

## Project Update: June 2008

1. An article on "Ghodaghodi Lake Area: Resources, Opportunities and Conservation" in BCN's Danphe Newsletter. The article provides an overall glimpse on status and conservation of Ghodaghodi Lake Area. Ghodaghodi Lake Area is one of the Ramsar Sites and Important Bird Areas of Nepal. This article has been distributed among more than 2000 members of Bird Conservation Nepal, Wetland Friends of Nepal and students as well as faculties of Institute of Forestry, Pokhara. This article represents the first most in terms of presenting the overall information about Ghodaghodi Lake Area and Associated Biodiversity.
2. An article on 'Wetlands: Introduction, Importance and Conservation' in BCN's Munal Newsletter  
The article provides an introductory information on wetland, its types, values, Ramsar Sites, existing wetland issues and conservation options in Nepali language. This article has been distributed among more than 2000 members of Bird Conservation Nepal, Wetland Friends of Nepal and students as well as faculties of Institute of Forestry, Pokhara.
3. A peer-reviewed international journal entitled 'Our Wetlands'. In the past years, a preliminary concept was formulated to initiate a journal in Nepal that focuses on wetland issues but the concept could not be materialized due to technical problem. With the help of RSG this time, it seems possible to initiate an online journal. The name of the journal is 'Our Wetlands' which will include short articles, research papers, news, announcements and review papers related to wetlands, forestry, soil conservation, watershed management, ecology, environment and biodiversity. International Network for Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) has agreed to offer hosting of this journal in their portal (based on preliminary consultation). Hopefully, the first issue will be made public in May/June.
4. Directory of Wetland Friends  
Wetland Friends Network is growing in number day by day. It seems essential to present the profile of associated network members in a publication/directory to ease the discussion and information exchange. The directory is being compiled and soon be published and disseminated among network members and associated wetland stakeholders.