



ROYAL SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF NATURE



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5th August, 2013

Statement by Her Majesty Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck
Queen of Bhutan

The Kingdom of Bhutan has inherited pristine ecosystems and natural resources. We must, as individuals, personally strive to preserve this endowment through our own sustainable actions. It is our responsibility to ensure that this rich biodiversity abounds for generations to come. I join the RSPN in its efforts of environmental conservation, which remains a pressing concern of our time, and encourage every citizen to embrace the path to a greener future.

Her Majesty Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck
Queen of Bhutan

Patron of Royal Society for Protection of Nature

Message from the Chairman

Ugyen Rinzin

The 2014-2015 annual report for the Royal Society for Protection of Nature (RSPN) focuses on involving the people of Bhutan into the conversation about their environment. RSPN recognizes its efforts to benefit both the present and future generations of Bhutanese citizens by strengthening environmental conservation in Bhutan.

This report also highlights the innovative work being done through programs in partnership with RSPN donors and with other organizations. RSNP has over 25 years of conservation experience and has helped many communities make peace with their environments. Each year, RSPN begins new endeavors to enhance the conservation of Bhutan's biodiversity. Further, RSPN has demonstrated leadership in tackling many issues attendant to the destruction of the natural environment and the disturbance of rare and vulnerable birds.

On another note, RSPN is committed to improving the Bhutanese livelihood status by undertaking various intervention strategies. These strategies will work to improve the current socio-economic, environmental, cultural and educational situations in Bhutan.

All of the staff at RSPN are diligently engaged in executing the organization's mission and vision. This vision comes alive as RSPN continues to grow. With an expanding list of partnerships and staff, our dedication to the conservation of the environment is demonstrated daily.

I invite you to explore this report to learn more details about our organization's performance this year and its various activities in communities around Bhutan.

Executive Summary

Dr. Kinley Tenzin, Executive Director

Building on the achievements of past years, the Royal society for Protection of Nature is moving forward in every departmental realm: Environmental Education and Advocacy Program (EEAP), Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods Program (CSLP), Research Program, and Communications and Membership Division (CMD).

Within the EEAP, RSPN launched the Environmental Science curriculum for classes IX and X in collaboration with Ministry of Education and the Royal Education Council. Additionally, environmental science curriculum books for classes XI and XII have already been developed. RSPN continues its efforts to raise awareness on the importance of environmental literacy from the grass roots level.

In Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods Program (CSLP), we have extended our outreach programs into the Kheng region under Zhemgang District. With support from ADB, RSPN conducted training on the safe and efficient use of electricity. A wet land conservation awareness program was also conducted in Buli, Zhemgang. Likewise, a training workshop on Community Development for Health was also organized to improve the sanitation, water supply and hygienic surroundings. Further, RSPN has taken a major leap to start a Community Based Sustainable Tourism (CBST) project in Haa to replicate successful CBST project in Phobjikha.

RSPN's effort to develop a research program to protect the critically endangered White-bellied Heron continues with ongoing monitoring of the population and its habitat. Negotiations for a five-year collaborative captive breeding project of White-bellied Heron with the Royal Government of Bhutan are still in progress.

The Communications and Membership Division (CMD) continues its efforts to take RSPN forward to a position of strength, making steady progress in our mission to inspire personal responsibility and active involvement from staff and members. RSPN staff and members have continued to pursue focused voluntary engagement in environmental conservation.

In our continuing efforts to conserve Bhutan's rich natural heritage, on behalf of the Chairman, Board of Directors and staff, I would like to thank the Royal Government of Bhutan, partners, donors and supporters for their continued and unflinching support.

Tashi Delek!

