

Report on Unit formation in Dolphin Conservation Network sites for dolphin conservation



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Background:

The Dolphin Conservation Network (DCN) is a community based dolphin and river ecosystem conservation initiative of the Gangetic Dolphin Research and Conservation Initiative of Aaranyak, established in 2008. In this Network, total 30 most prioritized dolphin habitats across the Brahmaputra river system has been systematically monitoring through trained community youths. Before beginning of this project, this network was represented by one trained community youth in each site. However, in due course of time it was observed that conserving the dolphins and their habitats by one single individual is a big job for each DCN member. Also, we observed that to secure the future of Gangetic dolphin in each of these important dolphin habitats need to conserve the entire river ecosystem of that area. For both these reasons, there was an urgent need of the wider community support to the entire effort. To fulfil this, this project as per the project proposal moved forward to form a DCN Unit through involving local community stakeholders of each of these 30 sites.

Modifications in selection method for DCN Unit members:

In the original project proposal, it was proposed that extensive awareness campaign will be conducted in each of the existing and potential DCN sites, from where DCN unit will be formed through involving the interested people identified after such awareness campaign. However, from our experience we observed that after each of such awareness campaign many people become easily interested to join with our mission of conserving the dolphins. However, after a few days their interest declines since these people are not genuinely interested and motivated for the cause. Therefore, we modified the approach. According to this modified approach, we conducted questioner survey among selected community people of different background (teacher, student, community leader, fishermen, women, social worker). In each DCN site, we targeted to conduct total 30 interviews from different stakeholders. A selected questioner set was prepared based on which the attitude, awareness level and interest of the interviewed person can be judged. At the end of this survey, the collected data were analyzed and based on the score in the data analysis, we identified minimum 10 community people to be included in each of the 30 DCN Units. Accordingly, in the previous half-yearly report, we reported the selection of total 318 interested, motivated and aware community people to act as DCN member in their respective localities. Out of these 318 people, there are 19% teachers, 17.5% students, 23% unemployed youths, 5.3% farmers, 10.3% social worker, 11% community leaders, 8% fishermen and 6% existing DCN members. From these selected DCN members, we identified 2 community youths from each of the DCN sites to work as Coordinator and Deputy

Coordinator of the respective DCN Units. Thus total 60 community youths were selected to coordinate the DCN activities in 30 DCN sites.

However, during the 2nd DCN training in 21st – 27th May, 2014 of the 54 DCN Coordinators, it was coming to our notice that all those 264 people that we selected during the questioner based interview were not equally interested for the responsibility of dolphin and river ecosystem conservation. As such, we gave the responsibility to the trained 54 DCN Members at the end of the 2nd DCN training (8-days long) to select suitable community people from different stakeholder groups for dolphin conservation purpose. Accordingly, these trained DCN Coordinators, selected community people in June, 2014. After that our project core team members met each and every proposed unit members of the groups, interacted with them on their knowledge and interest on the subject as well as their committeemen's for long term conservation of Gangetic dolphin in Brahmaputra river system and finally formed the Unit.

Progress so far:

Total 22 DCN Units were formed in 22 DCN sites during this reported period with a total 220 DCN Unit members. From the newly selected DCN Unit members, there are 24% students, 19% conservationists, 18% CBO workers, 13% teachers, 8% women, 7% fishermen and 6% community leaders (Fig-A).

Another 3 sites were unable to complete the unit formation due to high flood in those DCN sites. Unit formation is ongoing in these 3 sites alongwith another 5 DCN sites, which will be completed within next reported period.

