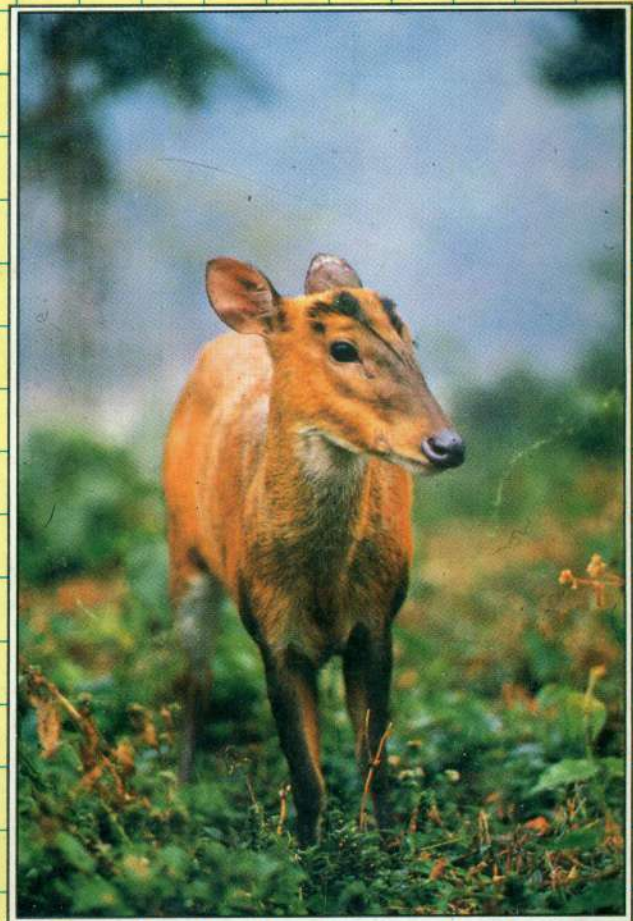




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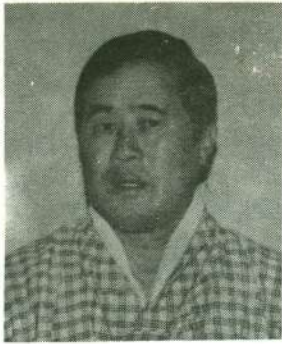
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A Message form the President

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE to write these prefatory remarks in the RSPN's second Annual Report. A Report of this nature provides an insight into the goings-on of any organisation in that it presents within its covers the technical and financial aspects of the various activities undertaken.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Nature was established in 1985 under the patronage of His Majesty the King of Bhutan. As the first non-governmental organisation dealing with the environment and allied concerns, the principal objective of the RSPN is to promote conservation and the wise management of natural resources and to raise public awareness on environmental issues.

During its initial phase, the RSPN, with no external funding, a limited staff and operating from the residence of the then President, devoted its attention entirely to the monitoring, counting and protecting of rare and endangered species, particularly the black-necked crane, and lobbying on environmental matters.

In August 1990, the RGOB, in recognition of the role played by the RSPN, granted the organisation a permanent office block in town. This, along with WWF funding enabled the RSPN to fortify its infrastructure, recruit additional personnel, expand its operations and generally function more effectively.

The adoption of the donor-recipient relationship between the MacArthur Foundation and the RSPN in 1992 ushered in a new era for the Society and empowered it with a more stable base and a wider dimension to work in. From being a mere watchdog, the MacArthur Foundation sponsorship has enabled the RSPN to widen its sphere of activities. Additionally, the institutional support afforded over the past four years has given the RSPN the leverage to seek and receive funding for a number of ongoing projects from other donor agencies thereby broadening the scope and effectiveness of the Society.

The basic objective of the RSPN has been a *priori* to heighten public awareness on environmental issues through educational programmes, campaigns, publications, etc., and it has to some measurable extent succeeded in doing so. However, insofar as public support by way of funding the RSPN and rendering it self sustainable goes, this goal is yet to be realised. The causes for this are twofold. First, environmental issues are not of pressing concern as the kingdom has for geo-political reasons largely retained its ecological balance. Second, the large majority of the people are illiterate, uneducated and unaware of the environmental repercussions of development. For these reasons, the RSPN will continue to depend on external funding for the programme it has undertaken successfully to date and its self reliance will remain yet a long term goal. On the other hand, the absence of such outside support will certainly terminate the well intentioned institution it has evolved into.

As and NGO, indeed, the only one in the kingdom, the onus is on the Society to ensure the success of the pilot project that it represents. Though the sphere of its activities remains small, compelled as it is both by personnel and fiscal constraints, the RSPN, by its very unique nature, is a cynosure of attention both from within and outside the country.

Ideally, and in the long run, the Society should be a voluntary organization, sustained from within the society it seeks to serve, and a showcase of the sort of vision, work ethic and selfless service that epitomises and enlightened institution.

SANGAY THINLEY

Executive Summary by the Secretary General



MORE THAN A DECADE AGO, His Excellency DASHO PALJO J DORJI brought to fore potential environmental problems that Bhutan could face. Hence, the RSPN was established to promote environmental awareness amongst the local populace who were largely ignorant of such issue.

Though the RSPN has come a long way since, one hesitates to move too much too soon. For firstly, environmental issues need to be properly understood before they are actually addressed. And secondly, in many areas the institution is fragile, and its institutional capacity needs are dwarfed in comparison to the resources required to strengthen it by way of acquiring the required infrastructure, equipment, and human resources.

Nonetheless, with the establishment of the RSPN interim Board that has already met twice, first on 22 February 1995 and later on 15 June 1995, it is envisaged that it will play an active role in shaping, guiding and further strengthening the institution.

The last year witnessed RSPN implementing an expanded sphere of activities as compared to earlier programmes. RSPN projects have received enthusiastic response from its target groups. This is evident from the increasing number of nature clubs established throughout the kingdom and the range of activities conducted by them enthusiastically and by and large on their own. This network of nature clubs serves the RSPN as a conduit to get its messages across to the grassroots.

While the RSPN has assiduously pursued the promotion of environmental awareness for a number of years, new initiatives and additional efforts are needed to realise its full potential. Apart from conducting its regular activities, the RSPN has assisted key personnel from the Education division in acquiring short term scholarships on environmental studies and study tours outside the country. It may be worth mentioning here that the RSPN has raised funds as well to support afforestation programmes of the forestry division.

With the ever growing need to promote environmental consciousness, the demand for cost effectiveness, impact and sustainability of projects makes it necessary to look for innovative but realistic modalities that suit our people. In this context, the forthcoming campaign to raise awareness on water supply, sewerage and associated issues dovetails neatly with the current national programme on the same.

These undertakings have been made possible only with the generous support of our valued donors : WWF – US, SNV – Netherlands, IDRC – Canada, CCO – Canada, UNDP, SPIEC – Japan and GTZ – Germany. The unstinted co-operation of the various divisions of the Royal Government such as the Forestry Services Division, Education Division, Schools and Institutions, National Environmental Commission, Bhutan Broadcasting Service Corporation, Home Ministry, Thimphu City Corporation, etc., have greatly contributed to RSPN's accomplishments.

This report comprehensively portrays the achievements of RSPN programmes and projects including RSPN's financial status over the last year.



KUNZANG YONTEN

Developments IN RE Interim Board of Directors

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE is a non-profit NGO that concerns itself with environmental issues. It has been felt necessary that the institution needs to be reinforced in order to enable it to provide maximum output as well as achieve its long term objectives. In this context, the RSPN task force convened a series of meetings that discussed various strategies of strengthening and developing the organisation. The aim of this exercise was to establish the RSPN's status as an officially and legally recognized NGO.

It was decided that the RSPN should have an Interim Committee that would guide and advise the RSPN on legal and policy issues. Further it was envisioned that the interim committee would act as a Board of Directors until an actual such body is formed. The terms of reference of the said committee are as follows :

- ◆ Review and approve/disapprove/amend RSPN Articles of Incorporation.
- ◆ Review and approve/disapprove/amend RSPN Administrative and Financial manual.
- ◆ Act as an interim Board of Directors of the RSPN with all powers entrusted as per Company's Act of 1989.
- ◆ Nominate and form a Board of Directors for the RSPN.

The first meeting of the committee was held on Wednesday 22 February 1995 with a panel of observers from various international organisations in attendance. The meeting, presided over by the President of the RSPN, was briefed on the background, aims and objectives, and various activities of the RSPN. The Articles of Incorporation and the Administrative and Financial Manuals were also reviewed and the role of the Interim Committee, hereafter referred to as the Interim Board of Directors, defined.

The second meeting, held on 15 March 1995 devoted itself entirely to scrutinising and amending, where necessary, the Articles of Incorporation and the Administrative and Financial manuals of the RSPN.

