

Stakeholders Consultation Workshop on Scaling up the conservation of Black Crowned Cranes, Jimma University, Ethiopia, June 8, 2017

A multi-stakeholders consultation workshop was conducted at Jimma University on June 8, 2017 in which 30 stakeholders from various Department and organization participated. A Welcoming speech was official addressed by vice Dean of College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (Dr Debela Hunde). Out of the total invited (35) stakeholders, 30 of them able to join the consultation workshop. Out of total invited stakeholders, because of programme overlap five are not able to join the workshop. The workshop participants were from multidisciplinary backgrounds and interdisciplinary. When we talk about Black Crowned conservation being interdisciplinary, we were taking about the participation of various experts from different fields. The Natural Sciences concepts and knowledge are not sufficient to address the issues of conservation; we must incorporate other social sciences to deal with the public for practical conservation activities. Talking to people about the conservation of Black Crowned Cranes and involve them in conservation is very crucial to save the life of threatened species like Cranes.

For the stakeholders consultation workshop the following two papers was presented and followed by discussions

1. Wetland Ecosystem and Current Challenges by Dr Debela Hunde (Associate Professor at Jimma University)
2. Scaling Up public education and awareness creations towards the conservation of Black Crowned cranes in Jimma Zone by Dessalegn Obsi Gemed

Table 1: list of Stakeholders consultation workshop at Jimma University

No	Name of participants	Organization	Role and responsibilities
1	Mr Adugna Eneyew	Jimma University	College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Dean
2	Dr Debela Hunde	Jimma University	College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Vice Dean
3	Dr Benti Dheressa	Jimma University	Jimma University College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Postgraduate and Research Coordinating Office
4	Ms Umi Abdulkadir	Jimma University	Jimma University College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, College administration Director
5	Mr Ermiyas Melaku	Jimma University	College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Quality Assurance
6	Dr Wokuma Bayissa	Jimma University	Head Department of Horticulture and Plant Sciences
7	Dr Gezahagen Barecha	Jimma University	International Coffee Research Director and staff of Horticulture and Plant Sciences
8	Mr Dereje Bekele	Jimma University	Jimma University, Natural Resources Management
9	Mr Zerihun Kebebew	Jimma University	Jimma University, Natural Resources Management

10	Mr Abebayehu Aticho	Jimma University	Jimma University, Natural Resources Management
11	Mr Mulubrihan Bayisa	Jimma University	Jimma University Department of Agriculture Economics, Agribusiness and Rural Development
12	Mr Samuel Tilahun	Jimma University	Jimma University, Senior Staff of Animal Sciences Department
13	Prof Tadele Tolessa	Jimma University	College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Head of School of Veterinary Medicine
14	Dr Sintayehu Alamirew	Jimma University	College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Community Based Education (CBE) Coordinator
15	Dr Kenate Worku	Jimma University	College of Social Sciences and Humanity Vice Dean
16	Mr Tesfaye Debela	Jimma University	Department of Geography and Environmental Studies
17	Mr Sintayehu Teka	Jimma University	Department of Geography and Environmental Studies
18	Mr Kassaye Ambaye	Jimma University	Department of Geography and Environmental Studies
19	Mrs Diribe Mekonin	Jimma University	Jimma University, Sociology Department Head
20	Dr Kitessa Hundera	Jimma University	Jimma University Community Based Education Director
21	Dr Mekonnen Addis	Jimma University	College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Continuing and Distance Education Coordinating Office
22	Mrs Shitaye Gure	Jimma University	College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Gender and Youth office Coordinating Office
23	Mr Bekalu Amenu	Jimma University	College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, ICT Division Coordinator
24	Mr Melkamu Dumessa	Jimma University	Department of English Languages and literatures
25	Dr Yosef Deneke	Jimma University	College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Student Service Office
26	Mr Mitiku Hailu	Jimma University	College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, ICT Technician Staff
27	Mrs Tenaye Deneke	Jimma University	Department of Natural Resources Management Secretary
28	Mrs Shitaye Jorga	Jimma University	Department of Natural Resources Management office facilitators
29	Mr Tsedeke Iticha	Jimma Zone Agricultural Office	Representative of Jimma Agricultural Development Office
30	Mr Nazif Abachebsa	Jimma EFCC Authority	Jimma Zone Environmental Protection, Forest and Climate Change Authority

During the workshop the following key points were presented:

- ✓ Black Crowned Crane Ecology, distribution and threats
- ✓ Previous published Red List Assessment (IUCN) Reports on Black Crowned Cranes
- ✓ Population variations of Black Crowned Cranes from June 2016 to March 2017 at Chalalaki wetland

- ✓ Habitat preferences of Black Crowned Cranes
- ✓ The role of people (Stakeholders) in Black Crowned Cranes Conservation
- ✓ The outcome and success stories of the first and 2nd Rufford Small Grants: Various capacity building, conservation guideline of the species, scientific publication, result dissemination through social networking and mass media
- ✓ Newsletter publications on Black Crowned crane conservation projects by Critical Ecosystem Partnership fund and Conservation leadership Programme
- ✓ Existing opportunities and challenges of Black Crowned Cranes conservation



Figure 1: Presentation on Wetland Ecosystem and Current Challenges by Dr Debela Hunde



Figure 2: Presentation on the project supported by Rufford Foundation & the future plan by Mr. Dessalegn Obsi Gemeda

All participants are impressed by the project which is supported by Rufford Foundation for Nature Conservation, which funds nature conservation projects across the developing world.





Figure 3: Additional photos during discussions

All participants share the concern of the vulnerability of the Black Crowned Cranes. The participants are agreed to do their best on nature conservation by contributing their knowledge and experiences. The issues of community alternative livelihoods was discussed by participants in detail in order to minimize human pressures on wetlands; Black Crowned Cranes habitats. The participants suggest environmentally friendly economically activities like fishert and honey production by bees should be

promoted by the government and local communities to reduce human pressures on the wetlands which will make conducive habitats for Black Crowned Cranes.



Figure 4: Photo during closing remarks by college dean, Adugna Eneyew

The college dean amazed with the composition of the workshop participants which encompasses both Social and Natural Sciences to bring the agenda of vulnerable species towards the public. The college dean recommends that all sectors should work on nature

conservation; this project is considered as a model in sharing the success of its project achievements for stakeholders: both academicians and representatives from Jimma Zone Agricultural Office and Jimma Zone Environmental Protection, Forest and Climate Change Authority, which is multidisciplinary experts. The stakeholders discussions is very important to strengthen the project for future activities.

Higher institution student's workshop on the conservation of Black Crowned crane

Student's capacity building workshop was also conducted on May 24, 2017 at Jimma University College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine. A total of **50 students** participated on the workshop. The students understand about

- ✓ Black Crowned Crane Ecology, distribution and threats
- ✓ Habitat preferences of Black Crowned Cranes
- ✓ Population variations of Black Crowned Cranes at Chalalaki wetland during dry and wet seasons
- ✓ Opportunities and Challenges of Black Crowned Cranes conservation

After the workshop, Jimma University ICT Division uploaded the workshop photo on university plasma; in which university community watch short video of Black Crowned Cranes along short message of conservation. The plasma transmit the workshop photos and some picture and movies of Black Cranes for three days from May 26- 28, 2017 in which more than **4000 students** watch the pictures and movies of Black Crowned Cranes.

See some picture of student's workshop at Jimma University







Figure 5: Some pictures of the students on the field after the conservation workshop at Jimma University