

KNOWLEDGE CONSOLIDATION WEBINAR SERIES

Developing a shared understanding of the Far Eastern Himalaya Landscape

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Strengthening biodiversity conservation

5–6 July 2022 | Online



About the webinar series

Our Landscape Initiative for the Far Eastern Himalaya (HI-LIFE) along with its partners – [G.B. Pant National Institute for Himalaya Environment](#), North East Unit, India; [Kunming Institute of Botany, CAS](#), China; [Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation](#), Myanmar; and the [Southeast Biodiversity Research Institute](#), Myanmar – is hosting a series of webinars for scientists, policymakers, practitioners, and funding agencies who have worked in or have a future interest in the landscape. The webinars will focus on approaches and best practices in biodiversity conservation, ecosystem management, new technologies, and nature-based solutions.

Objectives

- Share the current understanding of biodiversity, ecosystems, and socioeconomic aspects, and deepen overall understanding of the landscape
- Inform policymakers, Protected Area (PA) managers, development workers, and conservation practitioners

about new technologies, tools, approaches and best practices in ecosystem management and sustainable development

- Identify gaps and emerging areas for regional collaboration to achieve the goals of the CBD post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
- Strengthen and widen partnerships and regional cooperation for the conservation and sustainable development of the Far Eastern Himalaya Landscape (FEHL)

Please submit your abstract here

Timeline

17 May 2022	Call for abstracts for oral presentations
1 June 2022	Registration opens
15 June 2022	Deadline for abstract submission
17 June 2022	Notifications sent to abstract submitters
5–6 July 2022	Webinar

Expected outputs

- A compendium of abstracts
- A consolidated proceedings document highlighting key areas and recommendations for regional cooperation

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The second episode of the webinar series will provide a platform to share policies, experiences, emerging issues, collaborative opportunities, research findings, new ideas and technologies, technical guidelines, and approaches to biodiversity conservation and protected area management, transboundary collaboration, and community conservation.

Biodiversity in the FEHL is threatened by land-use change, habitat fragmentation, climate change, biological invasions, poaching and wildlife trade, excessive exploitation of forest products, and lack of transparency in the trade of biological products. The transboundary nature of the landscape adds to the complexity and challenges for biodiversity conservation.

Community participation in biodiversity conservation is extremely important in the FEHL as many areas outside the PA network are rich in biodiversity, and various ethnic groups have rich customary institutions and traditional knowledge related to biodiversity and stewardship.

Driven by global efforts for strengthened conservation, the national policies, legal frameworks, and institutions governing biodiversity conservation in China, India, and Myanmar have undergone drastic changes in the past decade. At the same time, PA management and wildlife conservation have been transformed by new technologies and approaches such as geospatial technologies, artificial intelligence, camera trapping as well as citizen engagement in patrolling, monitoring, surveys, information processing, and public outreach.

Call for abstracts

We invite abstracts for the second webinar on 5-6 July 2022. Selected abstracts will be published in a compendium of abstracts, and the authors will be asked to present their work during the webinar.

Scope

The abstract must be based on scientific work or research conducted at the landscape level and focus on any of the following areas:

- Protected areas (Nature reserves, national parks, World Heritage Sites, wildlife sanctuaries), and other effective conservation measures (OECMs)
- Transboundary conservation and ecological connectivity
- Conservation policies, strategies, tools, and technologies

Guideline for abstracts

- Must be based on original work from the Far Eastern Himalaya Landscape or adjoining areas such as northwest Yunnan, Changlang District, India, and northern Myanmar
- Must include a short background, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion
- Only abstracts submitted in English will be considered
- The length of each abstract must not exceed 500 words

Background

ICIMOD has been promoting the landscape approach to address shared conservation and development challenges that transcend national boundaries. Our Landscape Initiative for the Far Eastern Himalaya (**HI-LIFE**) has served as a platform for regional cooperation by supporting joint research, facilitating policy dialogue, and promoting the sharing of information, innovative approaches, and best practices.

2022 is a crucial year for global biodiversity conservation and sustainable development, as the **CBD CoP15** conference with the theme ‘**Ecological Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth**’ will endorse the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and chart out a roadmap and targets for the next decade. Sharing knowledge and information will be the first step towards this shared future.

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