The members of the Interim Board of Directors of the RSPN

H.E. Dasho Paljore J. Dorji	Dy. Minister of Environment
Sangay Thinley	Jt. Secretary of Forestry & President of RSPN
R.K. Chettri	Director, Ministry of Health & Education
Ms Dago Beda	Managing Director, Etho Metho Tours & Treks
Kinley Dorji	Editor-in-Chief, Kuensel Corp. Ltd.
Namgay Lhendup	Planning Officer, Planning Commission
Chhador Wangdi	Asstt. Director, Education Division

RSPN Projects and Activities – 1994 (at a glance)

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

- ◆ Environmental Award Scheme
- ◆ Art and Environmental Competition
- ◆ Exhibitions
- ◆ Nature Clubs in almost all Dzongkhags (16)
- ◆ Environmental Awareness Camps
- ◆ Field Trips for students and teachers to Manas
- ◆ Providing reference books on various aspects of environment
- ◆ Distribution of selected video films to all nature clubs
- ◆ Environmental trekking, camping and expeditions (Yangchenphug, Motithang, Lungtenzampa, Punakha, etc.)

TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- ◆ Working with curriculum unit of the Education division to green the curriculum with environmental components
- ◆ TTC 200 teachers, 4 days (slide shows, video shows, talks, EE, nature orientation)
- ◆ NIE, Workshop for both NIE and TTC Lecturers to design EE modules for their institutions.
- ◆ Dzongkha / Zhungkha Lopens on environmental awareness – 4 days at Chhukha
- ◆ BFI students workshop on role of foresters in promoting conservation awareness – in service
- ◆ Providing out-country training facilities to the personel of curriculum unit, TTC, NIE and other institutions
- ◆ Gups – environmental awareness programme (Home Ministry)
- ◆ Non-formal instructors – environmental awareness programme (NFE programme with Education division)
- ◆ Deothang Polytechnic – Consultancy services to design EE module for their trainees.
- ◆ NRTI – Environmental awareness programme (for all final year students)

PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAMME

- ◆ Art Competition – Funded by IUCN
- ◆ Project Culture – Environmental Entertainment : Drama, Song and Dance
- ◆ Kuensel & BBS
- ◆ Keep Thimphu Clean and Green – with City Corporation (Distribution of Dustbins)
- ◆ Exhibition for general public
- ◆ Lobbying and campaigns on maintaing healthy environments – Production and distribution of posters and pamphlets
- ◆ Commemoration of World Environmental Events (Social Forestry day, World Earth day, World Food day)
- ◆ Bird watching programme with students and interested members of the public.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ Membership drive
- ◆ Guidebook for Nature Clubs
- ◆ Guide book for water pollution surveys
- ◆ Guidebook on Fuelwood
- ◆ Guidebook on Farming Matters
- ◆ Rangzhin – a quarterly magazine
- ◆ Thrung Thrung News letter – Half yearly
- ◆ Annual Report
- ◆ Video Production – Mass participation on conservation of nature
- ◆ Culutral competitions on environmental themes.

BLACK NECKED CRANE PROGRAMME

- ◆ Annual Black Necked Crane Count
- ◆ 40 Students to Bomdeling – familiarise and promote awareness
- ◆ 10 students to Phobjikha – familiarise and promote awarenss
- ◆ Video shows
- ◆ Sign boards

SINGYE KARM, NATURE AND ECOLOGICAL CLUB

- ◆ Newsletter SHERUBTSE COLLEGE
- ◆ Financial and technical support to environmental activities

NATURE CLUBS AND RESOURCE CENTER

- ◆ Establishment of new nature clubs (almost all Dzongkhags)
- ◆ Development of existing nature clubs (providing books, videos, reference materials, implementation of projects)
- ◆ Visits to schools to provide first hand professional guidance, support and monitor and evaluate the overall progress of nature club activities

SURVEYS

- ◆ Socio-economic surveys in Dzongkhags
- ◆ Survey on farming practices
- ◆ Survey on Fuelwood

CITIZEN'S REPORT

- ◆ Surveys
- ◆ Interviews
- ◆ Compilation of information
- ◆ Assignment of papers

RSPN PARTICIPATION AND INPUT

- ◆ BYDA – Scout camps – environmental awareness activities, slide shows, video shows
- ◆ Design of Guidebook for scout masters
- ◆ Orientation of Scout masters on use of manuals provided
- ◆ Development of guidebook for BFI students on environmental awareness programme
- ◆ TAB – Environmental awareness input for guides and trekking companies
- ◆ Gups – Environmental awareness education/input in Home ministry meeting
- ◆ Urban water supply programme scheme with Dept. of Works and Housing on environmental hygiene – Paro.

The Environmental Education Unit (1994 – 95)

INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Education Unit of the RSPN, with WWF US Grant – 6392, implemented the following conservation activities from March 1994 to June 1995. The project Farming Practices was supported IDRC, Ottawa, Canada. The unit has achieved all its planned activities within the allotted time frame and budget. Besides, it also initiated a few new activities. However, due to some logistic problems, the unit could not organise a training workshop for the nature club teachers.

WORKSHOP ON EE FOR CHILDREN (MARCH '94)

The two Education Officers and the Principal of Simtokha Rigshung Institute attend a five day workshop at the Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India from 21-25 March 1994 on EE for children.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR (APRIL '94)

A trip for the students of Simtokha Rigshung Institute, who participated in the Fuelwood Project, was organised from 3-5 April 1994. The students were taken to Interpretation Center of the reserve which is also its Education Centre.

WORKSHOP AT TTC, PARO (APRIL '94)

A three days workshop was organized for the final year Zhungkha Teacher trainees of TTC, Paro to instill the concept of ecology and environment and their role in its preservation.

NEW PROJECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN NATURE CLUB SCHOOLS (MAY '94)

The two Education Officers following different routes covered all the Nature Club Schools in 18 Dzongkhags from 2-21 May 1994. They helped the NC teacher to draw up the E-calendar to implement various relevant activities including projects on Water Pollution and Fuelwood. Lectures were delivered to all the schools and wherever possible special classes were organised for the nature club members.

COMPLETION OF FARMING PRACTICES PROJECT GUIDEBOOK (JUNE '94)

The Environment Education Package on Understanding Farming Practices was completed in June 1994. The two Education officers made a trip to NRTI and CARD from 20-23 June to discuss the implementation project in the Punakha-Wangdue valley schools. The DEOs of Punakha and Wangdue then met to discuss the nomination of schools for the implementation of the project.

WORKSHOP ON FARMING PRACTICES (JULY '94)

A two day workshop, the inception of the project, was organised at Punakha High School on 9-10 July 1994. NRTI lecturers and teachers from seven schools participated. The participants were briefed about the aim of the students' involvement in the project.

A trip was made by the two Education Officers from 18-24 July to the seven schools involved in the project to meet the teachers and students involved in the project. A video show on the Kyushi Nature Farming (Organic Farming in Japan) was shown. The film highlights Effective Micro organism (EM) use in farms to improve soil fertility and crop yields.

VIDEO
PROGRAMME
ON FARMING
MATTERS
(JULY '94)

Another visit was made by the two Education Officers from 30 July to 2 August to distribute the stationery and money to carry out the project. Wherever the teachers were in doubt regarding different activities, clarification was made. They were also briefed on the strategy of final exhibition on completion of the project.

DISTRIBUTION OF
STATIONERY AND
FINANCIAL
SUPPORT
(AUG. '94)

The Education Unit organized a slide presentation, talk and different ecological games for the GYT members who were participating in the Capacity Building Training organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

CAPACITY
BUILDING
TRAINING (AUG. '94)

The two Education Officers organized a three day workshop at the Bhutan Forestry Institute, Taba, for the final year trainees of Forest Guards from 2-4 August 1994. The workshop was aimed at explaining their role not only to safeguard the natural environment but also as educators of the community.

WORKSHOP
AT BFI
(AUG. '94)

The two Education Officers attended a two day workshop at Paro from 18-20 August 1994 to share their experience from the Water Pollution Projects carried out on different Dzongkhags since 1992.

URBAN WATER
SUPPLY
WORKSHOP
(AUG. '94)

A special visit was made by the two Education Officers from 29 August to 1 September to the seven schools to help the teachers involved to carry out the project successfully.

TECHNICAL
GUIDANCE
(AUG. '94)

The Education Officer, Mr. Mincha Wangdi, made a trip to select the reference books and order them for further distribution to the Nature Clubs around the country.

RESOURCE
MATERIALS
(SEPT. '94)

A visit by the two Education Officers was organized from 23-28 September to witness the exhibition in all the schools. The schools had invited a large gathering (mostly parents) and an important person of the locality as chief guest.

SCHOOL-BASED
EXHIBITION IN
FARMING
(SEPT. '94)

The final exhibition of the Farming Practices for the purpose of assessment by a panel of judges and display to a wider gathering was slated for 8 October. Unfortunately, the flood at Punakha occurred a day before the scheduled date and it was not possible to hold the exhibition.