INSTITUTION

RSPN welcomed new Executive Director



The outgoing Executive Director Dr. Lam Dorji welcoming Dr. Kinley Tenzin as the new Executive Director of RSPN

The Royal Society for Protection of Nature formally welcomed Dr. Kinley Tenzin as the new Executive Director starting the 1st of April 2015. Prior to his current appointment at RSPN, Dr. Kinley served as the Program Director at the Renewable Resources Research and Development Center in Yusipang under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests. Dr. Kinley will be an asset to RSPN as he brings with him vast research experience to share with the organization.

Dr. Kinley has taken over from former executive director Dr. Lam Dorji, who left RSPN to take on a new role of Team Leader for the ADB Technical Assistance Project, “Adaption to Climate Change through Integrated Water Resources Management for National Environment Commission and Department of Agriculture and Forests, Royal Government of Bhutan”. Dr. Lam had served with RSPN since 1993 in various capacities.



RSPN - A background

Our Vision:

Future generations of Bhutan will live in an environmentally sustainable society.

Our Mission:

RSPN's mission is to inspire personal responsibility and active involvement of the people of Bhutan in the conservation of the Kingdom's environment through education, research and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Core Values:

RSPN's core values are statements based on clear, concise, and shared beliefs of the organization that will contribute towards achieving its mission in the long run. Its core values are to:

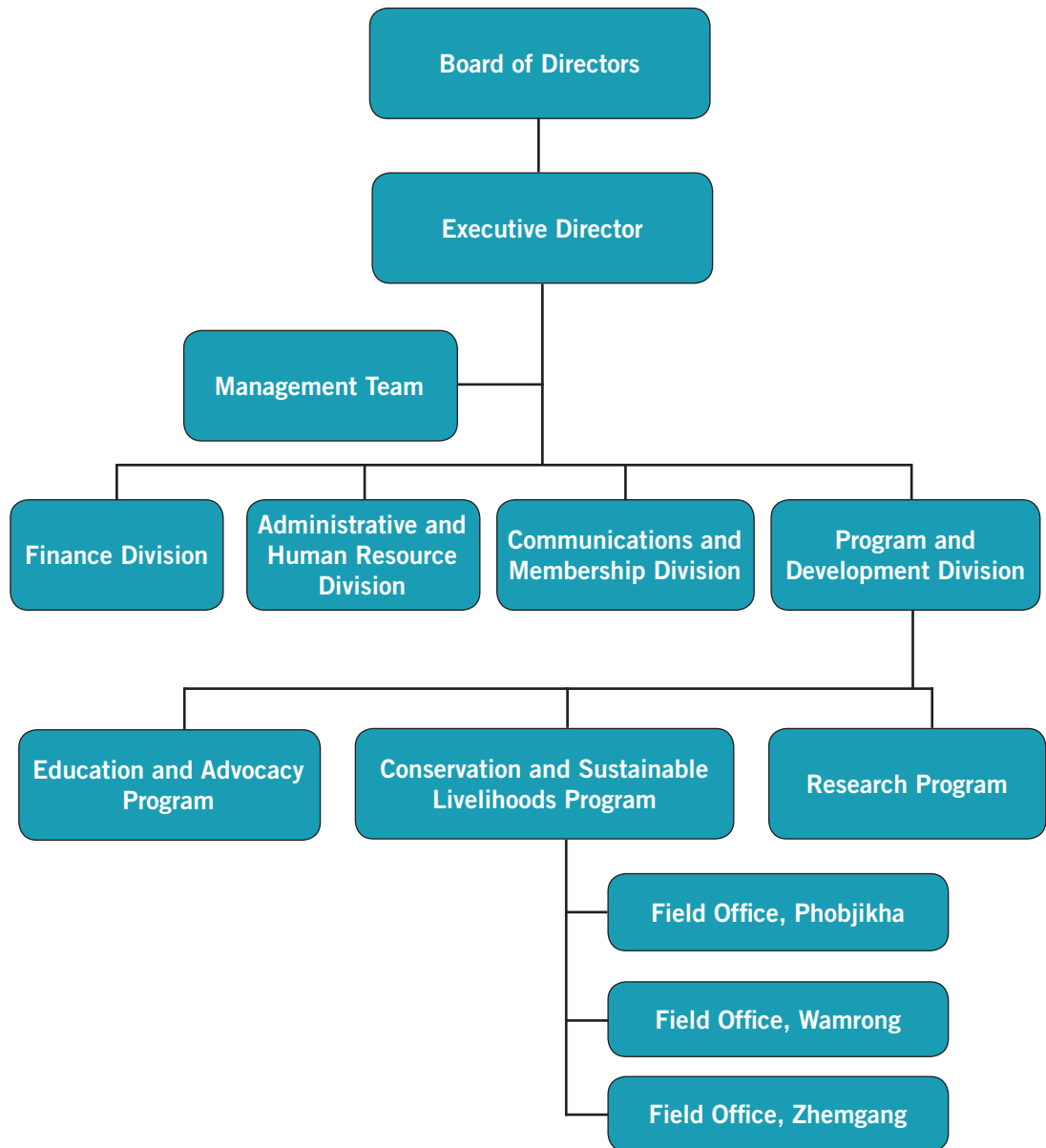
- Provide leadership in conservation
- Promote innovative technologies and methods
- Be proactive towards environmental issues
- Be accountable and transparent
- Be efficient and effective in delivering programmes



