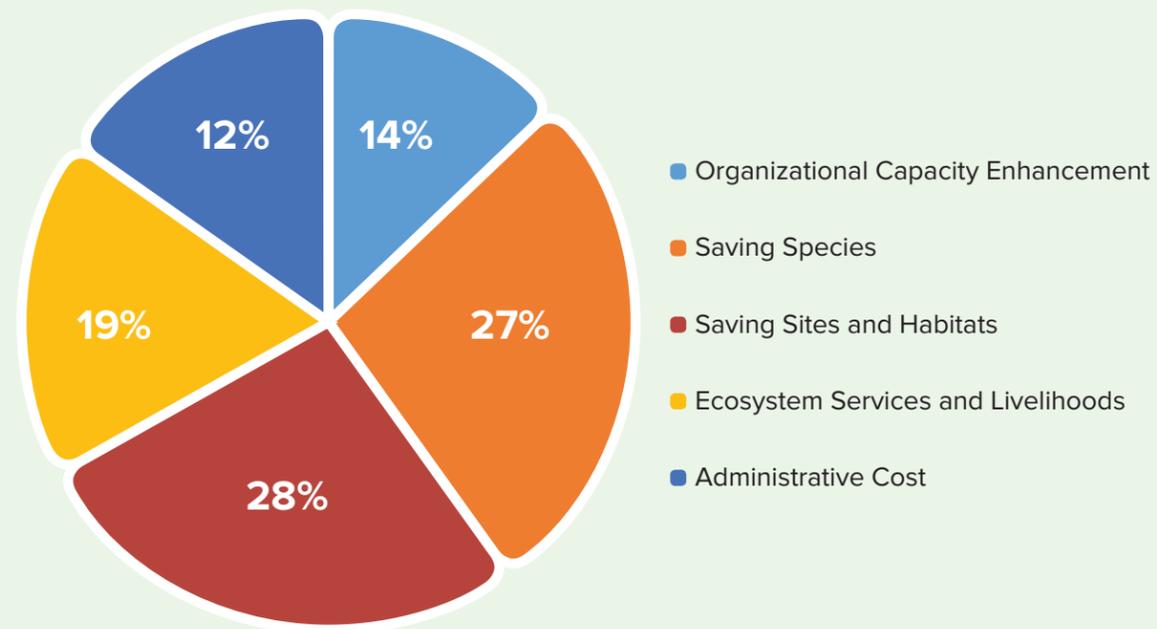


Financial Update

Annual Expenditure from July 17, 2024 to July 15, 2025

S.N.	Particulars	Expenditure (NRs.)	% Expenditure
1	Organizational Capacity Enhancement	8,716,275.00	14
2	Saving Species	17,334,265.00	27
3	Saving Sites and Habitats	18,148,963.20	28
4	Ecosystem Services and Livelihood	12,099,308.80	19
5	Administrative Cost	7,401,143.00	12
Total		63,699,955.00	