FINAL EXHIBITION
(OCT. '94)

**WORLD FOOD DAY
CELEBRATIONS
(OCT. '94)**

Mr. Mincha Wangdi, Education Officer, attended the World Food Day Celebration held at Tashi Yangtshi on 16 October. The Singye Karm Nature Club of Sherubtse College, with technical and financial support from the RSPN, displayed the exhibition on Water Pollution for the general public. The RSPN also helped the WFD committee to organize the painting competitions among the Tashi Yangtse students on the theme 'Water for Life'.

**EDUCATION OF
NATURE CLUB
ACTIVITIES
(OCT. - 'DEC. '94)**

The Education Officers made a long trip from 27 Oct. – 4 Dec. to evaluate the activities carried out by the nature club schools. Educational resources like video-tapes and books were also distributed. Trongsa JHS, Tangmachu JHS, Jakar JHS, Mongar HS and Nganlam JHS were judged the best among the NC schools.

**CAMP AT
KAMECHU
(DEC. '94)**

Selected students of schools involved in the farming project were taken on a five day trip from 21-25 December at Kamechu (Wangdue - Tshirang highway). The students were taken to Phobjikha to see the Black necked cranes and to Tsirang to see the farming patterns. During the camp, the principles of eco-tourism were followed.

**WORKSHOP
AT CEE
(JAN. '95)**

Asst. Education Officer, PR Sharma attended a five day workshop at the Centre for Environment Education, Ahmendabad, India, from 9-13 January 1995.

**YOUTH TRAINING
WORKSHOP
(JAN. '95)**

Mr. Mincha Wangdi, Education Officer, facilitated a three week youth camp organized by the Bhutan Youth Development Association (BYDA).

**NATURE CLUB AT
RTI, KHARBANDI
(MAR. '95)**

A four day trip was made to RTI, Kharbandi from 10-13 March 1995 by the Education officer, Mincha Wangdi. It was aimed at establishing a Nature Club at the Institute and to find out in what ways the RSPN could be of any help to the RTI.

**EDUCATIONAL
TOUR TO NEPAL
(APR. '95)**

The Education Officer, Mincha Wangdi accompanied by two lecturers from NIE and TTC left for Nepal from 20-30 April 1995. They visited the organizations concerned with and working for the environment. The visit encouraged the participants to initiate similar activities in Bhutan.

The two Education Officers toured all Nature Club Schools from 17 April to 10 May to plan new projects and other E activities. During the visit, the NC schools found not worthy had their programmes shelved. As a result, the Tashi Yangtse Primary School programme was cancelled and Rangthangwoong JHS was selected in the Tashi Yangtse Dzongkhag.

VISIT TO NATURE
CLUB SCHOOLS
(APR. - MAY '95)

The Education Officer, Mincha Wangdi attended a ten days workshop at NRTI, Lobesa, organized jointly by National Environment Commission and Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok. The course was on environment management and planning with specific focus on Environment Impact Assessment.

EIA
WORKSHOP
(MAY '95)

A three day workshop was organized at TTC Paro for two batches of the final year trainees, ZTC and PTC. The concept of ecology, environment and conservation was imparted through different methods : slide and video shows, simulation games and group activities. At the end of the workshop, the teachers made strong commitments to work for the environment from their personal, school and community level to fulfill the RGOB's policy of sustainable development.

WORKSHOP
AT PARO
(MAY '95)

After seeking financial support from the WWF Bhutan Programme, the E Unit of the RSPN recorded a set of 13 video tapes (containing 31 environmental films) and ordered set of 37 reference books to be distributed to Deothang Polytechnic, Royal Technical Institute, Bhutan Forest Institute and Natural Resources Training Institute. It is hoped that these support materials will greatly enrich their curricular learning as such reference materials are very relevant and not available in their schools.

SUPPLY OF
SUPPORT
MATERIALS TO
PROFESSIONAL
INSTITUTES
(MAY '95)

To mark the World Environment Day (June 5), a workshop on fuelwood consumption was organized at the Banquet Hall, Thimphu. About 45 officials from Forestry Division, WWF, Monk Body, Education Division, CCO, GTZ, PWD, Power Division, RSPN, and other International Organizations participated in the workshop. The Environmental Education Unit of the RSPN made a presentation on the fuelwood consumption pattern and alternatives technologies based on the findings during the Fuelwood Project survey by the schools of Thimphu valley in 1993.

FUELWOOD
WORKSHOP
(JUNE '95)

The Communications Unit (1994 - 95)

A. PUBLICATIONS

The Project objectives as enunciated in the original proposal submitted by the RSPN for SNV funding under the KSP programme are as follows :

OBJECTIVES

- **To create** an opportunity for students, teachers and people to raise and share social and religious issues related to the environment.
- **To extend** RSPN's environmental activities to different parts of the country.
- **To generate** a better understanding of RSPN and its activities among the general public, government and donor agencies.

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

Insofar as the above objectives are concerned, the publications projects is well on course to achieving the same. Contributions, voluntary and otherwise, from the targetted group all over the kingdom make up a sizeable proportion of the journals' contents. The RSPN environmental activities now recieve due publicity and a better understanding of the organization's basic objectives has thus been achieved. The RSPN mailing list of those in receipt of its publications includes institutions of learning, government and donor agencies, environmental agencies worldwide and members at home and abroad.



ACTIVITIES

The project activities may be summarized as below :

- **To publish** two magazines, THRUNG THRUNG and RANGZHIN, for different target groups and an Annual Report constituting RSPN activities and financial statements.
- **To establish** a mobile education unit to visit the schools in other dzongkhags for conservation.

With reference to the former, that is, publications, there have been , since the inception of the project, 3 Thrung Thrungs, 3 Rangzhins and an Annual Report released to date. During this period, the RSPN has acquired, via an adjustment of the budget outlay, the equipment necessary to render the unit self sufficient and enable, barring unforeseen circumstances, the timely release of its publications as per schedule.

IMPLEMENTATION

Apropos the latter, the conservation education unit of the RSPN, in the course of their own project implementations, have undertaken countrywise tours and executed the activities of the mobile education scheme. The communications unit responsible for publications had undertaken a tour in August 1993 in order to lay the foundation of a stringer-network, which formed the basis of the wider nature-club-in-charge network set up by the RSPN. A forthcoming trip for monitoring/evaluation purposes will be conducted early in 1995.

REVIEW

The work goals of the KSP publication projects comprise :

- The *release* of three RANGZHINs, two THRUNG THRUNGs and an Annual Report annually.
- The *active involvement* of teachers and students in particular and others in general in the above
- The *raising of awareness* on environmental issues and, in so doing, on the RSPN, its aims and activities.

28 February	RANGZHIN
30 April	Annual Report
2 June	THRUNG THRUNG
14 July	RANGZHIN
11 November	RANGZHIN
17 December	THRUNG THRUNG

THE TIME SCHEDULE (1994)

The above time frame was upset mainly due to the unavoidable delay in the release of the Annual Report, which was to include an officially audited financial statement. The auditing process, however, continued till June and deferred the date of release of the Report and all forthcoming publications accordingly.

NEGATIVE RESULTS

Another point, that may be included under this heading and obtained through feedback of sorts, may appear trivial at a glance but goes against the grain of the project's objectives. This is with reference to the distribution of the publications. It has been observed, in a number of cases, that journals, addressed to institutions and intended to be widely circulated, were being monopolized by those in charge. We have tried to redress the issue by appealing to the finer feelings of those concerned.

POSITIVE RESULTS

The positive side of the coin, in contrast, provides more room for optimism.

- Contribution of articles from people in all walks of life.
- A network of environmental stringers in every dzongkhag of the kingdom.
- A mailing list and thus a circulation both widespread and diverse.
- A platform to publicize the RSPN and conservation messages & issues.
- An increase in membership and an impetus to membership drives.
- As part of the mobile education project, a film entitled '*Mass participation towards nature conservation*' has been produced. The budget has been appropriated from the balance left over from other budget heads. (Details in financial report).

NEW EXPERIENCES

As publications represent a brand new venture for the RSPN, practically every aspect of the task from conceptualisation to circulation is a new experience.

The occasional input from professionals is as revealing as are the ingenuous perceptions of children. Interviews with environmentally related individuals and news from our far flung stringers furnish novel insights into burning issues. Research, albeit superficial, into disciplines from as far afield as agriculture to zoology and everything in between forms a necessary part of the production of ecological journals.

The designing stage in desk top publication encompasses lay out, graphics, art, photography and a host of techniques that we tyros of RSPN are coming to terms with, for the want of any expertise, on a trial and error basis. Literally, an on the job training. The same may be said for the printing (photocopying, to be exact) process involved.

**CONSTRAINTS
STAFF**

Strictly speaking, the publications unit, from drawing board to despatch, has been a three-person show.

CONTRIBUTORS

Budgetary constraints prohibit payment for contributions and, as a result, this lack of incentive inhibits the quality of material received. One way of circumventing this shortcoming, as we have done, is to organize writing competitions.

