

Progress Report III

Migratory Wetland Bird Conservation Program in Chitwan -Annapurna Landscape, Nepal

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Eco-friendly Urban Planning Workshop

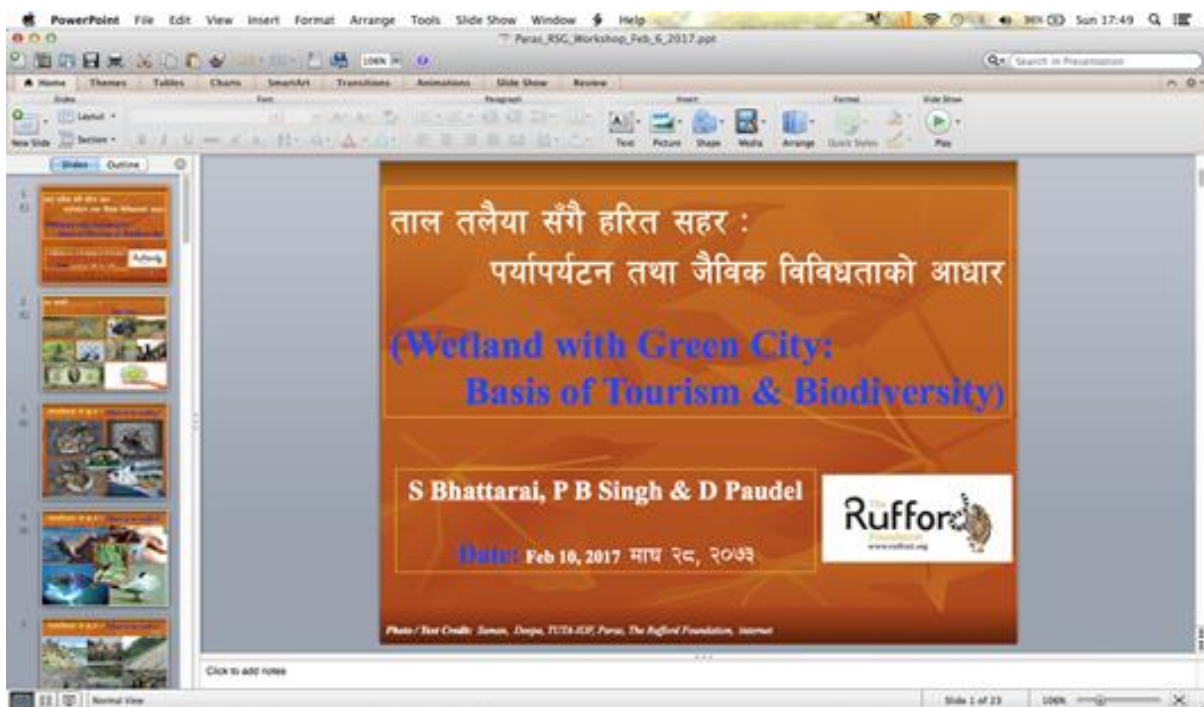
Before planning a workshop, all seven lakes of Pokhara valley were visited to provide a sensitization of real ground scenarios. After field visit, a meeting was organized to select the theme of the program so that current issues related to environment would be discussed and way out for eco-urban planning can be highlighted. The theme of the program was selected as "Wetland with Green City, Basis for Tourism and Biodiversity". Moreover, related scientific papers from around the world were reviewed and PowerPoint slides were prepared. A daylong workshop was organized in Institute of Forestry, Pokhara. Total 40 participants from Nepal Mountaineering Association, Trekking Agencies, Nepal tourism board, Association Nepal, Pokhara tourism council, District Forest Office, District Soil Conservation Office, Pokhara Metropolitan office, Boat management association, Pokhara Chamber of Commerce, Annapurna Conservation Area Project and Institute of forestry were invited. Among them, 31 participants were presented in the program. The workshop was organized in four different sessions; registration, presentation, discussion and conclusion.

First of all, participants were sensitized on the aim of the program. In the second session, Ecotourism and Development, Environment and Tourism Development, Wetland Conservation in Pokhara valley; Biodiversity Conservation and Tourism Promotion. Professor and Assistant Professors of the institute of forestry deliberated presentations. After presentation, a discussion session was held and following notes were concluded.

1. Private and Public Land Demarcation
2. Educating the resident of Pokhara valley in reference to Eco-urban planning
3. Control of Erosion
4. RAMSAR Site Conservation Plan should be prepared and implemented.
5. Multi Stakeholder co-ordination regarding urban forestry development and management
6. Existing Green Park should be protected
7. Forest around the valley should be protected.
8. Waste disposal in or nearby lake should be restricted.
9. Law enforcement
10. Use of locally available fund
11. Implementation of existing plan
12. A landscape level watershed conservation plan

After the workshop, local FM radio and newspapers published different articles related to eco friendly urban planning, Important of Ramsar Sites and biodiversity conservation. Most of the participants evaluated the workshop at the end of program and agreed that the workshop has created a huge sensitization among multi-stakeholders of Pokhara valley to protect lakes as well as development of urban forest.

Photographs



Local Curriculum Design

A handout to the curriculum in Nepali language was designed and distributed among the teachers in a workshop of eco teachers organized by National Trust for Nature Conservation. Total 65 books were distributed. It is hope that this book will be highly supportive to design and implement local curriculum in future.





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**(Wetland with Green City:
Basis of Tourism & Biodiversity)**

