

Project Advisory Committee (PAC)

Chair: Secretary, MoFE
Member Secretary: Chief, Planning, Monitoring and Coordination Division, MoFE

Members:

1. Director General, DoFSC
2. Director General, DNPWC
3. Chief, Planning, Monitoring and Coordination Division, MoFE
4. Chief, Climate Change Management Division, MoFE
5. Chief, Forest and Watershed Division, MoFE
6. Chief, Participatory Forestry Division, MoFE
7. Chief, Environment and Biodiversity Division, MoFE
8. Chief, National REDD Centre
9. Joint Secretary, International Cooperation Coordination Division, Ministry of Finance
10. Joint Secretary, MoAD
11. Joint Secretary, MoHA
12. Joint Secretary, MoFAGA
13. Representative of SWC
14. State Secretary of MoITF, Madhesh State
15. State Secretary of MoITFE, Bagmati state
16. State Secretary of MoFESC, Gandaki state
17. State Secretary of MoFESC, Lumbini state
18. State Secretary of MoITFE, Karnali State
19. State Secretary of MoITFE, Sudur Paschim state
20. Representative, Indigenous People (IP) and Local communities
21. Representative, FECOFUN
22. Country Representative, WWF Nepal (invitee)

Function, Roles and Responsibilities:

- Strategic guidance and coordination in line with the Project Document/ Grant Agreement
- Enabling and facilitation for effective implementation across all levels of the government

Project Executive Committee (PEC)

Chair: Joint Secretary, Planning, Monitoring and Coordination Division, MoFE (Project Director)
Member Secretary: Project Coordinator, ILaM

Members:

1. Under Secretary, Development Cooperation Coordination Section, MoFE
2. Under Secretary, Program and planning section, MoFE
3. Under Secretary, Climate Change and Management Division, MoFE
4. Under Secretary, Forests and Watershed Division, MoFE
5. Under Secretary, Participatory Forestry Division, MoFE
6. Under Secretary, Environment and Biodiversity Division, MoFE
7. Under Secretary, Department National Park and Wildlife Conservation
8. Under Secretary, Department of Forests and Soil Conservation
9. Under Secretary, National REDD Centre
10. Under Secretary, MOFAGA
11. GESI Focal point, MoFE
12. Under Secretary, Finance section, MoFE

Invitees:

- Project Manager, Field Manager(s) and
- Representative, WWF

Function, Roles and Responsibilities:

- Review and endorsement of AWP and Progress and Financial report (Yearly and Half yearly)
- Endorsement of project governance policy
- Support in facilitation of co-financing and annual audit report response
- Linking the project function with Advisory committee
- High level monitoring at outcome level
- Facilitate coordination with three levels of governments (Federal, state, and local)

Field Coordination Committee (FCC)

Coordinator:

- Secretary, Ministry of Forest, Environment and Soil Conservation, Lumbini Province

Members:

1. State Forestry Director
2. TAL Manager/s
3. Chief Warden, BaNP
4. Divisional Forest Officer, Division Forest Office, Banke
5. Field Manager, ILaM

Invitees:

- as required

Key Function, Roles and Responsibilities:

- Avoid duplications during plan and implementation
- Local level implementation, coordination, and facilitation
- Reports directly to PECLicernihi, estrum intrips essulis. Si prat, que cris con Italarl amdit.

Expected Results

- 4,050 Ha Area of degraded lands restored. (agricultural lands 150 Ha, forest and forest land 2,900 Ha, natural grass and shrublands 1,000 Ha),
- 130 CFUGs in Kamdi and Karnali corridor with updated forest operational plans addressing SFM and biodiversity conservation,
- Greenhouse gas emissions mitigated (metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent) tCO₂e - 1,270,919,
- 31,356 direct beneficiaries as co-benefit of GEF investment- [Community members in targeted CFUGs and BZUGs in intervention areas receiving capacity development/training-29,740 (50% female), Government (federal/state/local) staff receiving capacity development/training from the project, - 1,616 (30% female)].

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Ministry of Forests and Environment

INTEGRATED LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT TO SECURE NEPAL'S PROTECTED AREAS AND CRITICAL CORRIDORS



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Project Introduction

The WWF-GEF supported Integrated Landscape Management to Secure Nepal's Protected Areas and Critical Corridors (ILaM) Project has a geographic scope spanning the whole of the Terai Arc Landscape (TAL) in Nepal. The project will result in a reduction in the threats altering the biological corridors and Protected Areas (PA) buffer zones in the TAL, enhancing the ecological integrity of these substantially forested areas, the globally significant wildlife populations, and the resilience of forest dwelling communities. The improved conservation and sustainable management of forest resources will result in increased carbon storage, sequestration and restoration of degraded habitats and continued delivery of ecosystem services that support local population.