INCENTIVES

Incentives or rather, the lack of them. This applies particularly to our environmental stringers, who double as nature-clubs-in-charge and serve on an honorary basis. Reports from them have so far been few and far between. However, the RSPN intends to recognize their useful role by conducting environmental camps, workshops, etc..

A long term goal of the project and likely to remain one for the immediate future. Most of the issues are distributed gratis and the few that have been placed on sale in the local book stalls have enjoyed nominal sales and that too at a subsidised rate. But, one is optimistic that as awareness (another long term goal) increases, so will sales. Another small step in this direction will be the inclusion of advertisements in forthcoming issues 1995 onwards.

SUSTAINABILITY

- **Release 4 RANGZHINs, 2 THRUNG THRUNGs and an Annual Report in 1995.**
- **Initiate** an advertisement drive for inclusion in publications.
- **Conduct** a nationwide tour for feedback on publications.
- **Organize** a writing competition (essay, poetry, story) on environmental themes.
- **Publish** a dzongkha edition of highlights of past issues to reach a wider readership.*
- **Compile** a book on flora/fauna of Bhutan.*

PLANNING

** Subject to budgetary provisions*

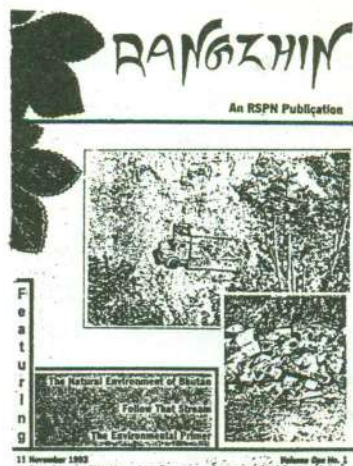
NEW WORK GOALS

- ◆ The publication of an additional RANGZHIN in 1995 due to the delay incurred in 1994 for unavoidable reasons mentioned earlier. This will effectively render that particular publication a quarterly for the next annual plan.
- ◆ The countrywide tour to gather feedback that has been deferred for personnel/logistic constraints in 1994.

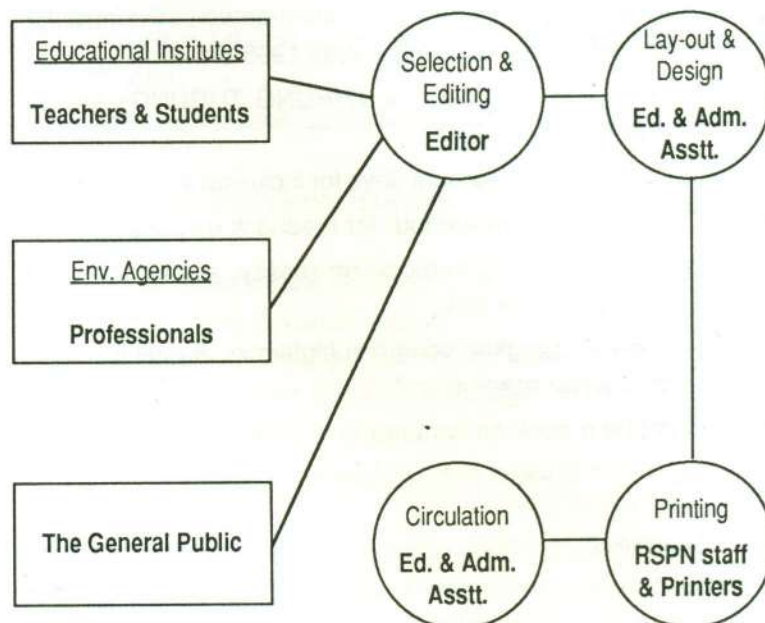
SPILL OVER ACTIVITIES

28 February	RANGZHIN
March	Feedback tour
30 April	Annual Report
2 June	RANGZHIN
14 July	THRUNG THRUNG
August	Advertisement campaign
15 September	RANGZHIN
11 November	RANGZHIN
17 December	THRUNG THRUNG

TIME SCHEDULE FOR 1995 (TENTATIVE)



**MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT
ORGANIZATION, PROCEDURAL
& RESPONSIBILITIES CHART**



STAFFING

The Publications unit was originally staffed by

1. John Michael Chiramal Editor & Coordinator
 Expatriate
2. Pema Dorji Artist
 National

CHANGES

In July 1994, Pema Dorji resigned from his post and left a void that was only to be filled later. His departure, another reason for the schedule being thrown out of gear, required the temporarily contracted services of an outside artist. The vacancy has since been filled by Tshering Penjore, who joined the unit in February 1995.

**COUNTERPART
SITUATION/
TRAINING**

It may be mentioned in this context, as the procedural chart should also make clear, that the RSPN Assistant Administrative Officer, Karma P. Demma renders sterling service in the capacity of typist, designer, artist, photocopier and despatcher.

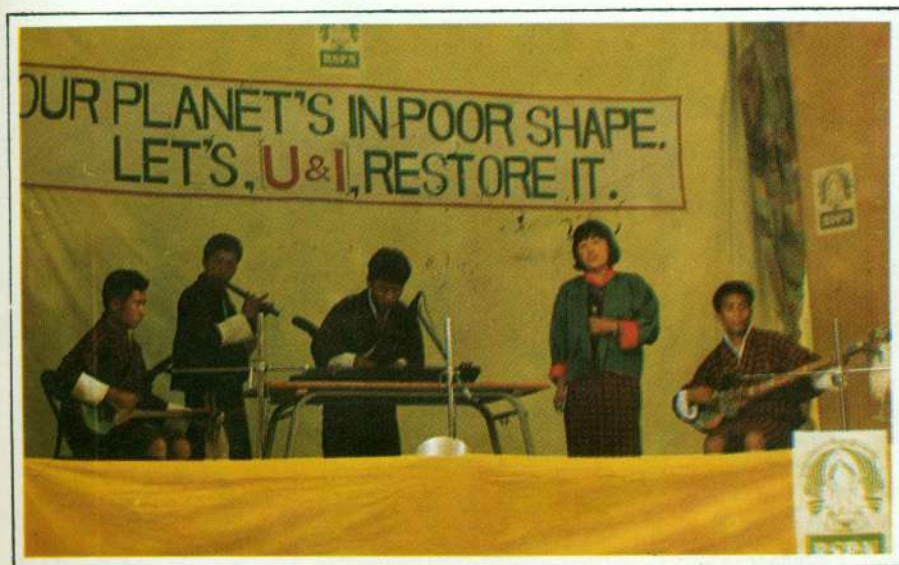
The AmiPro programme being used for the desktop publishing is a particularly user-friendly software. The presence in the RSPN of a trained computer specialist, the Communications Officer, Hishey Tshering, has made it possible for personnel to acquire sufficient know how without recourse to outside training. The manipulation of the scanner and photocopier was facilitated by their accompanying manuals plus technical assistance by the suppliers of the said equipment.



The RSPN staff - From left to right
Front - Mincha Wangdi, Mohan Rai, Hishey Tshering, Lam Dorji
Rear - John Chiramal, Karma Loday, Tshering Penjor, Karma Demma,
Kunzang Yonten, Parsuram Sharma



