Placed based solutions for biodiversity conservation in the hills & mountains of Eastern Himalaya: Emerging & Evolving Stories

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Integrated management of the full suite of human activities occurring in spatially demarcated areas identified through a procedure that takes into account biophysical, socioeconomic, and jurisdictional consideration.

Pillar 1
Geographical
- Spatial
- Social
- Cultural
- Institutional
- Biophysical

Pillar 2
- Knowledge flows
- Interdependence
- Social capital
- Marginalisation
- Exclusion

EMERGING & EVOLVING PLACE-BASED BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION EFFORTS . . .
The transformation story . . . Rampuria Forest Village, Darjeeling
From hunters to conservationists - Amur Falcon & Pangti Village, Nagaland

Drivers of Change:
- Community-based movement
- Dedicated institutions
- Intensive Campaigning
- Government interest
- “Getting back the pride”

Impacts:
- Falcon Capital
- 0 hunting of the species
- Tourism prospects - birdwatchers “go to”

Conservation continues
But
Challenges remain

Khanchendzonga Conservation Committee: Catalysing community-based conservation actions in fragile mountain ecosystems in Sikkim
Community-led restoration: The story of Chala Village Sanctuary in Assam

**From**
- Illegal loggers
- Encroachers
- Rights

**To**
- Protectors
- Village Sanctuary
- Rights and Responsibilities
Everyone is a birder: the Latpanchar Story (Darjeeling)

Emerging questions of sustainability and nature positive
Air Gun surrender campaigns in Arunachal Pradesh

Movement to conserve local agrobiodiversity & local food in Meghalaya

Changing hunting rituals in Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh

Singchung Bugun Village Community Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh

Community Management of a high altitude wetland in Sikkim

Other place-based biodiversity conservation efforts
From place-based research and actions to regional models

Place-based approaches
- Site Specific
- Specific Problems
- Direct Engagements
- Shared Vision & Commitment
- Direct Impacts
- Participatory Approaches
- Working Together
- Reciprocal Learning

Landscape-based models
- Testing/Pilot
- Scaling
- Replicating

Changes
THANK YOU!
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IN YOUR OPINION WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS FOR PLACE-BASED APPROACHES TO BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION SCALING UP TO LANDSCAPE LEVEL MODELS AND ACHIEVING WIDER IMPACTS?