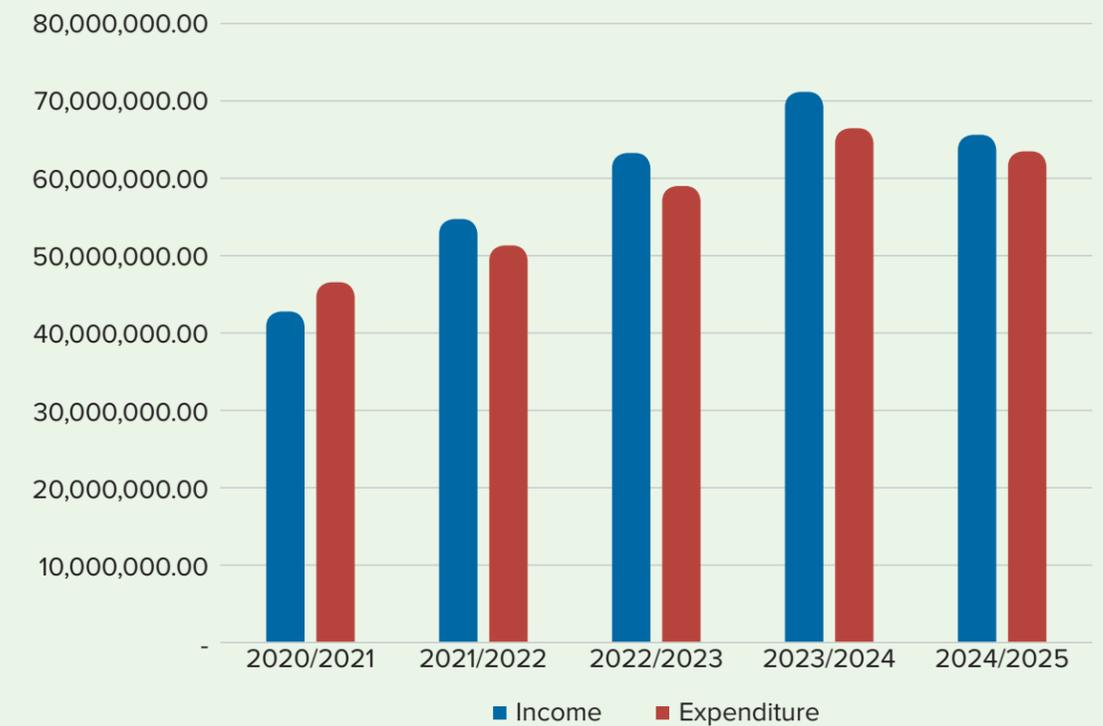
Annual Expenditure in Rs.



Income Vs Expenditure Trend for 2020-2021/2024-2025

S.N.	Period	Income	Expenditure
1	2020/2021	42,213,046.00	46,562,848.00
2	2021/2022	54,499,921.00	50,683,488.00
3	2022/2023	63,195,182.00	58,183,280.00
4	2023/2024	71,136,704.00	66,557,345.00
5	2024/2025	65,574,561.00	63,699,955.00

Income Vs Expenditure for 2020-2021/2024-2025



Membership Update

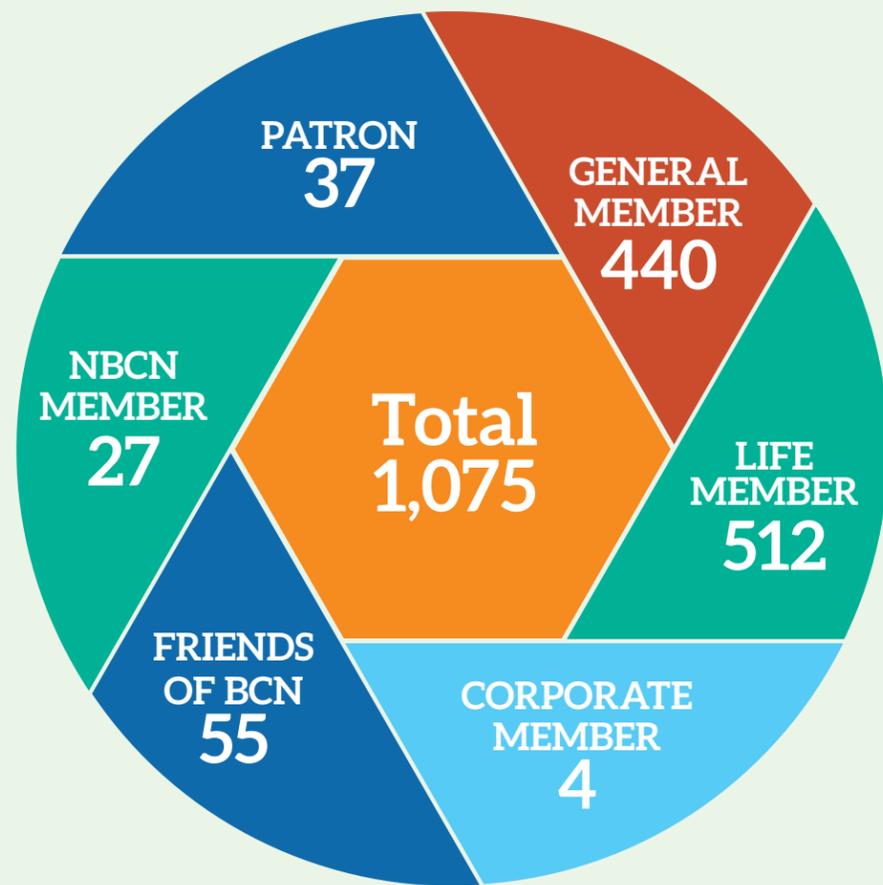
As a membership-based organization, BCN continues to experience steady growth. In the fiscal year 2024/25, BCN welcomed 1 Patron, 21 Life Members, 1 Friend of BCN (FOB), and 280 General Members, bringing the total membership across all categories to 1,075.