*Common name: Blue-capped Rock Thrush
Scientific name: Monticola cinclorhynchus*

Photographer: Koji Tagi

Organizational structure



RSPN's current organizational structure

Partnership and networking

At the national level, RSPN works very closely with several branches of the Royal Government of Bhutan. In particular, RSPN has relations with the Gross National Happiness Commission Secretariat, the Department of Forest and Park Services under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, the Department of School Education, the Department of Curriculum Research Development under the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs. Beyond the government, RSPN has partnerships with several institutions under the Royal University of Bhutan such as the Dzongkhag Administration and Geogs. Finally, RSPN works with villages around Bhutan at the grass root level.

In terms of regional networking, RSPN is member of several organizations and has partnerships with Climate Action Network South Asia, South Asian Youth for Environmental Network, Toxicslink and Partners in Change.

At the international level, RSPN is a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). RSPN also partners with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF) and.

Our supporters and financers include the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation, the MacArthur Foundation, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the UNDP-GEF Small Grants and the Embassy of Finland.



Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods Program

The Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods Program (CSLP) was created in the late 1990's as a regular program unit of RSPN to focus on conservation, development and enhancing sustainable livelihoods in Phobjikha. After recognizing that community participation is an integral part of conservation efforts, several activities fostering environmentally viable livelihood options have been implemented since 1999. Such programs have enabled local communities to make sustainable choices and have rendered community support for RSPN's conservation initiatives.

ADB Review Mission visits



Team members reviewing the project progress.

The officials from ADB, DRE and RSPN visited the project sites in three lower tGewogs Zhemgang - Phangkhag, Ngangla and Bjoka From May 26 to 30, 2015 to review the project on Gender-inclusive Access to Clean and Renewable Energy in Bhutan.

The project was funded with a 3 million USD grant from the ABD. The project was mainly geared towards enhancing women's roles and increasing their visibility in policy across South Asia. In addition to this, the project focuses on gender equality at the ground level through direct energy sector interventions in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bhutan.

During their trip, the officials met with the women and other community members of Panbang Organic Group in Ngangla Gewog. These community members have undergone training in organic agriculture, vegetable production, book-keeping and group management. The meeting involved an interview of the group and a field visit to assess the success of the trainings.

Awareness on Wetland Conservation



Nature Club members of Buli Middle Secondary School

In collaboration with members of Buli Middle Secondary School's nature club, RSPN Field Office at Buli in Zhemgang has developed interpretive signage for the Buli Wetland Conservation Project. The idea is to create awareness for the ongoing project among locals and visitors alike. Further, the intent is to provide recognition of RSPN's efforts in the community. The nature club members were also involved in a half-day waste cleanup campaign in and around the Buli community.

