

TOWARDS THE POST-2020 BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Retrospective reflection and setting priority actions for the mountains



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The HKH countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan – are all parties to the [Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#) and are committed to its biodiversity conservation targets. The [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity \(2011-2020\)](#) with its embedded [Aichi Biodiversity Targets](#) is the overarching global biodiversity framework to implement the CBD. The world is now preparing to adopt the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (2021-2030) building on the previous Strategic Plan (2011-2020) in the upcoming 15th meeting of the Conference of Parties to CBD (CBD CoP15), [to be held from 11 to 14 October 2021 in Kunming, China](#).

This webinar aims to provide a platform to discuss the priority actions needed for sustaining the fragile ecosystems of HKH region and Asia, and draft recommendations for the post-2020 biodiversity targets for the region.

Objectives

The specific objectives of the webinar are to:

- Discuss priority actions and targets for Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework with special reference to the Programme of Work on Mountain Biodiversity (PoWMB)

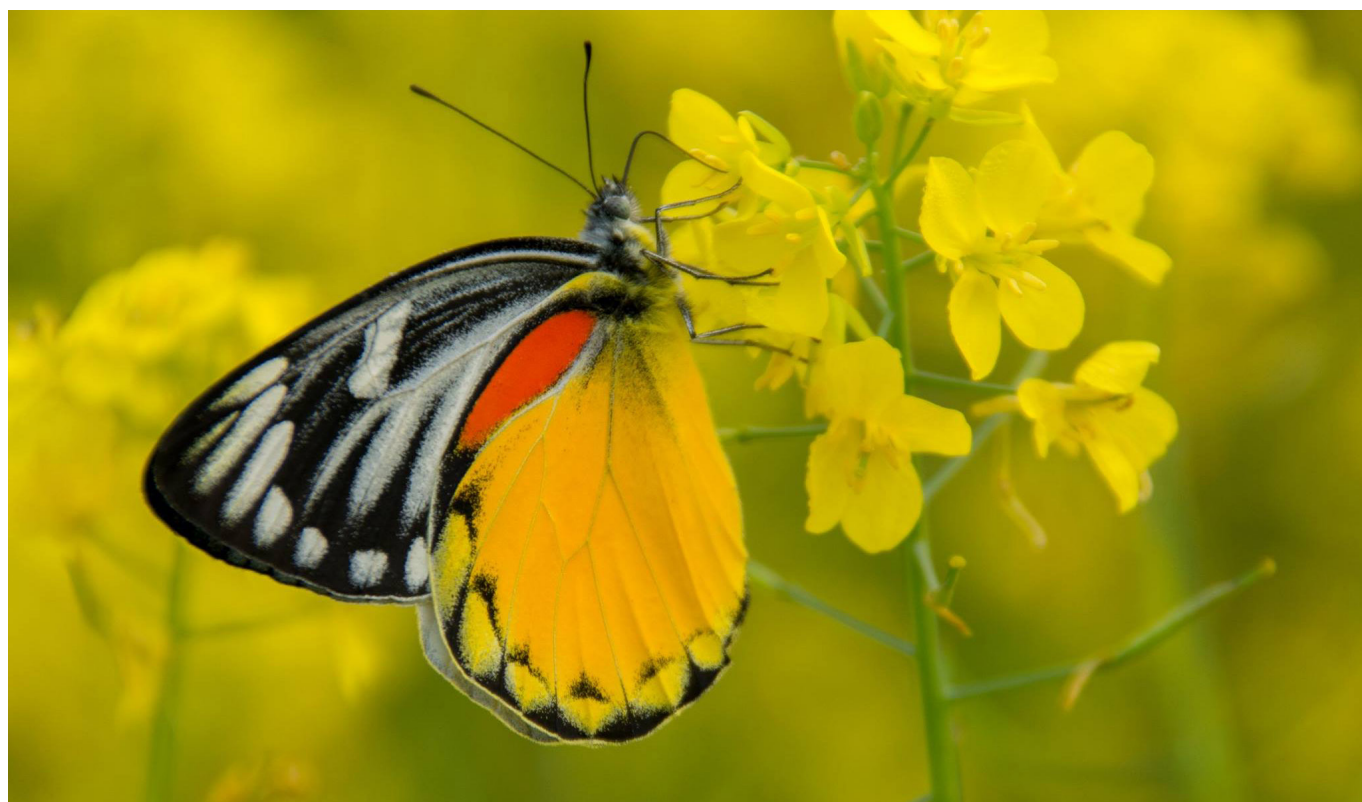
- Share success stories and good practices related to targets achieved