Each year, individuals from diverse backgrounds join BCN, united by their passion for birds and commitment to conservation. This year's new members include conservationists, students, tourism

entrepreneurs, and other enthusiasts, enriching the organization with their varied expertise and perspectives.

As a partner of BirdLife International, BCN members are connected to a global network spanning 121 countries, collaborating under the guidance of a leading scientific authority on bird conservation.

The figure below provides a detailed breakdown of BCN membership for the fiscal year 2024/25.



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
6.	Nicole Nooren	Netherlands
7.	Dr. Yozo Koshiyama	Japan
8.	Lalit J. Lalchan	Nepal
9.	Bishwo Tuladhar	Nepal
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 Simmone	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
37.	Deepak Kumar Singh	Nepal

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

President	Mr. Vimal Kumar Thapa
Immediate Past President	Prof. Karan Bahadur Shah
Vice President	Mrs. Sarita Jnawali
General Secretary	Mr. Ashok B. Malla
Joint Secretary	Prof. Dr. Prem Bahadur Budha
Treasurer	Mr. Sudarson Karki
Members	Mr. Deepak Shrestha
	Mr. Jaya Nath Bhandari
	Mr. Mahesh Prasad Pandey
	Ms. Ganga Devi Gurung
	Mr. Dikpal Krishna Karmacharya
	Mr. Prem Thapa

ADVISORY BOARD

- 1 Dr. Hem Sagar Baral
- 2 Dr. Shanta Raj Jnawali
- 3 Dr. Bhusan Raj Shrestha
- 4 Dr. Ganesh Gurung
- 5 Mr. Yub Raj Basnet

STAFFS

Chief Executive Officer

Ishana Thapa

Finance & Admin Head

Pratikcha Srivastava

Senior Program Manager

Khadananda Paudel

Vulture Conservation Program Manager

Ankit Bilash Joshi

Senior Research Officer

Mohan Bikram Shrestha

**Senior Program Development and
Communication Officer**

Sadiksha Basnet

Research Officer

Santosh Bajagain

Research Officer

Kiran Gosai

Conservation Education Officer

Aarati Nepali

Accountant

Muna Munikar

Communication and Marketing Associate

Puja Gurung

Program Associate

Sudha Shrestha

Project Officer

Bharat Panthi

Project Officer

Shambhu Bhattarai

Project Officer

Deu Bahadur Rana

Project Officer

Bhupal Nepali

Project Officer

Deelip Chand Thakuri

Project Officer

Amrit Nepali

Project Field Officer

Ishwari Chaudhary

Project Field Officer

Hirulal Dangaura

Field Assistant

Suban Chaudhary

Technical Assistant

Thanishwar Khanal

Project Officer

Aavas Pradhan

Project 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
34	Hathan Choudhary	35
35	Tika Giri	36
36	Lynda Cambum	37
37	David Cottridge	38

