

Nepal Conservation in Crisis

A seminar on key conservation issues

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Key Speakers:

Chaired by Minister of Forests and Soil Conservation and Director of National Parks Nepal

- Prof. Surya Subedi Expert in International Environmental Law Leeds University
- Dr Shant Jnawali NTNC Rhino and Terai Grassland expert
- Dr Siddhartha Bajracharya NTNC Executive Office Projects and Programmes
- Dr Andy Wiltshire of Hadley Met Office
- Speakers from ZSL, WWF UK and DFID



SEMINAR ON KEY CONSERVATION ISSUES IN NEPAL

Tuesday 24 November 2009 10:30 -15:00
ZSL Meeting Rooms, Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4RY

Government of Nepal, Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation and National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) are jointly observing the year 2009 as "Nepal Nature Conservation Year" with the objective of sharing the experiences and achievements recorded in the area of natural resources conservation through partnership and collaboration. The Zoological Society of London, which has been a long term partner in Nepal is hosting this meeting on behalf of the Government of Nepal.



Nepal boasts diverse geography from the high Himalayas, the third pole and water tower for the Indian subcontinent, to the floodplains of the Terai, with remarkable biodiversity to match but remains the poorest country in Asia. Extinction threats loom as pressures on habitats and poaching increase, a result of direct impacts of human population growth, exacerbated by climate change and a period of social and political crisis in Nepal. The Greater One Horned Rhino, tiger and snow leopard are good examples of endangered species from the grassland, forest and mountain habitats. Their fate is dependent on protective action, creating acceptable conditions for coexistence with man, mitigation of climate change impacts, securing healthy habitat and sufficient capacity and resource to implement necessary conservation action in Nepal. The seminar will discuss the current challenges to conservation in Nepal and recommend longer term sustainable and effective solutions.

Join the debate on solutions to the crisis on the 24th November at ZSL. The seminar is free and open to all . Please email jane.loveless@zsl.org with names of attendee(s) and please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Tea and coffee provided. Lunch can be purchased in London Zoo or at various locations in the Primrose Hill area. See www.zsl.org/conservation/events/

Crisis to Biological Management

Rhinoceros, grasslands and public engagement Nepal



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WORKSHOP SESSION PRESENTATIONS

Session 1 – Chair: Hon Minister for Forests and Soil Conservation / Director General National Parks, Nepal

Time	Subject	Speaker
10:30-11:00	Coffee and introductions with short presentation on the National Trust for Nature Conservation Nepal	Minister of Forests and Soil Conservation Nepal and Member Secretary NTNC
11:00-11:15	Review of the socio-economic, political and environmental challenges in post-conflict Nepal.	Professor Surya Subedi
11:15-11:30	Conservation Action in the Terai – Crisis to Biological Management: rhino, grassland conservation and public engagement impacts.	Dr Shant Jnawali, NTNC
11:30-11:45	Conservation at the Roof of the World – Manaslu Conservation Area Project – an opportunity to conserve a sacred place and a unique ecosystem.	Dr Siddhartha Bajracharya, NTNC
11:45-12:00	One Health Nepal – a new approach to dealing with the debilitating effect of disease and lack of primary health care for people and animals in remote natural resource rich regions of Nepal.	Dr Richard Kock, ZSL Dr Gerda Pohl, PHASE Worldwide
12:00-12:45	Lunch	

Session 2 – Chair: Dr Jonathan Baillie, Conservation Programmes Director, ZSL

Time	Subject	Speaker
12:45-13:00	Conservation Education: starting with a paintbrush.	Ms Joanna Carter, ZSL
13:00-13:15	Hydro and Exotic Aquaculture: development essentials, but are these the solution to conserving river systems or root of their destruction?	Dr Heather Koldewey, ZSL
13:15-13:30	Birds must come home to roost – the vulture story in Nepal.	Mr Nick Lindsay, ZSL
13:30-13:45	The Water Tower of Asia: Impacts of climate change on Himalayan water resources.	Dr Andy Wiltshire Met Office Hadley UK
13:45-14:00	Terai Arc Landscape – is Nepal able to halt the fragmentation or is this a hopeless dream – progress towards viable conservation areas?	Dr Mark Wright WWF UK
14:00-14:15	The contribution of Britain to its old friend Nepal – DfID strategy in post-conflict Nepal.	Department for International Development DfID

Session 3 – Chair: Member Secretary NTNC

Time	Subject	Speaker
14:15-15:00	Debate on issues raised.	All.



More Information

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