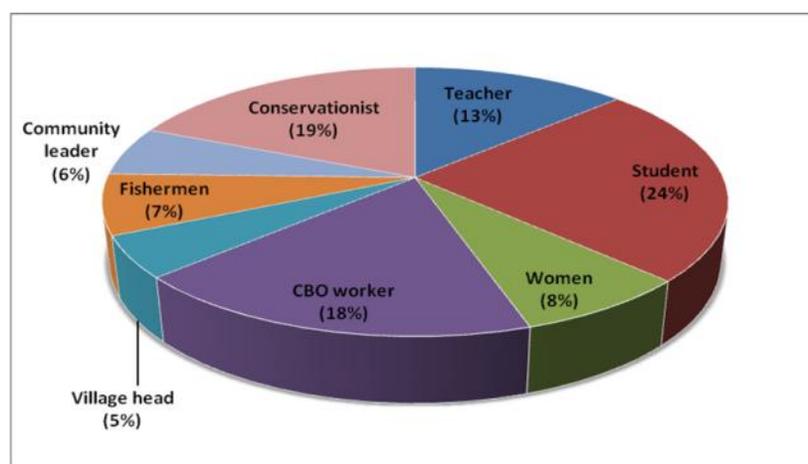


Fig-A: Composition of stakeholders in DCN Units

Details of DCN Unit members are described as follows:

DCN site name-1: Aklandghat

Table-1: List of DCN Unit members in Aklandghat

Sl. No.	Name	Age	Occupation	Educaton Qualification
1.	Sunil Majhi	35	Teacher	HS
2.	Suresh Majhi	18	Student	HS
3.	Nirupoma Saora	23	Women leader	HS
4.	Nasib Karmakar	25	CBO worker	Class-IX
5.	Hiru Karmakar	18	CBO worker	Class-IX
6.	Umesh Karmakar	18	Student	Class-XII
7.	Raja Majhi	21	Fishermen Head	HS
8.	Rahul Singh	22	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
9.	Suren Urang	23	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-1: DCN unit members of Aklandghat

DCN site name-2: Baghbor

Table-2: DCN Unit members of Baghbor area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1	Haren Das	43	teacher	BA
2	Moinal Haque	38	teacher	HS
3	Gunajit Kalita	27	CBO worker	HS
4	Rajesh kakoty	16	student	HSLC
5	Bipul Patuari	19	student	HS
6	Manjib Patuari	15	student	IX
7	Devnath Das	17	student	HSLC
8	Dharmeshwar Kalita	45	Village head	IX
9	Manoj Kumar Kalita	30	CBO worker	IX
10	Binshu Patuari	42	Fishermen	HSLC
11	Arjun Das	22	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
12	Jintu Kalita	19	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-3: DCN unit members of Baghbor area

DCN site name-3: Biswanathghat

Table-3: List of DCN Unit members of Biswanathghat

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Hiranya Das	32	CBO worker	BA
2.	Bhupen Das	22	Student	HS
3.	Hemprobha Das	18	Student	HS
4.	Probitra Das	23	Student	HS
5.	Anit Kr. Das	48	Panchayat Member	HS
6.	Madhab Das	45	Fishermen	Class-X
7.	Lalit Das	40	CBO worker	HS
8.	Anjan Das	35	CBO worker	HS
9.	Sankar Das	25	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
10.	Keshab Das	25	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-3: DCN unit members of Biswanathghat area

DCN site name-4: Bogibeel

Table-4: List of DCN Unit members in Bogibeel area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Satynarayan Pradhan	56	Teacher	BA
2.	Rup Narayan Newar	55	Teacher	BA
3.	Ashok Teye	44	CBO Worker	HS
4.	Deepchan Yadav	51	Panchayat Member	HS
5.	Bhabani Teye	72	CBO worker	Class-X
6.	Nita Teye	25	Student	B.A
7.	Rakesh Teye	18	Student	H.S
8.	Sangita Misong	40	Panchayat Member	BA
9.	Bhhobesh Teye	24	DCN Unit Coordinator	B.A
10.	Anup Teye	26	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	H.S



Fig-4: DCN unit members of Bogibeel area

DCN site name-5: Bohori

Table-5: List of DCN Members of Bohori area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Mujeda Begam	45	Women leader	VII
2.	Ujala Begam	43	Women leader	VII
3.	Anuj Khan	23	Student	BA
4.	Mijanul Rahman	19	Student	HSLC
5.	Jainal Abedin	60	Village head	HSLC
6.	Abdul Rahman	35	Teacher	BA
7.	Jahirul ishlam	23	DCN Unit Coordinator	BA
8.	Jamirul Ishlam	22	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-5: DCN unit members of Bohori area

