

Flora and Fauna of Ghodaghodi Lake Area (A Pocket Guide)

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This project represents the exciting joint venture of Institute of Forestry, Wetland Friends of Nepal and Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation of Government of Nepal. The main aim of this guide is to help identification of water birds, mammals and vegetation of the lake area. Accordingly, the details of the water birds, major mammals and vegetation recorded in the Ghodaghodi Lake Area are presented in the guide with colour illustrations. This guide is published in Nepali language to make it understandable and usable to local people. It is expected that this guide will help to local people, students, researchers, teachers, national tourists and visitors, community motivators and environment enthusiasts in obtaining preliminary knowledge of biodiversity of the lake area.

Nepali name, English name, scientific name, distribution and habitat, and characteristics of each species are included in the guide with colour illustrations. Importance and use value of each vegetation species is also presented. This guide is divided into six chapters. First chapter includes basic introduction to Ghodaghodi Lake Area. The description and illustrations of water birds, mammals and vegetation recorded at the lake area are presented in chapters 2, 3 and 4 respectively. Chapter five includes references and chapter six includes index of Nepali, English and Scientific names of the species.

We are going to disseminate this guide among key stakeholders on the occasion of different conservation events. We are looking for the additional support to translate and print this guide in English language.

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