Vegetable Production and Management



Preparation of heap manure

A six-day training on Vegetable Production and Management was organized by the Zhemgang Field Office, in collaboration with the Ngangla Gewog (block) RNR Extension Agriculture Office and Panbang Organic Vegetable Group. The training was offered to members of the three vegetable groups of Ngangla Block under Panbang sub-district, and lasted from the 6th until the 11th of July, 2014. It was part of an ADB funded project.

The farmers got hands-on training on preparing bio-pesticides from garlic brew mixed with garlic and cow-urine; liquid-manure mixed with Artemisia, cow-dung, and cow-urine; preparing heap-compost by mixing dry grass, green grass and cow-dung; and preparing Vermi-Composting by raising earthworms.

The program trained 36 farmers comprising 18 women and 18 men. The farmers who participated in the training agreed that the training had immensely benefited in understanding the concept, opportunities and affordability of organic farming. They were happy that they got hands-on training on many new concepts, including the bookkeeping training which can help them in their marketing their farm products. It was the first training of its kind, and it's hoped that similar programs will be organized in the future.

Training on Bamboo and Cane Products Development



They were taught on innovative ways to develop bamboo products

Zhemgang RSPN Field Office, in collaboration with the Bjoka Block RNR Extension Forest Office and Bjoka Bamboo Craft Cooperative Group, organized a three-day training on the technical skills of bamboo and cane products development. The main goals of the training were to enhance energy-based livelihoods for rural women, build capacities to improve local service delivery and strengthen the sustainability of local resources. 61 members of the Bjoka Bamboo Craft Cooperative Group and 10 participants from Ponchula under Phangkhar Gewog (block) attended. The workshop ran from the 2nd to the 10th of October, 2014, and trained a total of 71 participants. It was part of the ADB funded project on “Improving Gender-Inclusive Access to Clean and Renewable Energy in Bhutan”.

Institutional support for CBST project at national and local level established



CBST steering committee members in Haa Dzongkhag

The project steering committee comprising of key stakeholders was formed on 9th March while a CBST local working group was formed on 14th April 2015. These groups were formed to seek institutional support and cross-sectoral participation during the implementation of the community-based sustainable tourism (CBST) project in Haa.

A steering committee meeting is to be held once in every three months to guide and review the progress of CBST project in Haa, while the working group meeting will be held whenever it is deemed necessary to seek local consultation and participation during the implementation of the project in the field.

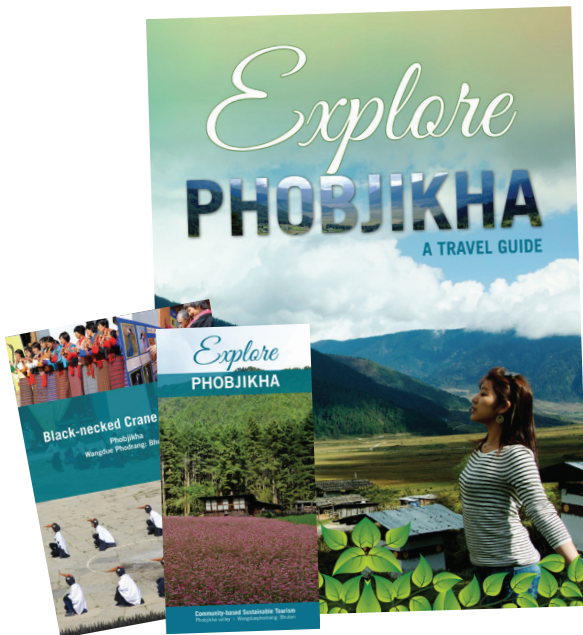
A familiarization trip to project sites for steering committee members was organized from 24th to 26th March 2015, while local working group visited Phobjikha to experience CBST programs from 4th to 7th May 2015.