This webinar is targeted at the following audiences:

- Policy makers: CBD focal persons from the governments of HKH and South Asia sub-region countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Iran, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
- Conservation and development practitioners/ organizations at national, regional, and international levels
- Partner Institutions: UNDP, Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE), Government of Nepal

Expected outcomes

- Consensus on priority actions for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework with particular reference to the PoWMB
- Approval and ownership of the draft reports presented



Our engagement in the run up to COP15

ICIMOD conducted a retrospective analysis of the implementation of the Strategic Plan (2011-2020) for the HKH member countries. It assessed the progress towards the 20 Aichi Targets and the [Programme of Work on Mountain Biodiversity \(PoWMB\)](#) as provisioned for special attention by the CBD. The analysis was based on the Sixth National Report submitted to the CBD Secretariat by the HKH member countries. A report has been prepared based on this assessment.

In addition, we conducted a thorough review of progress against Aichi Target 11 for the South Asia sub-region (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka) under the “[Global Partnership on Aichi Target 11](#)”. The progress review of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets including Aichi Target 11 and PoWMB is important to recognize and share conservation successes and best practices, identify challenges, and prioritize plans of action for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.

Agenda

Time	Programme	Speakers
10:15–10:30	Online registration	ICIMOD
Opening session (10:30-10:50) Moderated by: Janita Gurung, Transboundary Landscapes, ICIMOD		
10:30–10:50	Welcome remarks	Pema Gyamtsho , Director General, ICIMOD
	Remarks	Elizabeth Maruma Mrema , Executive Secretary, CBD
	Inaugural address	Statement from Sher Bahadur Deuba , Rt. Hon’ble Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Nepal
	Group Photo	Rays Rajbhandari , IT, ICIMOD
Technical session (10:50-11:15)		
10:50–11:05	CBD Implementation in the Hindu Kush Himalaya: A retrospective reflection	Sunita Chaudhary , Ecosystem Services, ICIMOD

11:05–11:15	Q&A session	Janita Gurung , Transboundary Landscapes, ICIMOD
Panel Discussion: Progress highlights and setting priority actions		
11:15–12:15	Priority actions for Aichi Targets and Programme of Work on Mountain Biodiversity (PoWMB)	Remarks from countries: CBD Focal Persons, and institution(s)
	Afghanistan	Jalaludin Naseri , Director, Natural Heritage, National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), Afghanistan
	Bangladesh	Zaheer Iqbal , Deputy Conservator of Forests, Resource Information Management System Unit, Forest Department, Bangladesh
	Bhutan	Yeshe Dorji , Biodiversity and Land use Division, National Environment Commission, Bhutan
	China	Yang Yongping , Professor and Director of Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
	India	S. Kerketta , Advisor to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Primary CBD Focal Person, India
	Myanmar	Thaung Naing Oo , Deputy Director General, Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar
	Nepal	Dhananjaya Paudyal , Joint Secretary and Chief, Environment and Biodiversity Division, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Primary CBD Focal Person, Nepal
	Pakistan	Naeem Ashraf Raja , Director Biodiversity Programme, Ministry of Climate Change, Primary CBD Focal Person, Pakistan
	UNDP India	Ruchi Pant , Chief – Climate Change, Resilience, NR & Chemicals Management, UNDP India
12:15–12:35	Q&A	Janita Gurung , Transboundary Landscapes, ICIMOD
Closing session (12:35–13:00)		
12:35–12:45	Summary and way forward	Izabella Koziell , Deputy Director General, ICIMOD
12:45–12:50	Closing remarks	Dhananjaya Paudyal , Joint Secretary and Chief, Environment and Biodiversity Division, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal
12:50–13:00	Vote of thanks	Nakul Chettri , CBD Focal Person, ICIMOD

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