Objectives

The project seeks to achieve the following objective: **to promote integrated landscape management to conserve globally significant forests and wildlife.**

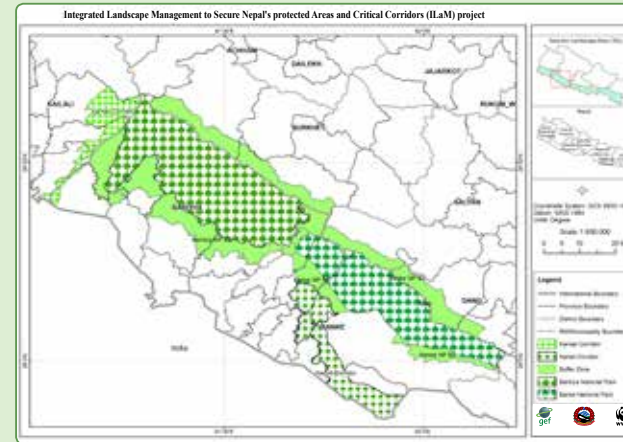
Over the five-years project period, the project objective will be achieved through the implementation of four interconnected components:

1. National capacity and enabling environment for cross-sectoral coordination to promote forest and landscape conservation: a national-level component to develop institutional and coordination capacity at all levels, to benefit planning and conservation of the overall Terai Arc Landscape (TAL).
2. Integrated Planning for Protected Area Buffer Zones and Critical Corridors in the Terai Arc Landscape -support for improved planning for all seven corridors of the TAL and assessments to determine priority sites for intervention within a targeted sub-set of the landscape, the Banke-Bardia complex, including Kamdi and Karnali corridors.
3. Forest and human-wildlife conflict management for improved conservation of targeted protected area buffer zones and corridors in the Terai Arc Landscape – training and on ground implementation of sustainable forest and wildlife management activities in the targeted Banke-Bardia complex, support for community based natural resource management, mitigation of human wildlife conflict, and reducing the impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife.
4. Knowledge Management and Monitoring and Evaluation - to bring practitioners together from across the landscape, help develop a coherent vision of integrated landscape management, share resources and lessons learned across all levels of intervention and prepare the way for replication and upscaling of project results.

The project will work toward the Sustainable Development Goals by promoting inclusive, coordinated land management, good governance, and economic development to address the root causes of poverty and the universal need for development that works for all people. It will primarily target terrestrial biodiversity conservation (Goal 15 – Life on Land), but also contribute towards other Goals, including: 1 (No Poverty), 5 (Gender Equality), 13 (Climate Action), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), 14 (Life Below Water) and 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions). Goal 15 – Life on Land will play an integral role in achieving all the others – and vice versa.

Working Areas

Terai Arc Landscape (TAL) region



Project Stakeholders

The project will work with different layers of Stakeholder:

- Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE)
- Department of Forests and Soil Conservation (DoFSC), Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC)
- State Governments (Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forests and Environment)
- Local Governments (Rural Municipality, Municipality, Sub Metropolitan City)
- Division Forest Offices (DFO) and National Park Offices
- Buffer Zone User Committees (BZUCs), Buffer Zone Community Forest User Groups BZCFUGs), Community Forest User Groups (CFUGs)
- Federation of Community Forest User Groups of Nepal (FECOFUN)
- Indigenous People Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN)
- Relevant Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Conservation I/NGOs

Guidelines and Procedures

Working with all the layers of stakeholders, the project will strictly follow few guidelines and procedures:

Indigenous People

The project considers Indigenous people as the main inhabitants living around the PAs and in the Buffer zone and Corridors in the TAL. The project will be guided by the Indigenous People's Planning Framework (IPPF) - And Process Framework (PF) according to which, it safeguards the rights of IPs to participate and equitably receive culturally appropriate benefits from the project.

Environment and Social Safeguards Integrated Policies and Procedures

Environment and Social Safeguards Integrated Policies and Procedures is designed to provide the entire project with the procedures to minimize adverse environmental impacts, and to support the positive impacts to the possible maximum extent, abiding by human rights according to the prevailing government law and order.

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)

The Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is committed to mainstreaming Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), to ensure that women and men have equal access to, and control over, resources for development, benefits, and decision-making at all stages of development processes, projects, programs, or policy. This will promote equitable management of benefits such as the use of natural resources among all citizens as described in the Constitution of Nepal to support GESI is fully mainstreamed.

Project Execution Arrangement

The WWF-GEF project, *Integrated Landscape Management to Secure Nepal's Protected Areas and Critical Corridors Project (PIMS 9437) - ILaM* will be executed by the Ministry of Forests and Environment (MOFE), Government of Nepal. Under MOFE, DOFSC and DNPWC are the major two departments, responsible for implementing the project's interventions. The local community groups (e.g., Community Forest User Groups, Buffer Zone User Committees, Buffer Zone Community Forest User Groups), municipalities and state government agencies (e.g., Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forests and Environment, Division Forest Offices) will be key partners for the implementation at local and state level. MOFE will be responsible for communicating with the national GEF Operational Focal Point (OFP) regarding the status of project implementation. WWF as the GEF implementing agency will communicate and coordinate with GEF secretariat as appropriate. The **Project Advisory Committee (PAC)** and **Project Executive Committee (PEC)** and **Project Management Unit (PMU)** will constitute the overall governing bodies for the project. The overall project execution arrangements are shown in below. The key function of PAC is strategic guidance and provide enabling/facilitation for effective implementation across all levels of the government structure. Likewise key function of PEC is linking PMU with PAC, endorsement of annual workplan/ progress/financial report, and facilitate coordination at all levels(federal, state, and local).