Haa CBST working group during their visit to Gangtey-Phobji Conservation Area

Meanwhile, a baseline report on stakeholders' perception on CBST in Haa and an overview of Haa as a place-based cultural resource has been published in consultation with stakeholders and steering committee members.

Second edition of “Explore Phobjikha, A Travel Guide” launched



The community-based sustainable tourism (CBST) project published the second edition of Explore Phobjikha, A Travel Guide and brochures on the CBST and Annual Black-necked Crane Festival.

Explore Phobjikha gives a comprehensive guide and information on the environment, socio-cultural products and community-based tourism activities of Gangtey and Phobji Gewogs in Wangduephodrang Dzongkhag.

Rural Sanitation and Hygiene Program (RSAHP)

The RSPN has implemented a Rural Sanitation and Hygiene Program (RSAHP) in the two Gewogs of Phuntshopelri and Yoeseltse in the Samtse Dzongkhag. The program is a part of the “Strengthening Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)” program. This particular project was made possible with financial support from the SAARC Development Fund (SDF) and with technical assistance from both the PHED under the Ministry of Health and SNV.

The overall objective of this program was to “improve the quality of life of rural populace by providing safe, convenient and sustainable water, sanitation services and better hygiene.” In other words, the project will improve the health of the rural populace by reducing the incidence of water borne diseases. This will be accomplished by providing access to sanitary toilets and adequate facilities for hand washing with soap. Further, instruction will be given on the hygienic use of toilets. The RSAHP was initiated jointly by RSPN, PHED and SNV in Bhutan.



Participants of the workshop holding a poster with following captions:

*“Much like...
Charity begins at home
Sanitation and hygiene
Starts with you and me”*

Training Workshop on Community Development for Health



The workshop in session

The Training Workshop on Community Development for Health (CDH) was held from May 16th to 25th of 2015 as part of the RSAHP program.

More than 800 participants from two project areas attended the CDH workshops. A project officer from RSPN helped facilitate the workshop alongside a WASH specialist from SNV, and several experienced Health Assistants from the Gomtu Hospital and the Yoeseltse BHU.

The community members were introduced to reality of their sanitation situation and the consequences of operating unhygienic latrines. It mobilized both individuals and the collective to take on the responsibility of their sanitation, water supply and hygiene situations.

WASH Inception Workshop



The inception meeting for “Strengthening Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services in Bhutan” (WASH) program was held on September 30th, 2015. The meeting was organized by RSPN in coordination with the Public Health and Engineering Division (PHED) and the Department of Public Health. WASH is a project funded by the SAARC Development Fund (SDF).

Two Officials from PHED and 5 officials from RSPN attended the

meeting. The meeting presented the project profile in detail and attempted to garner support for the project. Input and suggestions were gathered from the attendants. The meeting further served as an opportunity for collaboration among the organizations in attendance and established the communication needed to avoid duplication of WASH related programs in the country.

Additionally, an inception workshop for stakeholders was held in Samtse from December 4th to 5th, 2014. The workshop was a continuation of the initial meeting held with with Samtse District Administration that first introduced the WASH program. The workshop was held in the Regional Revenue and Customs Office's (RRCO) conference hall in Samtse.

WASH Baseline Survey Report



It was presented to stakeholders of the project.

On April 13th, 2015, the RSPN presented the findings of a Baseline Survey Report of the WASH services currently being provided in the Phuntshopelri and Yoeseltse Gewogs in the Samtse District. The SAARC Development Fund (SDF) is funding the WASH services in these locations.

The survey included collection of information on socio-economic status, gender inclusion, current rural water supply schemes, the sanitation levels and the hygiene standards in the project area. The findings from the survey is expected to provide baseline data and help in monitoring project progress and understand impacts of the project on its completion.