DCN site name-6: Chamariya

Table-6: List of DCN Unit members of Chasariya area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Tapan Majumdar	53	Community leader	BSc
2.	Ajit Kumar Bayan	63	Retired teacher	BA
3.	Ratul Bharali	41	Teacher	BA
4.	Dhaneswar Bayan	42	Panchayat Member	BA
5.	Ritamoni Das	29	Woman leader	BA
6.	Sudarshan kalita	49	Teacher	HS
7.	Bhupendra nath Mishra	49	Teacher	MA
8.	Manoj Mahanta	27	Student	BA
9	Kanmani Kalita	19	Student	HS
10.	Jyotish kalita	23	CBO worker	BA
11.	Ramen Kalita	20	Student	HS
12.	Mantu Kalita	20	Student	HS
13.	Mitulm Kalita	21	DCN Unit Coordinator	BA
14.	Mrinal Kalita	27	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-6: DCN unit members of Chamariya area

DCN site name-7: Chunari

Table-7: List of DCN Unit members of Chunari area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Md. Ali	55	Village head	BA
2.	Ujjal Das	45	teacher	HSLC
3.	Janu Das	40	teacher	HSLC
4.	Muktaruddin	17	student	HSLC
5.	Rajib Ahmed	18	student	HSLC
6.	Aksad Ali	17	student	HSLC
7.	Najrool Ishlam	18	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
8.	Saibul Ishlam	27	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	BA



Fig-7: DCN unit members of Chunari area

DCN site name-8: Dihingmukh

Table-8: List of DCN Unit members of Dihingmukh area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Premeswar Baruah	51	Village Head	
2.	Utpal Sanuwal	16	Student	H.S
3.	Lohit Sanuwal	18	Student	H.S
4.	Phunu Sanuwal	30	Woman leader	
5.	Amrit Seleng	43	CBO worker	
6.	Bhogeswar Sanuwal	35	Fishermen	
7.	Lila Sanuwal	31	Farmer	
8.	Lila Doley	42	CBO worker	
9.	Tejuram Sonowal	20	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
10.	Ganesh Mallah	22	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-8: DCN unit members of Dihingmukh area

DCN site name-9: Dikhowmukh

Table-9: List of DCN Unit members in Dikhowmukh area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Maneswar Das	60	Fisherman	
2.	Mone Hazarika	56	Fisherman	
3.	Smiti Das	32	Teacher	
4.	Kamal Das	45	CBO Worker	
5.	Anup Hazarika	12	Student	Class-X
6.	Rajani Das	12	Student	Class-X
7.	Mun Hazarika	46	CBO Worker	
8.	Satya Das	12	Student	Class-X
9.	Arabindra Sadhaniyar	18	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
10.	Dijen Bora	30	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	BA



Fig-9: Meeting of DCN Unit members in Dikhowmukh area

DCN site name-10: Dikrongmukh

Table-10: List of DCN Unit members of Dikrongmukh area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Lakhi Ram Kuli	50	CBO worker	
2.	Mira Kr. Pegu	20	Student	HS
3.	Rupa Pegu	18	Student	HS
4.	Mina Pegu	32	Women leader	
5.	lakhwawati Pegu	35	CBO Head	
6.	Rasmi Kuli	30	CBO Head	
7.	Dulal Pegu	40	Fishermen	
8.	Mahan kuli	40	Fisherman	
9.	Pronabjyoti kuli	23	Student	HS
10.	Hemchandra Kuli	28	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
11.	Manoj Kutum	25	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-10: DCN Unit member meeting at Dikrongmukh area

DCN site name-11: Disangmukh

Table-11: List of DCN Unit members of Disangmukh

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Anuj yein	35	Teacher	B.A
2.	Bidyut Mili	12	Student	X
3.	Chandan Gam	12	Student	X
4.	Ramen Panging	31	CBO Worker	
5.	Binod Mili	32	CBO Worker	
6.	Tileswar Yein	35	Fisherman	
7.	Anirudha Panging	51	Fisherman	
8.	Bicirma Panging	50	Fisherman	
9.	Jonali Panging	32	Women leader	
10.	Eyang Gam	27	DCN Unit Coordinator	B.A
11.	Arnav Panging	23	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-11: DCN unit members of Disangmukh area

