



DEVELOPING ECOSYSTEM-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR MANAGING BIODIVERSITY LANDSCAPE IN BHUTAN

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The White-bellied Heron (WBH) is a critically endangered species and is no longer sighted in many of its traditional home ranges in the Eastern Himalayas. Bhutan's WBH habitats located in the river basins of the Punatsangchhu and Mangdichu are degraded and threatened by on-going large hydropower-plant construction and other development activities. Building on ecosystem-based solutions, appropriate conservation approaches and measures will be introduced and established through the project to restore and conserve the WBH landscape. Through increased community engagement and the establishment of ecosystem-based livelihood adaptation options, ecosystem services within the WBH landscape and the livelihoods of the local community will be improved. The knowledge and experience gained from the project in ecosystem-based and community-based conservation and adaptation will be shared for application to other landscapes in Bhutan and similar areas in other Himalayan countries.

PROJECT DATA

Country/Countries:

Bhutan

Implementing organisation:

Royal Society for Protection of Nature (RSPN)
Bhutan

Political partner(s):

- Ministry of Agriculture and Forests - Bhutan

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