



Wildlife Conservation Nepal

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ABOUT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION NEPAL

Wildlife Conservation Nepal, WCN, a non-governmental organization registered with the Government of Nepal, is a not for profit organization. It was established in 2002 with a vision to protect and conserve natural heritage and disseminate information on environment and wildlife issues.

WCN supports government agencies to protect wildlife beyond protected areas, help in the developmental aspect of conservation and through its professional team help the Government of Nepal to carry out different impact assessment studies on natural resource an ecological areas that are of importance.

A SPECIES PROTECTED IS A HERITAGE MAINTAINED.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

This has been a great year as our activities and programs have been broadened and Wildlife Conservation Nepal have focused on education, gender empowerment, addressing climate change, livelihood, protection of wildlife through advocacy and training.

We are building a clean energy project at Harion, Sarlahi, close to the Chure mountains where much degradation are taking place. The communities at large believe that this is something they look forward to.

On the other front, we moved into a new office space at Dhapasi height where outdoor activities with young minds and students have benefited many.

Our trustees have been working and supporting us and look forward to their continuous support.

Happy reading.



Prasanna Yonzon
Chief Executive Officer
Wildlife Conservation Nepal



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Education is an integral part of environment conservation. Realizing the importance of education in environmental protection, WCN is playing an active role in implementing interactive environmental education (IEE).

Since 2002, WCN has worked on improving the quality as well as proper implementation of interactive environment education. The aim of this program is to bring behavioral change that will ultimately lead to sustainable development.

From students to teachers, the program has involved individuals from various communities. IEE has bridged the scientific part of conservation to the community on an individual level. As of now, WCN has already reached 40 of the 77 districts of Nepal.

Eco Smart Member Schools

Seven Eco Smart Member schools were certified as Eco Smart Schools for the academic year 2018/19. In 2019 a new school was enrolled in the Eco Smart School Certification Program with our program now reaching a total of 594 students from 8 different schools. This year the schools are working in two thematic areas: Water and Waste Management.

Local Curriculum Development

For the proper implementation of IEE, there is a need of curriculum that will focus on bringing about behavioral change in relation to the 21st century environmental problems. WCN has actively supported the government on both national as well as local level to prepare and publish local curriculum. WCN worked in coordination with Shankharapur, Gokarneshowr and Budhalinkantha Municipalities and Bharatpur Metropolitan City to develop local curriculum for the schools and launched three local curriculum : “Hamro Budhalinkantha 2076”, “Hamro Shankharapur” and “ Hamro Gaurav hamro Bharatpur”.

WCN also conducted a workshop to the teachers, principals, local experts and authorities of Helambhu Rural Municipality on the technical know-how of developing a local curriculum.

Green School Resource Handbook

In 2018, the Government of Nepal publicized the Green School Initiative Directive that is dedicated to making schools environment-friendly. Based on that directive, WCN in collaboration with Center for Education and Human Resources Development (CEHRD) and Curriculum Development Center published a Green School Resource Handbook. WCN in coordination with the municipalities and CEHRD is working towards distributing the handbooks across the nation. Alongside, a short movie “Hamro Harit Vidyalaya” was also developed in order to promote the concept of green schools.





CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER ACTION

Climate change has threatened the natural balance of the whole world and Nepal is no exception. The country is ranked fourth in the list of climate change vulnerable countries of the world. The direct impact of changing climates is seen on marginalized and economically weak communities. Seeing this dire situation, WCN has its focus on natural resource management and development of entrepreneurial skills of rural communities. To do so, WCN vigorously works with community forests so that they can improve their resilience towards environmental, economic and social adversities that are presented by the on going climate change.

WCN was able to revitalize the vulnerable indigenous and marginalized groups of 10 community forests of Nawalparasi district through participatory agroforestry initiatives benefiting 5000 households.

Eight women groups, 13 community forests and three municipalities came together to restore the degraded and unused lands of the community forests of Nawalparasi and Chitwan. A total of 32ha was restored with 25000 saplings of high value multipurpose tree and fodder species. In Nawalparasi, women were empowered with an aim to strengthen their alternative livelihood options and increase their resilience to climate change. Seven women groups each comprising of at least 25 members are now officially registered and are involved in various green initiatives including the cultivation of Medicinal Aromatic Plants (MAP). Three distillation units were installed and renovated to support the women groups on MAP business. 110 biogas units were installed contributing to the reduction of GHG emission by an average of 814 ton/yr saving kerosene by 704 lts.

An eco- restoration was also carried out in Shankharapur and Tokha Municipality where WCN provided technical support.





WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH PROGRAM

WCN believes in conservation of the wildlife beyond protected areas. It focuses on areas with high priority for biodiversity in all possible areas like ponds, lakes, parks, urban settings to name a few. WCN through its Citizen Science program is working towards creating platforms for young and amateur scientists to come together creating a collective civic community for science through volunteer monitoring or online citizen portals led by professional scientists and professionals to establish data on different issues of our landscapes. In line to this WCN trained nature enthusiasts, fresh and post graduates of different science and management background on herpetology and Frog, taxonomy of frog species, Citizen science and approaches to biodiversity and conservation., filed safety and precautions, Ethics, do's and don'ts and use of smartphone for research.

The trainees have been supporting in maintaining a frog database for Kathmandu Valley. WCN is also working towards building the capacity of the enforcement agencies through education. WCN is focused on advocating timely suitable laws and policies along with conservation partners for effective conservation of endangered animals and to end wildlife crime.

