

Project Update: June 2013

I am delighted to share with you the news that Dr Hem Sagar Baral has recently been appointed to the position of Country Manager for ZSL in Nepal. ZSL has a long history of working in close partnership with the National Trust for Nature Conservation and the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation and other local partners to support nature conservation in Nepal. We look forward to further cementing these close ties with Nepal and supporting biodiversity conservation in Nepal whilst addressing the needs of the local communities that live in close proximity to Nepal's wildlife

Dr. Baral is one of Nepal's leading conservation biologists and brings with him more than 25 valuable years' of field experience in Nepal. Dr. Baral has been credited with raising the profiles of Bird Conservation Nepal (BirdLife's partner in Nepal) and Himalayan Nature, a vibrant organisation in the field of wildlife research and conservation through his dynamic leadership. Dr Baral has also played a pivotal role in launching the community managed vulture restaurants, production of local language field guides for birds and mammals, promoting young scientists in wildlife conservation, producing the first sets of Red Lists of vertebrate species for Nepal and setting up Kosi Bird Observatory , Nepal's first bird observatory in the east Nepal, promoting small locally managed Special Conservation Sites (SCS) and engaging the public in Trees for Tomorrow programmes.