RSPN Input - YOUTH CAMP



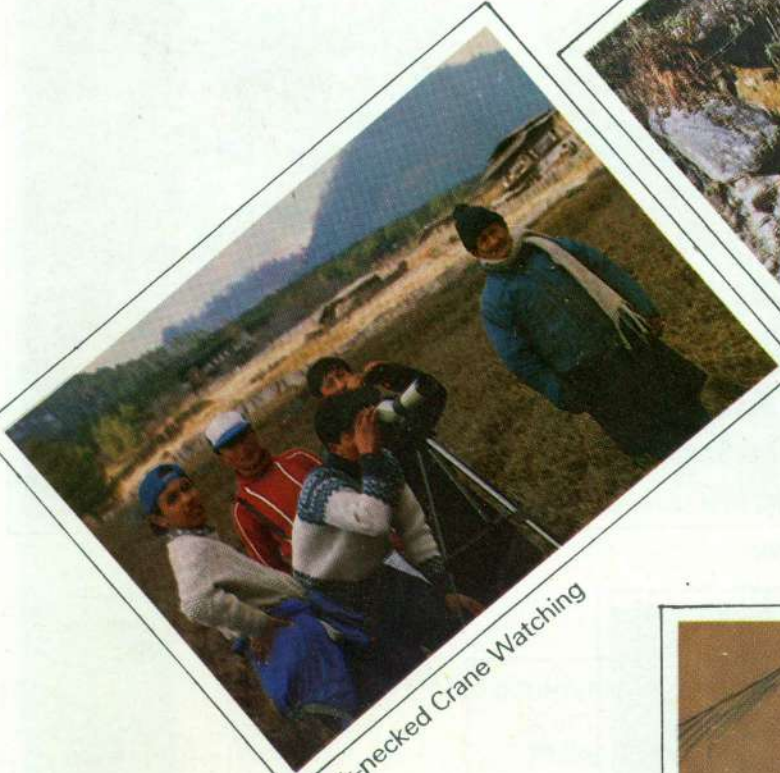
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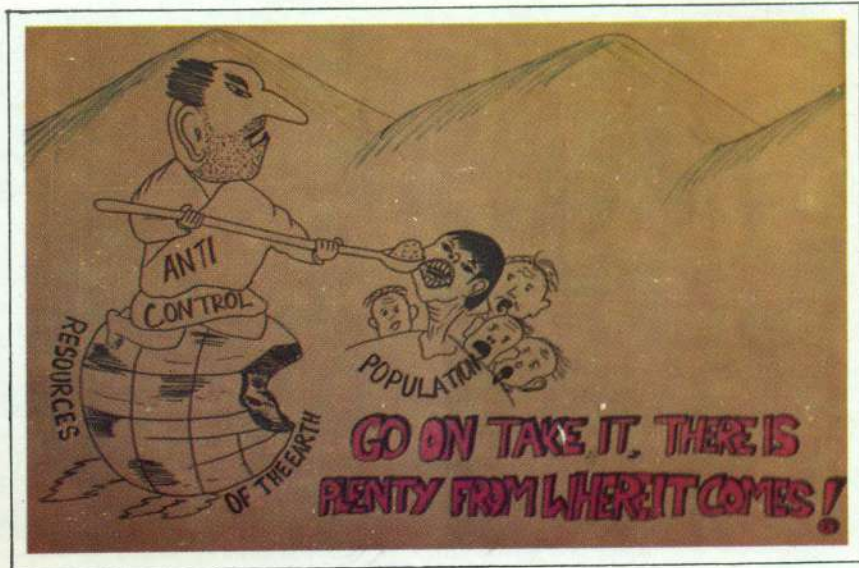
Living with Nature - Environmental Camps



Follow That Stream - Water Pollution Survey by children



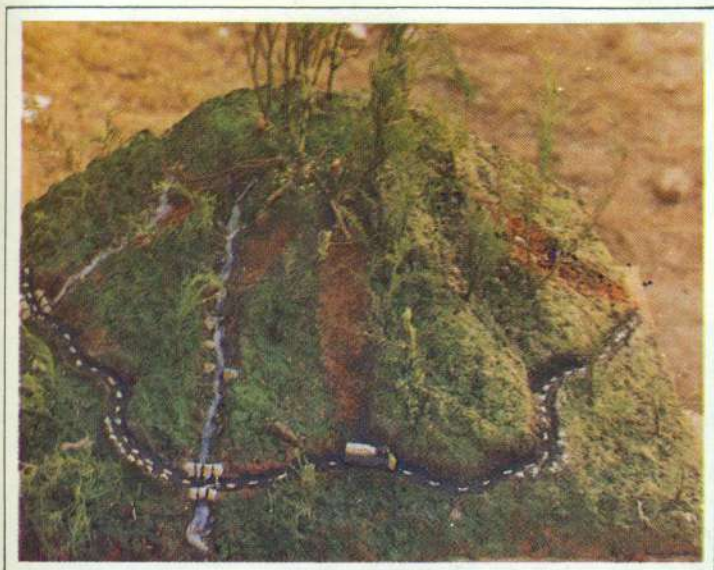
Black-necked Crane Watching



Farming Matters - An entry from the Art and Environment competition



Survey - Citizens' Report on Bhutan's Environment



The Importance of Trees - Exhibition on Fuelwood Project

Ludo with a Difference - An environmental game





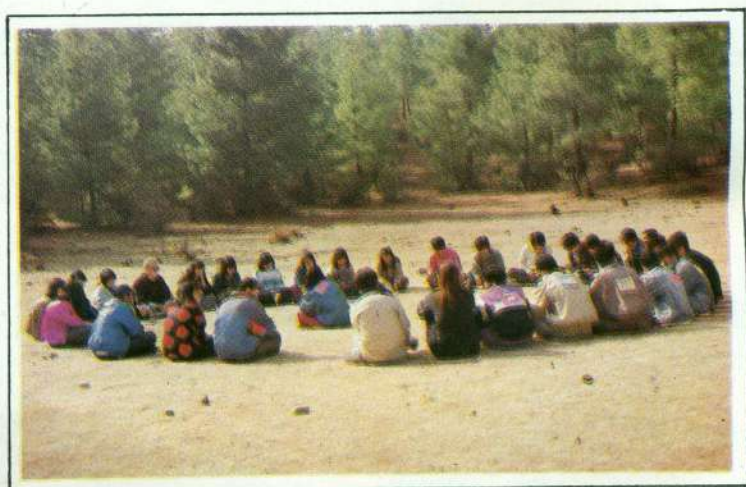
Getting the Message across - A Nature Club Skit



The Fuelwood Workshop - World Environment Day June 5 1995



An Ecology Game - Nature Club Activity



Training of Trainers - TTC Paro

One of the RSPN Projects involves the setting up a *network of pilot school nature clubs* in each of the dzongkhags of the kingdom. The teacher-in-charge doubles as an environmental stringer, both posts being served on an honorary basis.

EXTERNAL
CONTACTS

The Singye Karm Nature Club of Sherubtse College has been established under the aegis of the RSPN. The Society has provided financial and technical assistance to the club, one of whose schemes is an annual publication 'Blue Poppy'. The RSPN thus has a source of quality articles from this source.

1.
EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTES

During the course of its ongoing projects, the RSPN has kept in touch with a number of government and non-government agencies concerned with environmental issues like the departments of Forests, Agriculture, Education, Health, etc.. Personal contact with interested professionals from the above has accrued their valuable input. However, as mentioned earlier, the lack of incentives tends to dry up these sources.

2.
GOV. & NON-GOV.
ORGANIZATION

The RSPN has a wide range of relations with environment agencies in the region and abroad like the WWF country offices in Nepal, India, Pakistan, etc.. An exchange of information via publications is underway.

3.
ENVIRONMENTAL
AGENCIES

- ◆ A questionnaire has been drawn up and despatched to one school (pilot nature club) in each of the dzongkhags. On their return and compilation, they will furnish some useful feedback.
- ◆ A limited number of copies has been put up for sale (at a subsidized rate) at the local bookstalls. The sales figures will provide some indication of the publication's popularity amongst the literate public.
- ◆ A nationwide tour will be undertaken early in 1995 to monitor/evaluate efficacy/impact of publications.

EVALUATION
ACTIVITIES

A list of publications for the year 1994

28 February	RANGZHIN
31 May	Annual Report
30 June	THRUNG THRUNG
30 September	RANGZHIN (bumper issue)
17 December	THRUNG THRUNG

DOCUMENTATION

Thanks to the generous funding received from SNV for this project, the RSPN is in a position to manage its implementation independently. However, there is one area where the SNV office support may be enlisted. With its wide range of international contacts, the SNV will be in a position.

SNV-OFFICE
SUPPORT

B. VIDEO PRODUCTION

Description

The project, a video production, involved the medium of folk music to highlight environmental issues. Our own experience with screening of video programmes has revealed that local music is a potent stimulator both to the students and the wider community. The program evolved through a series of popular folk songs on environmental themes around each of which relevant visual were portrayed.

The program, dubbed both in English and in Dzongkha, was slated to be of a duration of approximately 30 minutes. The project was undertaken by the RSPN with technical assistance from professionals in the field particularly from the private sector. The time of completion was around the end of April 1995. On completion, a team from the RSPN screened the same at schools and community centres throughout the kingdom.

Need for the project

The majority of the people in Bhutan, the target group of RSPN endeavours, are illiterate. Also the young constitute a sizeable section of the kingdom's population. These statistical facts immediately bring two things to mind :

- ◆ Young people are not known for their patience or scholarliness and one cannot expect them to wade through volumes of literature, no matter how interesting the content may be.
- ◆ If the bulk of the target groups is illiterate, not even the most ingeniously put together leaflets and brochures are likely to be effective.

This make it imperative that the programmes desinged by the RSPN be creative and stimulating enough to provoke the response and capture the imagination of the people at whom they are aimed. If a picture speaks a thousand words, then it would appear that the most appropriate way to reach out to these audience types would be through educational videos and photography. considering these facts, a project which could fulfil this would be the need of the hour. This particular project would be a step towards the realisation of this need.

The video culture has taken Bhutan by storm and has almost reached the remotest corners of the kingdom. Unfortunately, being late to the game, indigenous productions are few and far between and the industry is in its infancy. Our people are thereby made susceptible to outside influences usually with negative impact on and detrimental to our tradition and culture. This is primarily due to the commercial nature of the products they are exposed to.

