



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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<Highlight 1>: Consultation meetings to form CCAs

Meetings were held with six villages in October (18th: Sukhai, 19th: Ghukhuyi, 20th Nihoshe, and Kivikhu; 21st: Vishepu and Xuyivi) to discuss the formation of CCAs in each village, to explain the purpose of the project and to have public consultations with the Village Council and the people of the village. Films and documentaries were screened, presentations made and detailed discussions held. Pictures of these meetings are provided below.

<Highlight 2>: Structure of village level Community Conservation Committee (CCC)

Based on discussions with the six villages, the following structure was finalized for each village level CCC

1. Village Council Members
 - Gaon Burrahs (Traditional village heads-inherited positions)
 - Village Council Chairman (elected) and members
 - Village Development Board (VDB) Secretary
2. Elected Members
 - Women's Group Representatives (2) (Sumi Totimi Hoho (STH) (President and Secretary)
 - Youth Group Representative-2 (Students Union President and 1 to be elected by the CCC)
 - Church Representatives-2 (Deacon Chairman and other to be elected by CCC)

Each committee will keep track of activities such as patrolling, conflict resolution within a village, fixing of rates for ecotourists, management of the CCA, regulations (e.g. bans on hunting, destructive fishing, duration, species, closed seasons, etc.)

<Highlight 3>: Structure of an apex Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihoods Network (BCLN)

The following structure was agreed upon for the Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihoods Network (the joint CCA network)

Members:

Head Gaon Burrah of each member village

Village Council Chairman of each member village

VDB Secretary of each member village

CCC representative (Secretary/Chairman)

From these members, a Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer of the BCLN will be elected. The tenure of this committee

will be 3 years

In addition, both the village committees and the apex committees will have an advisory board consisting of influential members who can help provide advice, opportunities and funding avenues for the committees.

This committee will be responsible for issues such as rule infringement and conflict resolution, between member villages and with other villages who are not members (e.g. along the Tizu river, several villages fish including those that are not members of the joint CCA network.

<Highlight 4>: Interesting sightings

A relatively rare Bhutan Glory butterfly was sighted on 21 Oct, 2016 on the road between the Kivikhu and Vishepu villages. Here is a description of the butterfly from the web

Bhutanitis lidderdalii, the Bhutan glory, is a species of swallowtail butterfly (family Papilionidae), which is found in Bhutan, parts of north eastern India and of Southeast Asia. A spectacular insect much sought after by collectors, it is listed under CITES Appendix II, but not in the Red Book of the IUCN, the status of the butterfly has been recorded as rare by some authorities and "insufficiently known" in the IUCN Red Data Book on swallowtails.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhutanitis_lidderdalii

Photos

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Village meeting on 19th Oct with Ghukhuyi village. Ivan Jhimo of village Sukhai speaks to the community of the need for conservation. Pics by Pia Sethi (except one above by Siddharth Edake)



The gaon burrah of Xuyivi shows us the extent of the forests belonging to the village. Pic. Siddharth Edake



Kivikhu consultation meeting (pic by Siddharth Edake)



Nihoshe public meeting. Pic. Siddharth Edake



Awareness meeting at Sukhai. Juvie is the translator. Pic. Siddharth Edake



Vishepu public meeting. Pic. Siddharth Edake



Meeting at Xuyivi village. Pic. Siddharth Edake



Meeting of the heads of 5 prospective CCAs. Pic. Siddharth Edake



Joint meeting of the five villages followed by a picture Pic: Siddharth Edake



Sign by Nihoshe village banning the use of generators, batteries, etc. for fishing in the Tizu river. Pic by Pia Sethi



The scenic Tizu river, a good spot for ecotourists



An interactive session with the youth of Sukhai village. Pic Pia Sethi



Each village draws a map of their village and forests including the designated CCA area (pic above Pia Sethi, below Siddharth Edake)



Maps of 4 villages