DCN site name-12: Goalpara

Table-12: List of DCN Unit members of Goalpara area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Aidul Hussain	18	Student	HSLC
2.	Tarak Inam Siddiki	20	Student	HS
3.	Sakeer Inam Siddiki	16	Student	X
4.	Syeda Wasmin	16	Student	HS
5.	Hunupha Khatun	14	Student	IX
6.	Sanuar Hussain	40	CBO worker	HS
7.	Safia Begam	35	Women leader	Matric
8.	Shahat Ali	40	CBO worker	Matric
9.	Azida Beya	65	Women leader	VII
10.	Shahid Raj Haque	20	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
11.	Sayed Akhtar Hussain	18	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	Matric



Fig12: DCN unit members of Goalpara area

DCN site name-13: Guijan

Table-13: List of DCN Unit members of Guijan area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Tirthamohon Deka	48	Panchayat Secretery	
2.	Kuleswar Kurmi	55	Village head	H.S.L.C
3.	Nabendu Purakaystha	52	Teacher	B.A
4.	Mina Kundu	41	Women leader	
5.	Manabi Bargohai	44	CBO worker	
6.	Chandan Das	18	Student	H.S
7.	Sanjit Das	18	Student	H.s
8.	Dulal Das	27	DCN Unit Coordinator	HSLC



Fig-13: DCN unit members of Guijan area

DCN site name-14: Jiyadhanshree

Table-14: List of DCN Unit members of Jiadhanshree area

Sl. No	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Md. Sohikul Islham	35	Teacher	BA
2.	Abdus Samad	32	Teacher	BA
3.	Abdul Halim	22	Student	HS
4.	Abdul Barek	21	Student	HS
5.	Asma Khatun	25	Woman leader	Class-X
6.	Surja Van	28	CBO worker	Class-X
7.	Abdul Hakim	40	Panchayat member	BA
8.	Ali Akbar	50	Village head	HS
9.	Abdus Sattar	45	Fishermen	Class-x
10.	Faijuddin Ahmed	25	DCN Unit Coordinator	BA
11.	Nurjamal Hoque	26	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	BA



Fig-14: DCN unit members of Jiyadhanshree area

DCN site name-15: Jogighopa

Table-15: List of DCN Unit members of Jugighopa area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Marium Khatun	30	Woman leader	Under matric
2.	Anuwara Khatun	42	CBO worker	Under matric
3.	Abbas Ali	23	Teacher	BA
4.	Javed Ali	28	Teacher	BA
5.	Yunas Ali	18	Student	HS
6.	Golam Mostafa	18	Student	HS
7.	Year Ali	48	Panchayat member	Under matric
8.	Aynal Haque	54	Village head	
9.	Shahinur Haque	22	DCN Unit Coordinator	
10.	Shahjahan Ali	19	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	



Fig-15: Meeting with DCN unit members of Jogighopa area

DCN site name-16: Khabolu

Table-16: List of DCN Unit Members of Khabolu area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Naren Pegu	51	Teacher	
2.	Rajeawar Pegu	30	CBO Worker	
3.	Bijoy Pegu	40	CBO Worker	
4.	Mahanta Doley	28	Fishermen	
5.	Santanu Doley	22	Student	HS
6.	Gamanandra Pegu	18	Student	HS
7.	Hari ch. Sarkar	52	CBO worker	
8.	Lakhinath Tayang	45	CBO Worker	0
9.	Monoranjan Doley	26	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
10.	Monoranjan Pegu	29	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-16a: DCN unit members of Khabolu area