Aims

This particular production will, in effect, fulfil a dual role :

- ◆ It will provide entertainment but with a difference. It will impart knowledge and awareness of relevant environmental issues.
- ◆ It will engender pride in one's own culture and achievements and bring them closer to their roots.

Objectives

1. To stimulate the populace to care for the environment and appreciate its value.
2. To establish a visual database of the present environment for future reference.
3. To produce a musical video program to interpret environmental issues.
4. To provide thereby a forum for discussions on the same.
5. To entertain people while enhancing their environmental know-how concurrently.
6. To enable human resource development in associated sectors.

Monitoring & Evaluation

The production will be screened at schools and community centres around the kingdom which covers the monitoring aspects of the project. With regard to evaluation, this program will be used as a stimulus to initiate discussions on the issues that emerge. Through these deliberations, the impact, pertinence and effectiveness of the project may be ascertained. At the formal level, this could be taken a step further by introducing and inviting film criticism and script writing on a competitive basis.

Budget

Ngultrums one hundred forty nine thousand three hundred and fifty only.

C. OTHERS

Environmental Culture

A culture competition was organized in September 1994 among the schools and institutions of Thimphu valley. Dramas, songs and dances in English and Dzongkha on environmental themes were presented and the best adjudged items were staged on a ticket-basis on 30 September, 1 and 2 October 1994. In terms of the awareness raised, the programme was an unqualified success. However, where financial returns were concerned, the receipts, after deduction of expenses, failed to generate enough to sustain the project.

Press Releases

From time to time, news releases of environmental import are made available to the national media, viz. the BBS and Kuensel. In this way, maximum coverage is given to the various events and activities of the RSPN.

Membership Drives

In view of the RSPN's long term goal of achieving self sustainability, the Society has sought through membership drives, to solicit greater local support of the organization. To date, this effort has been directed towards government institutions and civil servants. This campaign will shortly be directed towards the private sector particularly the business community.

Citizens' Report on the State of Bhutan's Environment

PROGRESS REPORT (In Chronicle Order)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE
DURATION	Two Years W.E.F. January 1994
PLAN OF OPERATION	I. To obtain An Environmental Overview of the Kingdom.
A. WORKSHOP	<p>A workshop was conducted on 25-26 January at the Banquet Hall with a view to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ evolve a questionnaire that would portray a peoples' perception of the state of the environment;◆ train a field team to carry out the survey. <p>Participating in the workshop were representatives from the concerned government divisions and international organizations and the field survey team of forty temporarily employed students.</p> <p>The Chief Guest of the Workshop was the UNDP Resident Representative, Mr. Terence D Jones. Other guests were the Deputy Minister of the National Environmental Commission, Joint Secretary, Division of Forestry and officials of concerned Ministeries and Divisions.</p> <p>During the course of the workshop various aspects of the project were discussed. These included : subjects, topics, chapters and papers that would feature in the publication. Further, the paricipants were divided into four groups and each group was asked to come up with suggestions, recommendations and comments on the selected topics and the survey questionnnaire. After much deliberation among the various groups, each group made their presentation. Each groups' presentation was subject to further comments, suggestions and recommendations by the other gourps. Thus, a draft of the questionnaire covering all important aspects of the environment and development that would be taken to the villages was completed. The draft of the questionnaire was then circulated among the participants for further comments after the workshop.</p> <p>The Resource persons were Mss Sunita Narian and Akila Seshasayee from the Centre for Science & Environment, New Delhi, India.</p>

In order to conduct a national survey of this magnitude, the permission of the Hon'ble Home Minister was required. After being briefed about the national survey and its importance to the project by the Project Manager, the Hon'ble Home Minister granted permission for the survey to be conducted vide a *Kasho* to all the Dzongdags asking them to cooperate with the RSPN survey teams.

**B.
SURVEY**

The survey was carried out by four teams of ten field staff each supervised by an RSPN coordinator starting from the month of February. Due to time and budgetary constraints, the survey was restricted to the dzongkhags of Bumthang, Chhukha, Paro, Punakha, Thimphu, Tongsa and Wangdi Phodrang, each of which were to have 500 households appraised.

In March, the Project Manager toured the eastern dzongkhags of Lhuntshe, Mongar, Tashigang, Pema Gatsel and Samdrup Jongkhar to arrange for the survey to be conducted in these areas. However, due to budgetary limitations, survey teams could not be recruited to survey these areas. Instead, a suitable official from the local Dzongkhag authority was appointed to act as the coordinator and through the good offices of their respective dzongkhag administrations, necessary information was collected.

Owing to the sensitive situation prevailing in the south of the kingdom, a number of technical field personnel from the concerned sectors were appointed to execute the survey by the Project Manager during his tour to Samtse, Gaylegphug, Sarpang, Chirang, and Dagana in May.

In July, Mr. Lam Dorji, a field coordinator for the project visited the Dzongkhags of Samdrup Jongkhar, Pema Gatsel, Tashigang, Mongar and Lhuntshe to evaluate the progress of the surveys in these Dzongkhags. He discussed the project and the survey with members of the Singye Karm, Sherubtse College's nature and trekking club that is affiliated to RSPN. It was agreed that Singye Karm would act as the focal point for the surveys in the east. Copies of the questionnaire were distributed to members of the nature and trekking club.

The compilation of the initial survey, a responsibility of the Project's coordinator, is underway. Most of the survey feedback has been received and compiled. The findings of the other two regions are still to be received but are expected before the end of 1994.

**C.
COMPILATION**

It is envisaged that the interpretation of the survey findings will be utilized both as a chapter of its own and as supplementary material for the various other chapters in the Report.

**D.
INTERPRETATION**

II. To obtain Input from the various sectors relevant to the issue.

**A.
CONTENTS/
CONTRIBUTORS**

A preliminary meeting of a core group to review the progress of the Citizens' Report project and discuss future developments, viz., the formation of a multidisciplinary taskforce and a decision on the contents of the proposed Report was held in the Forestry Services Division Conference Hall on 27 May 1994.

The RSPN Secretary General recapitulated on the developments to date *in re* the Citizens' Report Project, i.e. the successful completion of the first round of surveys and his delegation of the responsibility of covering the southern districts to a qualified person from a relevant sector in each of the dzongkhags. He then notified the gathering of the appointment of a Coordinator, John Michael Chiramal, for the project and handed over proceedings to the same.

The Coordinator distributed copies of the proforma to be used for the compilation of data collected in the survey and invited comments. It was accepted as being adequate for the purpose. A tentative list of contents was next circulated for criticism. The recommendations received *vis a vis* the list and the suggestion of a contents/ contributors matrix have been incorporated.

Correspondence including the above enclosures was initiated with the members of the proposed multidisciplinary task-force seeking their consent to authorship and informing them of a meeting at the RSPN on 29 July 1994.

The deadline for submission of papers, originally slated as 31 October, was deferred due to extenuating circumstances to 31 June 1995.

A tentative scheule for the remaining stages of the project :

	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
A. COMPILATION	→							
B. SELECTION MEETING				→				
C. EDITING & LAY-OUT					→			
D. PRINTING								→
E. RELEASE								

Black Necked Crane Winter Count

The counting and monitoring of the Black-Necked Crane is an annual undertaking of the RSPN. It has been felt necessary as Bhutan is one of the very few places in the world where this endangered species is known to roost in winter. There are three main areas in the country, Phobjikha, Bomdeling and Bumthang, to which the cranes migrate in the cold season. Towards this goal, the Society has employed two caretakers at their two largest concentration points in the kingdom, at Bomdeling and Phobjikha. This year the Bomdeling and Bumthang annual crane count was sponsored by SPIEC, Japan. With their generous support, the RSPN decided to take along students from schools and institutions of eastern Bhutan.

PHOBJIKHA, WANGDI PHODRANG 1994-95

DATE	TIME	NO. OF CRANES	REMARKS
23 October 1994	02:00 PM	2	First arrival in Phobjikha
24 October 1994	11:30 AM	2	counted at the roost
25 October 1994	"	2	"
26 October 1994	"	2	"
27 October 1994	02:00 PM	23	counted in feeding ground
28 October 1994	06:00 PM	23	counted at the roost
29 October 1994	05:00 PM	28	"
30 October 1994	"	41	"
31 October 1994	"	61	"
1 November 1994	"	"	"
2 November 1994	"	66	"
3 November 1994	04:30 PM	122	"
4 November 1994	"	136	"
5 November 1994	"	158	"
6 November 1994	"	"	"
7 November 1994	"	"	"
8 November 1994	"	"	"
9 November 1994	"	188	"
10 November 1994	"	"	"
11 November 1994	"	"	"
12 November 1994	"	"	"
14 November 1994	"	198	"
15 November 1994	"	"	"
21 November 1994	4 PM to 05:30 PM	208	"
8 March 1995	09:30 AM	8	Departure
30 March 1995	09:30 AM	3	"
31 March 1995	09:30 AM	1	Departure of the last crane.

