

Conservation Award Report

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WWF Nepal Conservation AWARD-2019



Report Submitted by

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Conservation Award was established in 1995 by Ms. Nancy Abraham, an environmentalist who was struck by the dedication and passion for the conservation displayed by a national park staff.

The Abraham conservation Awards, reinstated as conservation awards last year, recognize and honors individuals and organizations at the grassroots level that have made a significant contribution to natural resources management and aim to motivate and inspire frontline conservationists.

Over the last two decades, 172 individuals and organization have received these awards and the celebration of the conservation heroes continues.

With special focus on wildlife, forests, climate and energy, and freshwater, WWF Nepal works towards conserving nature through a combination of actions on the ground, national and international advocacy work to establish appropriate policies, and international campaigns to highlight and demonstrate solutions to crucial environmental challenges

Every year, WWF Nepal presents Conservation Awards to recognize and honor individuals and organizations at the grassroots level that have made a significant contribution to protect Nepal's rich biodiversity. The awards cover a range of themes in conservation and natural resource management and aim to motivate and inspire frontline conservationists.



In this Year, 2019 Conservation Award was awarded to 3 Individuals and 2 organizations.

In the category of individual, Madhab Prasad Aryal, Nima Lama and Uma kantaPanta were awarded where as in organization category Community Development and Advocacy Forum Nepal (CDAFN) Bardibas Mahottari and Ranibari Community Forest Users Group were awarded.

Community Development & Advocacy Forum Nepal (CDAFN), Bardibas, Mahottari has been working in the water resources management, climate change adaptation and mitigation, DRR, chure conservation theme since 2009 A.D. by the major financial support of Caritas Nepal and Caritas Germany. During this period, CDAFN innovated the new technology like seepage water raising technology for irrigation and drinking water, torrent, gullies convert into rainwater harvest pond, degraded useless land convert into fruit orchid, torrents, gullies controlled by applying bio-engineering and low cost technologies which are successful & replicable model. We are awarded by that innovation.

Our working approach should be integrated Watershed Management, Ratu River System management, degraded land rehabilitation, bio- engineering and low cost technologies promotion. **CDAFN** developed an innovative approach for the improved irrigation in the village which raises and channelize seepage water for irrigation, drinking water It also work in the construction of the ponds for harvesting rain water which help to irrigated the upland in dry season through the solar uplift irrigation. Such types of ponds help in recharging the water tables of mid & downstream. **CDAFN** also supported the construction of gabion spurs and check dams in different municipalities of Mahottari and Dhanusha to control of flash flood and river bank cuttings. **CDAFN** is also engaged in conversion of the river bank in to the fruit orchard through massive plantation.



The award ceremony was organized by WWF- Nepal on 9th may, 2019 on Hotel Annapurna. In the Award

Award Ceremony there was presence of Country representative of WWF- Nepal with other elite personalities of WWF- Nepal, Finland Ambassador representative from NGOs and INGOs (Pani program, ICIMOD and CARE Nepal) working in the conservation area. The program was chaired by Country representative (WWF Nepal - Dr. Ghana Shyam Gurung) and program was invigorated with chief guest honorable Minister Shakti Bahadur Basnet “**Minister of Forest and Environment**”. Secretary of

Ministry of Forest and Environment “Dr.Bishwanath Oli” with different Governmental Stakeholders were present in the ceremony.

CDAFN was handed with the award certificate and cash prize of NRs. 1 lakh by the Country Representative Dr. Ghyana Shyam Gurung (WWF- Nepal) and Finland Ambassador. Dr. Ghanshyam Gurung said that to work continuously in the field of conservation and this award will ignite more people in the conservation activities and would be happy to collaborate this awardee in future. Chief Guest honorable Minister Shakti Basnet “**Minister of Forestry and Environment**” said that the area of the forest has increased to 45% now it is challenge to maintain the habitation of human and wild animals. He also added that sustainability; equitable benefit sharing is also major challenge that needs to be addresses for harmony between wild animals and human villages.





We would like to exhibit and share the happiness of our success (winner) of WWF Nepal CONSERVATION AWARD - 2019 which was received through Ambassador of Finland.

We would like to offer heartily thanks to all supporting organizations as Government of Nepal, Bardibas, Bhangha, Balba, Gaushala, Mithila Municipalities as well as development partners Caritas Germany, Caritas Nepal, Li-bird, SAHAS Nepal, ADRA Nepal, iDE Nepal, FORWARD Nepal, Adaptation @t scale prize, UNDP, President Chure Conservation Program, all district and community level stakeholders, CBOs, Civil Society, communities & honorable persons.

We also give special thanks to I CDAFN Board Members, members, team and all staffs for their effort.

A lot of thanks to WWF Nepal Conservation Award - 2019 . We are hopeful for the future help and cooperation.