S.N	Name	Membership Number	S.N	Name	Membership Number
38	Avril McLeod	39	76	Dan Welch	78
39	Linda R. Macaulay	40	77	Dharmendra Raj Shakya	79
40	Ltd.Gen (retd) P.B.Limbu	41	78	Nabin Gyawali	80
41	Seb Buckton	42	79	Nabin Baral	81
42	Krys Kazmierczak	43	80	Nigel Mathews	82
43	Denis Chandler	44	81	Som GC	83
44	Hilary Nash	45	82	Badri Chaudhary	84
45	Richard Seargent	46	83	Haris C Rai	85
46	Kalu Ram Tamang	47	84	Ramesh J Rayamajhi	86
47	Lt.Col. (Retd) Gerry Birch	48	85	Frank Y.A Saris	87
48	Philip McGowan	49	86	Bishnu Bdr. Chhetri	88
49	Richard Grimmett	50	87	Mark Mallalieu	89
50	Lynne Carpenter	51	88	Stephen Biggs	90
51	Kaj Halberg	52	89	Rainer Stoll	91
52	James D. Bland	53	90	Bimal Guragain	92
53	Suman Basnet	54	91	Brain H. Williams	93
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56	Dr. Ingrid Juettner	57	94	Ramji Gautam	96
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58	Aaron Ofner	59	96	Dr. Chiranjivi Pokhrel	98
59	Krishna Subedi	60	97	Laxman Poudyal	99
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61	Dr. Frans Arentz	63	99	Jeet Bdr. Giri	101
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63	Lakpa Nurbu Sherpa	65	101	Dr. Bijay Tamang	103
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69	Munir Z. Virani	71	107	Dr. Mathew Denny	110
70	Siddhartha Pachhai	72	108	Prof. Karan Bdr. Shah	111
71	Dipesh Prasad Kafle	73	109	Jhamak Raj Chaudhary	112
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73	Dr. Norbert Winding	75	111	Hari Bhakta Adhikari	114
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116	Sanjay Khetan	119
117	Dhan Bdr. Chaudhary	120
118	Shyam Kumar Shah	121
119	Michael Dooher	122
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122	Aaship Dev Ghimire	125
123	Pushpa Raj Sedhai	126
124	Sharad Singh	127
125	Rabindra Shrestha	128
126	Surendra Kumar Paudel	129
127	Manoj Sharma	131
128	Dr. Radha Wagle	132
129	Achyut Guragain	133
130	Angnima Tamang	134
131	Nawaraj Chapagain	135
132	Sanjan Bdr. Thapa	136
133	Vimal Kmr. Thapa	138
134	Zimba Zangbu Sherpa	139
135	Dr. Richard Cuthbert	140
136	Dr. Suman Sumsher Thapa	141
137	David Buckingham	142
138	Baikuntha Man Shrestha	143
139	David J Middleton	145
140	Raja Ram Regmi	146
141	Chandra Kmr. Golchha	147
142	Suresh Sapkota	148
143	Om Prakash Gurung	149
144	Ram Kmr. Aryal	150
145	Dr. Hum Bdr. Gurung	151
146	Dr. Ghana Shyam Gurung	152
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150	Scott Mason	156
151	Roop Bdr. Gurung	157

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153	Gyan Chand Dugar	159
154	Keshav Paudel	160
155	Ravi Shankar Pandit	161
156	Bhupal Nepali	162
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158	Ishwori Prasad Chaudhary	164
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160	Khadananda Paudel	166
161	Mana Krishna Shrestha	167
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166	Menuka Basnyat	173
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298	Shyam Sundar Bajimaya	311
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317	Bhumika Sigdel	330
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356	Dr. Sanjeev Uprety	369
357	Dr. Archana Thapa	370
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399	Radha Shrestha	413
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416	Mithu Pandey	430
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447	Pramod Kumar Sharma	461
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451	Krishna Raj Adhikari	465
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454	Pooja Mahato	468
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457	Dr. Khadak Singh Bisht	471
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459	Jeevan Rai	473
460	Dr. Shailendra Thakali	474
461	Chakra Bdr. Singh	475
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463	Dhurba Raj Rokaya Magar	477
464	Saroj Chaudhary	478
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468	Karmath Subedi	482
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493	Er. Praveena Maharjan Manandhar	507
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504	Dr. Kamal Thapa	518
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ANNEX II:

Financial Information



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 32nd Ashadh 2082 (16th July 2025) which comprise the Balance Sheet as on 32nd Ashadh 2082, Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Cash Flow for the period ended 32nd Ashadh 2082 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 32nd Ashadh 2082 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: 251010CA00865v4UPG

Date: Ashwin 24, 2082
Place: Kathmandu, Nepal

Bird Conservation Nepal
Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal

Statement of financial position
As on Ashadh 32, 2082 (July 16, 2025)

