

Project Update: April 2018

Mr. Raju Acharya, a well-known wildlife researcher and conservationist, was conferred with 'National Wildlife Conservation Award' (April 20) on the occasion of 23rd National Wildlife Week in Kathmandu. He received this award from Honorable Minister for Forest and Environment. The award was initiated by Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation from this year.

He has also been conferred 'Late Chandramaya Dhewazu Biodiversity Conservation Award' (April 17). Zoological Society of Pokhara has awarded him for his relentless contribution in the field of wildlife research and conservation for more than two decades, especially on owls.

Mr. Acharya has written five books, 20 popular articles, six peer-reviewed scientific articles and dozens of other scientific articles. He has also conducted more than 500 conservation awareness camps, organised 'Nepal Owl Festival' and helped to make around 40000 public/students aware on conservation issues directly. He has also played important role in rediscovery of wild yak, golden cat, spotted linsang, black-necked crane, Tibetan gazelle, and kiang in Nepal. His contribution in producing a young generation of wildlife researchers/conservationists through wildlife research training is exemplary. He has recently started a newsletter Hapsilo (हाप्सिलो), dedicated to owl conservation. Currently he is leading Friends of Nature (FON) Nepal as its Executive Director and voluntarily serving as Country Representative for the World Owl Trust, UK.