Fig-16b: Meeting with DCN unit members of Khabolu area

DCN site name-17: Kukurmara

Table-17: List of DCN Unit members in Kukurmara area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Niral Chandra Das	35	Teacher	
2.	Haliram Das	32	Teacher	
3.	Madhav Chandra Das	45	Teacher	
4.	Nirmali Das	30	Woman leader	BA
5.	Jitumoni Das	26	CBO worker	BA
6.	Pinku Das	22	Student	
7.	Bishnu Das	21	CBO worker	HS
8.	Anita Das	37	Panchayat member	
9.	Janak Das	45	Village head	
10.	Amulya Das	24	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
11.	Madhusudhan Das	23	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-17a: DCN unit members of Kukurmara



Fig-17b: Meeting with DCN unit members of Kukurmara

DCN site name-18: Kuruwa

Table-18: List of DCN Unit members of Kuruwa area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Anuprabha Das	33	Woman leader	Matric
2.	Mantu Hazarika	25	CBO worker	BA
3.	Rijumoni Das	19	Student	HS
4.	Jumu Hazarika	19	Student	HS
5.	Prikkhit Das	20	Student	HS
6.	Hari Bhuyan	25	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
7.	Naba Kumar Das	28	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-18: DCN unit members of Kuruwa area

DCN site name-19: Maalibari

Table-19: List of DCN Unit members of Malibari

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Samsul Haque	38	Village head	BA
2.	Abdus Salam	54	Fishermen	HSLC
3.	Hajrat Ali	18	Student	HS
4.	Mayej Uddn Ahmed	20	Student	HS
5.	Golam Rafijul Zakariya	18	Student	HS
6.	Maminul Haque	38	Teacher	BA
7.	Sahrat Ali	54	Teacher	HSLC
8.	Fazal Haque	30	CBO leader	HS
9.	Shah Alom	22	DCN Unit Coordinator	BA
10.	Arman Ali Ahmed	18	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	HS



Fig-19: DCN unit members of Maalibari

DCN site name-20: Majuli

Table-20: List of DCN Unit members of Majuli area

Sl. No.	DCN Member name	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Maleswar Kalita	54	Teacher	B.A
2.	Premodhar Kutum	52	Teacher	B.A
3.	Munindra Bhunwa	27	CBO worker	B.A
4.	Bimal Kalita	35	CBO worker	H.S
5.	Rita Kalita	30	Woman leader	H.S
6.	Nabajyoti Kalita	20	Student	H.S
7.	Manisha Kalita	18	Student	H.S
8.	Prabha Kalita	18	Student	H.S
9.	Prabhat Kalita	25	DCN Unit Coordinator	B.A
10.	Kanbhaity Kalita	22	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	H.S



Fig-20: DCN unit members of Majuli area

DCN site name-21: Pahumara

Table-21: List of DCN Unit members of Pahumara area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1	Fulchand shekh	60	Village head	HS
2	Jyotish Tabildar	24	Teacher	BA
3	Paresh Ali	24	Teacher	BA
4	Rahenaj Parbeen	25	CBO worker	BA
5	Manjuara Parbeen	28	Woman leader	HSLC
6	Giyasuddin Sekh	19	Student	HS
7	Pranjit Barman	20	Student	HS
8	Hurmuj Ali	42	Panchayat member	X
9	Dilbar Khan	35	DCN Unit Coordinator	BSc
10	Mujammel Haque	25	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	BA



Fig-21: DCN unit members of Pahumara area

DCN site name-22: Suwalkuchi

Table-22: List of DCN Unit members of Suwalkuchi area

Sl. No.	Name of the members	Age	Occupation	Education qualification
1.	Mrinal Das	26	CBO worker	HS
2.	Mintu Medhi	25	CBO worker	HS
3.	Abhijit Thakuria	27	CBO worker	BA
4.	Bhaskar Jyoti Bharadwaj	22	Student	HS
5.	Mausumi Thakuria	25	Woman	BA
6.	Sunomoni Das	24	Student	BA
7.	Bhaben Medhi	55	Village head	HS
8.	Manoj Medhi	30	CBO worker	HS
9.	Bipul Thakuria	30	DCN Unit Coordinator	HS
10.	Arup Das	27	DCN Unit Assistant Coordinator	BA



Fig-22: DCN unit members of Suwalkuchi area