Total Number of Black Necked Cranes
that arrived in Phobjikha during the 1994-95 winter = 208

KHOTOKHA, WANGDI PHODRANG 1994-95

DATE	TIME	NO. OF CRANES	REMARKS
28 October 1994	5:30 PM	6	Khotokha
6 December 1994	5:00 AM to 6:00 PM	16	Khotokha

Total Number of Black Necked Cranes
that arrived in Khotokha during the 1994-95 winter = 16

Grand total of Both Phobjikha and Khotokha = 208 + 16 = 224
of which 25 were juveniles.

SHENGANA, PUNAKHA 1994-95

DATE	TIME	NO. OF CRANES	REMARKS
10 December 1995	—	1	Based on report from Mr. Laxman Chhetri of Shengana Primary School. It had been a regular visitor since then.

BUMTHANG 1994-95

DATE	TIME	NO. OF CRANES	REMARKS
8 January 1995	6:30-7:30 AM	10	Gyetsa (spotted in groups of six and four)
9 January 1995	10:00-12.30 PM	13	Thangbi (based on information from the local villagers).

Note : The above information was gathered by an RSPN team. In Thangbi, the local inhabitants informed that three groups of six, four and three were frequent visitors to the place.

*A rough estimate of the Black Necked Cranes in Bumthang during the 1994-95 winter = 10 + 13 = 23.

The figure mentioned here is a rough estimate as the RSPN team could not spend much time in Bumthang. Moreover, there is no caretaker appointed in the valley.

BOMDELING, TASHI YANGTSE 1994-95

DATE	TIME	NO. OF CRANES	REMARKS
12 January 1995	6:00 - 7.00 AM	169	count conducted by RSPN team and 17 students
4 February 1995	—	177	as per information from caretaker in Bomdeling.
5 February 1995	—	11	Departure
8 February 1995	—	17	Departure

Total number of Black Necked Cranes that arrived in Bomdeling, Tashi Yangtse during 1994-95 winter = 177

Total Number of Black Necked Cranes in Bhutan

(Recorded by the RSPN) during the 1994-95 winter :

Phobjikha, Wangdi Phodrang	: 224
Bomdeling, Tashi Yangtse	: 177
Gyetsa, Bumthang	: 10
Thangbi, Bumthang	: 13
Shengana, Punakha	: 1

TOTAL 425

RSPN Projects and Activities — 1995-96

1. PLAN OF ACTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES 1995-96

Sl. No.	Activity	Tentative Schedule	Remarks
1.	Planning and budgeting	1-15 June '95	
2.	BFI workshop	Aug. '95	Awareness programme for one batch
3.	RIHS workshop	to be fixed	AP for every batch
4.	RIM workshop	to be fixed	do
5.	NRTI workshop	to be fixed	do
6.	Workshop proposal (NCTs)	August '95	Permission from Ed. Div.
7.	Painting competition (announcement)	July '95	Theme "Waste Disposal"
8.	Awareness campaign: water supply/sewerage project/development and implementation	Aug-Oct '95	In collaboration with City Corporation of Thimphu & Phuntsholing
9.	Visit to NIE to develop park	July '95	
10.	Evaluation visit to NCS	Oct-Nov '95	
11.	TTC workshop	April '96	Awareness programme for two batches
12.	Study/Seminar/Workshop for EOs		As and when organised
13.	Providing funds to NCS	August '95	Support EE activities
14.	Study tour/workshop for NCTs	Feb. '96	Permission from Ed. Div.
15.	Planning EE for NCS (visit)	April '96	
16.	Judgement of painting competition	April '96	"Waste Disposal"
17.	Production of resource materials/video & books	Nov. '95	
18.	World Food Day (P/Gatsel)	Oct. '95	Implementation of Farming Project
19.	Nature Club Guide Review	Dec. '95	
20.	ESCAP Painting Competition		When & whose responsibility to be decided
21.	Workshop at NIE	to be fixed	Awareness programme for three batches
22.	Environmental debate	to be fixed	For all High Schools
23.	Trek to Gasa PS	Sept. '95	Formation of NC
NB	NCS – Nature Club School/s NCT – Nature Club Teacher/s		

II. PLAN OF ACTION FOR COMMUNICATION UNIT ACTIVITIES 1995-96

INTRODUCTION

The **Communications Unit** is the most recently instituted arm of the RSPN and has to date entirely concerned itself with publications with the exception of one video programme 'WONDERFUL WORLD' funded by GTZ. In the coming year, the unit will undertake to expand its sphere of activities to encompass a gamut of communication activities. These will, of course, be in addition to the ongoing publications works whose tentative schedule is listed below :

TIME-TABLE

31 July '95	ANNUAL REPORT
15 August '95	THRUNG THRUNG newsletter
22 September '95	RANGZHIN magazin
11 November '95	RANGZHIN magazine
17 December '95	THRUNG THRUNG newsletter
28 February	RANGZHIN
2 June	RANGZHIN
31 July	ANNUAL REPORT

In view of the fact that the communications unit receives its only financial support from SNV (Netherlands) for its KSP (Publications) project, the implementation of a wider range of activities must necessarily be determined by the availability and amount of further funds it will have to seek. As a result, a time schedule for the activities enumerated would not be practical and has therefore been dispensed with for the moment. Likely donor sources have been tentatively identified as WWF, UNICEF and SNV. Also, in a break with tradition, funds will be solicited from leading business concerns within the Kingdom with a view to indigenize the support base to RSPN activities. Most of the projects will be devised in a manner so as to be self sustaining as far as practicable.

SUGGESTED LIST OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR JULY '95 — JULY '96

POSTERS

- A. **Biodiversity in Bhutan** (6 o' the best) — A series of posters aimed at primary school children that portray six animals, birds, trees and flowers.
- B. **Ecological message** — A series of posters that highlight different issues of environment concern on the lines of the Environmental Resolution back cover of RANGZHIN.
- C. **Educative** — A series of posters that aim through illustrative diagrams to enlighten on environmental issues like Global Warming, Deforestation, Food Chains, etc.

A. **Brochure** — An RSPN hand-out formatted as a folder cum poster. Status : already designed and funded for.

PUBLICATIONS

B. **Booklets** — Two illustrated booklets : The Environmental Primer and Flora/Fauna in a Nutshell. Status : UNICEF has expressed interest in its funding. Also, the latter is to be serialised in the Kuensel.

C. **Comics** — Comics based on environmental themes. Writing competition prize-winning stories could be possible sources of story-lines. Also, in the event of them being serialised in the Kuensel the project could sustain itself.

A. **Calender** — A revival of the now defunct Art & Environment project which sought to print calendars using as illustrations the prize-winning children's paintings. The funding for this particular project should be immediately available to enable its completion before year-ending.

PRINTING

B. **Tee Shirts** — Quality Tee shirts with relevant motifs and messages should be a highly saleable commodity and be ready for marketing in the summer months.

C. **Stickers** — A perennial product that could be manufactured and sold readily.

A tentative target of one such programme annually should be within the scope of the unit. A script-writing competition could be a suitable and effective launch to the project.

VIDEO
PROGRAMME

An ongoing activity of the unit whose funding is incorporated in the KSP (Publication) Project but which has not been consistent in its execution. It was originally intended towards the formal education sector. However, it is envisaged that the non-formal sector, i.e. the wider community be included in the programme. **Video-screenings, slide shows and photo/painting exhibitions** will make up the content of this activity to be undertaken at least once annually around the kingdom.

MOBILE
EDUCATION

A competition wherein the best original musical compositions in the vernacular based on an environmental theme would be selected, then recorded with professional expertise and finally compiled in an audio-cassette, the sale of which would provide the necessary funds to sustain the project.

MUSIC
COMPETITION

Another component of the communication unit's mandate which, for want of infrastructure, it has unable to successfully implement. However, it is proposed that the project could be initiated on a modest scale by compiling a categorised photo and slide album on the visual material already in possession of the RSPN.

DATA BASE

The necessary proposals for the above including budgeting and plans of action will be prepared by the unit in the month of July 1995 for submission to the various earmarked possible donors.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AT THE RSPN

S.N.	NAME/DESIGNATION	NAME/NATURE OF COURSE	PLACE	DURATION	FUNDING
1.	KUNZANG YONTEN (SECRETARY GENERAL)	Workshop on Joint Implementation Workshop on Mountain Tourism	Netherlands Nepal	June '94 (2 weeks) June '95 (1 week)	Bhutan - Netherlands Sustainable Dev. Programme ICIMOD
2.	LAM DORJI (ADM./PROG. OFFICER)	Course on Marketing of non-timber forest products	Thailand	6 - 26 February '95	Kasetstart Univ., Bangkok
3.	MINCHA WANGDI (EDUCATION OFFICER)	Study Tour (Env. Organizations) Env. Management & Planning Programme for Bhutan	Nepal NRTI, Lobesa	20 - 30 April '95 8 - 23 May '95	WWF - Bhutan AIT (Thailand) & NEC (Bhutan)
4.	PARSURAM SHARMA (EDUCATION OFFICER)	Environmental Education for Youth	CEE Ahmedabad	9 - 13 January '95	WWF - Bhutan
5.	HISHEY TSHERING (COMM. OFFICER)	Post-graduate certificate course on Env. Education	Glasgow, Scotland	12 weeks (Oct. - Dec.)	WWF - UK

OUR LATEST RECRUITS

KARMA LOTEY - ACCOUNTANT

Karma, who joined on 1 July 1984, is from Yokling, Lhuntse. He completed Accounts & Audit training course at RIM and has worked earlier at Dept. of Roads and UTB in Phuntsholing. He enjoys archery, chess, swimming and reading.

