

KNOWLEDGE CONSOLIDATION WEBINAR SERIES

Developing a shared understanding of the Far Eastern Himalaya Landscape

EPISODE 3

Nature-based solutions for conservation and sustainable development

25–26 August 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 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 post2020 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

20 July 2022	Call for abstracts for oral presentations
1 August 2022	Registration
10 August 2022	Deadline for abstract submission
12 August 2022	Notifications sent to abstract submitters
25–26 August 2022	Webinar

Expected outputs

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

Episode 3

Nature-based solutions for conservation and sustainable development

The third episode of the [webinar series](#) will provide a platform to share case studies, experiences, and innovative practices from the Far Eastern Himalaya Landscape (FEHL), and the wider HKH and other mountain regions across the world, that focus on nature-based solutions to address socioeconomic and environmental challenges such as poverty, disaster reduction, erosion, pest infestation, pollution, and extreme weather while achieving net gains in biodiversity.

Sustainable development in the FEHL is threatened by declining ecosystem services, environmental degradation, climate change, natural disasters, poverty, food insecurity, and inadequate infrastructure and services. Integrating biodiversity conservation and local development has always been a challenge, especially in a priority conservation area like the FEHL. Nature-based solutions have the potential to protect, sustainably manage, and restore ecosystems while addressing societal challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, poverty, and inequality. They also offer opportunities to meet critical societal needs while building long-term environmental and economic resilience.

Call for abstracts

We invite abstracts for the third webinar on 25-26 August 2022. Selected abstracts will be published in a compendium and authors will be invited to present their work at 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:

- Nature based solutions/ecosystem-based adaptation to address climate change, poverty reduction, and natural disasters
- Green mountain economy, green ways of production and consumption, and sustainable livelihoods
- Valuation of ecosystem services/nature's contribution to people
- Financial incentives for biodiversity conservation

Guideline for abstracts

- Must be based on best practices and innovative approaches from the Far Eastern Himalaya Landscape, HKH region, or any mountain region
- Must include a short background, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion
- Only abstract submitted in English will be considered
- The length of the 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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