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Educational Kit in Nepali: January 2008

Title of Publication: 'Wetland, Forest and Bird Conservation: An Educational Kit'

A new publication entitled 'Wetland, Forest and Bird Conservation: An Educational Kit' has been developed and printed with the financial support of The Rufford Small Grants Foundation and The World Bank/Netherlands Partnership Program. This kit is written in Nepali language to make it more user-friendly to local people. 1000 copies have been printed in first edition. Institute of Forestry Pokhara Campus and Wetland Friends of Nepal are the publishers, and Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation and Bird Conservation Nepal are the supporters. The author team comprises Mr. Gandhiv Kafle and Prof. Mohan K. Balla whereas editorial board comprises Mr. Jhamak Karki, Dr. Hem Sagar Baral and Mr. Raj Kumar Koirala.

Proper educational materials are necessary to raise public awareness on wetland, forest and bird conservation among local community. Proper educational materials refer to publications prepared in Nepali language understandable to local people. Very few educational materials are available in Nepal about wetland, forest and bird conservation. Likewise, conservation education will not be effective without proper educational materials. Conservation message can be disseminated among target groups in right manner with the help of proper educational materials. A good educational material can be even better than the well-trained teacher. In this context, this educational material entitled 'Wetland, Forest and Bird Conservation: An Educational Kit' has been prepared in Nepali language understandable to local people. This English version is the exact translation of Nepali version of the kit.

This kit is divided into nine chapters. First chapter includes basic introduction to Nepal. Wetlands, Ramsar sites, status and conservation of Ghodaghodi Lake Area, forest, birds and bird watching are presented in chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 respectively. Chapter eight includes problems and threats to wetland, forest and bird conservation in Nepal's Terai. Chapter nine includes measures for wetland, forest and bird conservation. Students, local people and environmental enthusiasts - all can use this kit to obtain basic knowledge on wetlands, forests and birds of Nepal. Likewise, teachers, community motivators and facilitators can use this kit as resource/teaching material. Persons involved in profession other than nature conservation will find this kit more useful to obtain basic knowledge on wetlands, forests and birds of Nepal.

We are going to disseminate this kit among key stakeholders on the occasion of Asian Waterbird Count and World Wetlands Day 2008. We are looking for the additional support to translate and print this kit in English language.

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