TSHERING PENJORE - ARTIST

Tshering or Penjore, as he prefers, who comes from Shaba-Tomja, Paro, joined the RSPN on 1 February 1995. After a stint as a teacher in Dotey PS, he completed the EDP course and a three month training on traditional Bhutanese painting. He likes listening to music and playing games, particularly baseball.

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE
THIMPHU : BHUTAN**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 30 June 1995 (14 months)

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT Nu.	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT Nu.
A. GRANTS		A. PROJECTS	
1. Institutional Support (Mac Arthur Foundation – US)	930,000.00	1. Institutional Support	1,045,479.56
2. Conservation Education (WWF – US)	462,750.00	2. Conservation Education	461,698.91
3. Env. Education in Bhutan (SNV – Netherlands)	593,511.28	3. Env. Education in Bhutan	435,413.21
4. Farming Matters (IDRC – Canada)	134,804.97	4. Farming Matters	172,598.45
5. BNC – Project & Others (SPIEC – Japan)	308,500.00	5. BNC – Project & Others	346,920.20
6. Video Program on Env. (GTZ – Thimphu)	150,000.00	6. Video Program on Environment	148,550.00
7. Educational Resources (WWF – Bhutan)	37,169.00	7. Educational Resources	40,656.00
8. Fuel Wood Workshop (WWF – Bhutan)	66,833.00	8. Fuel wood Workshop	67,251.50
9. Fuel Wood Workshop (NEC – Thimphu)	75,000.00	9. Fuel Wood Workshop	19,394.00
10. Others	32,752.00	10. Others	5,412.00
i) IUCN Nu. 5,062.00		i) IUCN Nu. 5,062.00	
ii) Art & Env. Nu. 9,155.00		ii) Art & Env. Nu. 350.00	
iii) Eco-Tourism Nu. 18,535.00			
B. OTHER RECEIPTS		B. OTHER EXPENSES	
1. Membership Fees	38,836.00	1. Membership Expenses	2,349.00
2. Photocopy Maintenance Fund	83,379.00	2. Contingency	99,076.85
3. Institutional Support (1995-96) (Mac Arthur Foundation – US)	938,100.00		
4. Contingency Fund	273,530.98	C. ADVANCES	61,006.50
		D. SUSPENSE A/C	17,483.50
		E. CLOSING BALANCE	
		1) Bank	1,173,761.47
		2) Cash	28,115.08
	4,125,166.23		4,125,166.23

GRANT RECEIPTS STATEMENT

as on 30 June 1995

Sl. No.	PROJECTS	DONOR	AMOUNT (Nu.)
1.	RSPN Institutional Support	Mac Arthur Foundation – US	930000.00
2.	Conservation Education	WWF – US	462750.00
3.	Environment Education in Bhutan	SNV – Netherlands	593511.28
4.	Farming Matters	IDRC – Canada	134804.97
5.	Painting Competition (ICIMOD)	IUCN – Nepal	5062.00
6.	Art and Environment	Proceeds from sales	9155.00
7.	Eco-Tourism Booklet	Advertisers	18535.00
8.	BNC & Other Projects	SPIEC – Japan	308500.00
9.	Video Program	GTZ	150000.00
10.	Educational Resources	WWF – Bhutan Program	37169.00
11.	Fuel Wood Workshop	WWF – Bhutan Program	66833.00
12.	Fuel Wood Workshop	NEC (RGOB)	75000.00
13.	Contingency Fund	Transfers	273530.98
14.	Membership	Fees	38836.00
15.	Photocopy Maintenance Fund	Various Projects	83379.00
16.	Institutional Support (1995 – 1996)	Mac Arthur Foundation – US	938100.00
		TOTAL Nu.	4125166.23

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

as on 30 June 1995

Sl. No.	PROJECTS/ACCOUNTS HEAD	AMOUNT (Nu.)
I. RSPN INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES		
1.	Salary	541900.00
2.	Provident Fund	53190.00
3.	Vehicle Maintenance	132053.00
4.	Telephone / Fax	94509.52
5.	Parttime Wages	15425.00
6.	Furniture	30850.00
7.	Office Supplies	61700.00
8.	BNC Winter Count	15425.00
9.	Postage Expenses	9312.00
10.	Publicity & Advertisement	16196.00
11.	Miscellaneous Expenses	23191.70
12.	Office Repair & Maint., Elect.	51727.34
		1045479.56
II. CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACTIVITIES		
1.	Administrative Costs (Salary)	40457.00
2.	Administrative Costs (Provident Fund)	2300.00
3.	Training Workshop for RIM/TTC/NIE/BFI/NRTI & Others	46167.60
4.	Painting Competition	14669.00
5.	Consolidating/Strengthening Nature Clubs in Dzongkhags	136598.00
6.	Purchase / Production of Resource Materials	61700.00
7.	Quiz Programme for Schools	5850.00
8.	Project Culture	25000.00
9.	Training Workshop / Seminars for EDN., BFI/NRTI/RSPN	113532.31
10.	Youth Training / Non-Formal Program	15425.00
		461698.91
III. ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION IN BHUTAN		
1.	Salary	132200.00
2.	Provident Fund	6120.00
3.	Edn. Operating / Fuel & Misc.	74180.34
4.	Purchase of Slides / Video Tapes & Furniture	10000.00
5.	Contingency	5373.70
6.	Annual Report	20000.00
7.	Thrung Thrung Newsletter	30750.00
8.	Rangzhin Magazin	156789.17
		435413.21
IV. FARMING MATTERS		
1.	Slides/ Photographic Materials & Video Tapes	22060.00
2.	Printing and Publication of Teachers Hand Book	16918.50
3.	Field Trip for the Winner	50153.00
4.	Exhibition/Training Workshop for Teachers	34053.79
5.	Field Equipments and Teaching Materials	37717.50
6.	Visits and Monitoring	11338.00
7.	Telephone / Mail / Trans. & Misc.	357.66
		172598.45

V.	IUCN	
1.	Prizes	5000.00
2.	Postage Expenses	62.00
		5062.00
VI.	ART & ENVIRONMENT	
1.	Postage Expenses	150.00
2.	Misc. Expenses	200.00
		350.00
VII.	SPIEC	
1.	Plantation Project (Forest Div.)	123400.00
2.	Postage / Fax / Telephone	18000.00
3.	Equipments	33632.50
4.	BNC Winter Count	51719.70
5.	Tents	51828.00
6.	Day Packs	17584.50
7.	Sleeping Bags	20361.00
8.	Shipment Charges	27765.00
9.	Miscellaneous	2629.50
		346920.20
VIII.	VIDEO PROGRAMME	
1.	Hire of Vehicle	1350.00
2.	Video Film	147200.00
		148550.00
IX.	EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES	
1.	Video Tapes	40656.00
		40656.00
X.	FUEL WOOD WORKSHOP	
1.	Miscellaneous A/c	8252.00
2.	Entertainment A/c	44408.00
3.	Accomodation Expenses	3705.00
4.	Shugdrel Expenses	9513.00
5.	Banners Expenses	1106.50
6.	Stationeries	267.00
		67251.50
XI.	FUEL WOOD WORKSHOP	
1.	Kuensel Suppliment	13600.00
2.	Stationeries	5794.00
		19394.00
XII.	CONTINGENCY	
1.	BNC Winter Count	13500.00
2.	Salary	4400.00
3.	Vehicle Maintenance	23400.00
4.	Singye Karm	14420.00
5.	Fax Machine	20100.00
6.	Project Culture	23256.85
		99076.85
XIII.	MEMBERSHIP FEES	
1.	Video Cassettes (M/Fees)	1708.50
2.	Photocopying	640.50
		2349.00
	GRAND TOTAL NU.	4125166.23

Rural Vs. Urban

*Silence, silence, says the rural,
Noise, noise, says the urban.
I am full of trees, says the rural,
I am full of houses, says the urban.*

*I ride horses in peace, says the rural,
I drive cars at speed, says the urban.
I breathe pure air, says the rural,
The urban has no reply.*

*I have lots of birds and animals,
went on the rural,
I have fresh water and fish, it continued.
Stop, stop, you win, cried the urban,
I bow to you.*

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