Particulars	Schedule	Figures in Rs	
		Ashadh 32, 2082	Ashadh 31, 2081
Assets			
Non Current Asset		8,359,629	8,731,440
Property, Plant and Equipment	1	8,359,629	8,731,440
Current Assets		98,901,235	100,154,322
Advance, Prepaid & Receivable	2	853,735	1,945,805
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	98,047,500	98,208,517
Total		107,260,864	108,885,762
Fund and Liabilities			
Fund Balances		104,595,963	105,374,971
BCN Core Fund	4	44,681,919	42,807,313
Restricted Fund Balance	5	19,797,076	22,342,868
Unrestricted Fund Balance	6	31,603,814	31,603,814
LCG Fund		1,500,000	1,500,000
Capital Fund	7	7,013,154	7,120,975
Current Liabilities		2,664,901	3,510,791
Accounts Payables	8	2,664,901	3,510,791
Total		107,260,864	108,885,762

Significant accounting policies & explanatory notes

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As per our report of even date


CA. Sandesh Pokharel
Partner
S & S Associates
Chartered Accountants


Mr. Vimal Kumar Thapa
President


Mr. Sudarson Karki
Treasurer

Place: Kathmandu.
Date: 10 October 2025


Ishana Thapa
Chief Executive Officer


Reshikha Srivastava
Finance / Admin Head

Bird Conservation Nepal
Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal

Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the period Shrawan 1, 2081 to Ashadh 32, 2082 (July 16, 2024 to July 16, 2025)

Particulars	Schedule	Figures in Rs	
		FY: 2081/82	FY: 2080/81
Income			
Incoming Resources	9	54,447,831	58,828,208
Financial Income	11	3,926,193	6,317,346
Overhead & Support Income	10	7,200,538	5,991,151
Total Income		65,574,561	71,136,704
Expenditure			
Grant Program Expenditure	12	47,582,537	47,826,317
BCN Core Expenditure	13	1,865,771	1,705,471
BCN Personnel Expenditure	14	6,850,504	6,878,077
BCN Office Operation Expenditure	15	5,445,066	7,937,726
Depreciation	1	1,956,077	2,209,754
Total Expenditures		63,699,955	66,557,345
Excess /(deficit) of Income over Expenditure		1,874,606	4,579,359

Significant accounting policies & explanatory notes

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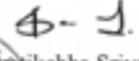

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Place: Kathmandu.
Date: 10 October 2025


Ishana Thapa
Chief Executive Officer


Reshikha Srivastava
Finance / Admin Head

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Statement of Cash flow

For the period Shrawan 1, 2081 to Ashadh 32, 2082 (July 16, 2024 to July 16, 2025)

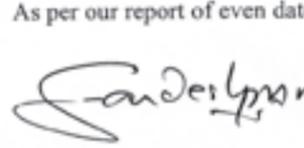
Figures in Rs

Particulars	FY: 2081/82	FY: 2080/81
A. Cashflow from Operational Activities	2,138,596	4,914,229
Excess /(deficit) during the period	1,874,606	4,579,359
Adjustments:		
Depreciation	1,956,077	2,209,754
Non Cash Item- Capital Grant	(1,692,086)	(1,874,884)
Cashflow before change in changeable fund	246,180	270,258
(Increase)/decrease in current assets	1,092,070	(937,232)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities	(845,890)	1,207,490
Net Cashflow from Operational Activities	2,384,776	5,184,487
B. Cashflow from Investing activities		
Purchase of PPE-Core Fund	-	-
Net Cashflow from Investing Activities	-	-
C. Cashflow from Financing Activities		
Increase or (decrease) in Restricted Fund	(2,545,792)	10,950,783
Increase or (decrease) in Unrestricted Fund	-	-
Increase or (decrease) in BCN Core Fund	-	677,625
Net Cashflow from Financing Activities	(2,545,792)	11,628,407
Increase/(Decrease) in net cash flow (A+B+C)	(161,016)	16,812,895
Opening Balance of Cash and Bank Balance	98,208,517	81,395,622
Closing Balance of Cash and Bank Balance	98,047,500	98,208,517

Significant accounting policies & explanatory notes

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As per our report of even date



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