A resource book on Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation for enforcement agencies (Nepal Police, Nepal Army and Nepal Armed Police Force) has been initiated in coordination with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation. The Resource Book will be used as reference material during wildlife training for enforcement agencies.



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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR GREEN LIFESTYLES

Over the past few years WCN has been in prioritizing public engagement and outreach for sustainable and greener lifestyles by focusing on using varied tools like art, nature photography, radio, movies, wide tree plantation in public spaces in order to bring people from different backgrounds and from different age to a common platform. This is focused in empowering the youth and community through innovative programs and activities that instigates interest in conservation and environment protection and mobilizes them to pursue knowledge and practices that can lead to more environmentally friendly and ecologically responsible decisions and lifestyles.

Ace social week: In 2019 WCN hosted a group of management students from Ace Institute of Management where they were taught about alarming issues of the environment in Nepal. The students also conduc

-ted a survey and learnt about waste and its management system in Dhapasi, Tokha municipality and did a door to door campaign and educated the local community on waste segregation.

Artlife: Generating awareness through art such as photography and painting have been proven to be more impactful especially on students. WCN NPP conducted its First 3D Art Exhibition and ART workshop with an aim to create awareness about the current pollution situation of Kathmandu valley. The Workshop cum Exhibition “ARTLIFE” was organized in cooperation with Crafty Cat Club, UK. Students presented their ideas in a 3D model where the impacts of plastic, air and water pollution were presented.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

FY 2017/18 - 2018/19

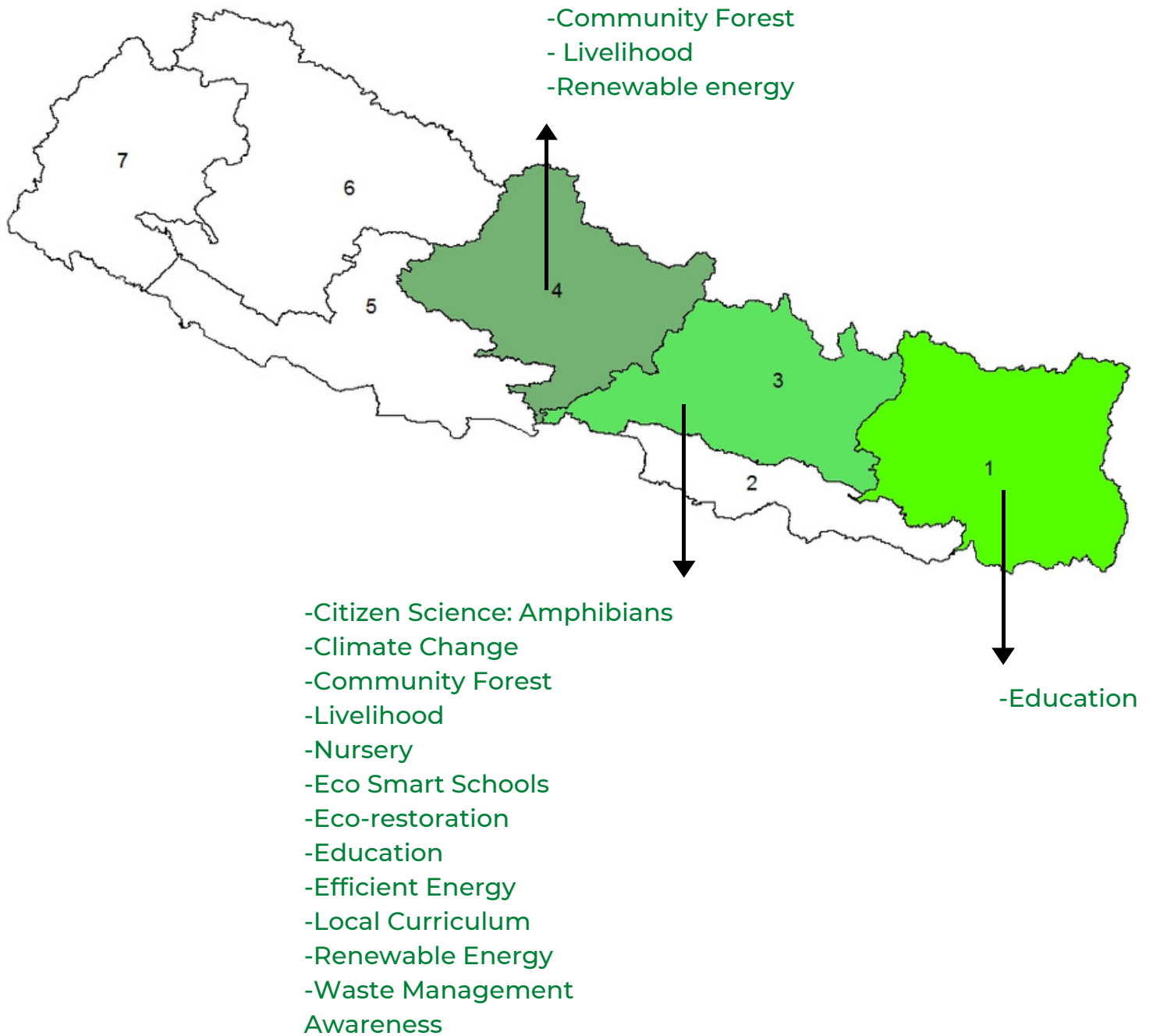
Financial Year	2018/19	2017/18
Program Activity Expenditure	27,097,380.37	13,604,014.73
Administration Expenditure	9,686,228.88	8,402,123.52
Others Expenditure	40,449.95	397.120.00
Total Expenditure	36,824,059.20	22,403,367.25

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