Introduction of WASH Program to the Stakeholders

An overview of the WASH program was given to the stakeholders in a separate workshop. Officials from the Public Health and Engineering Division (PHED) presented the overview, emphasizing that the Health Ministry first initiated the WASH program in 1974. They explained that the goals of the project were to improve the quality of life of rural populace by providing convenient, sustainable drinking water, sanitation services and better hygiene.

The District Health Officer of Samtse highlighted that there is a need to create awareness among locals about sanitation and hygiene despite the fact that the issue is not considered to be critical.

The SNV project team outlined the working modality of the WASH Program.



WASH introduction workshop to stakeholders in session

They put emphasis on the four pillars of the Rural Sanitation and Hygiene Program (RSAHP). These components are: 1) WASH Governance, 2) Sanitation Supply Chain and Finance, 3) Hygiene Behavioural Change Communication and 4) Sanitation Demand Creation.

Representatives from the PHED, RSPN, SNV, DYS, the Ministry of Education and more than 55 local government officials (stakeholders) comprising Dungpas, engineers, Gups, Mangmis, Gewog Administrative Officers (GAOs), Health Assistants of 15 Gewogs and representatives from Dratsang (Monk Body) attended the workshop.

KNCF supports awareness of White-bellied Heron and Black-necked Cranes in Bhutan



The Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund (KNCF), based in Japan supported a year-long project on environmental education and conservation of critically endangered White-bellied Heron and vulnerable Black-necked Crane. KNCF approved a grant totaling to 4,765,000 JPY.

The objectives of the project were to

- (i) Develop adequate awareness and educational materials on WBH and BNC for community distribution and;
- (ii) Sensitize communities, institutions, local authorities and relevant stakeholders on the conservation needs of the WBH and BNC in Bhutan through effective outreach programs

The Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund (KNCF) is a public trust fund established in 2000. It has been financially supporting the conservation of Black-necked Cranes in Bhutan since 2012.

Dog sterilization campaign in Black-necked Crane habitat

Khotokha valley, one of the winter habitats of vulnerable Black-necked Crane, has been facing a dog problem which has put the crane population under further threat. The valley, a home for more than 700 people of Bjena and Rubisa Geog located at the North of Wangduephodrang District and at an altitude of 2500 masl hosts about 6-7 of the rare birds every winter.

The Range Officer, Khotokha Forest Range pointed out issues of stray dog during the last annual Black-necked Crane coordination meeting held in Thimphu. He observed a group of stray dogs, about five, constantly approaching the roosting area of the cranes. The disturbance by the dogs could be one reason of the declining number of cranes visiting the valley every year.

As part of an environmental education program to control the dog population,

officials from Livestock sector under Wangdue Dzongkhag Administration and RSPN carried out a dog sterilization program in the valley from 10th to 12th August, 2014.

The team met with the people of Khotokha and informed them of the adverse impacts of uncontrolled dog population and other domestic animals to the environment in general and to the people in particular. The program was funded by Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund (KNCF).



Project officer speaks to the students on Black-necked Crane conservation efforts.



Dog sterilization program

Environmental Education and Advocacy Program

Environmental Education and Advocacy (EEA) programs are geared toward helping the people of Bhutan enhance their understanding of the environment and providing them the knowledge and skills to actively participate in conservation at the grassroots level.

Integration of environmental education in formal and non-formal education systems and capacity building are priority areas being pursued in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

Environmental Science Textbook

The Environmental Science curriculum for class nine was developed jointly by Royal Education Council and Royal Society for Protection of Nature. It was formally launched on the 21 February 2015 coinciding with birth anniversary of His Majesty the King. It was dedicated to 60th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck.



Honourable Education Minister Mingbo Drukpa, Honourable Speaker of National Assembly Jigme Zangpo and Honourable Minister of MoWHS Dorji Choden launched the book

A total of 5,000 probation copies were printed and distributed to 76 schools to start the course in 2015 with 2037 students opting to take the new curriculum.

Unfortunately, 30 schools were unable to offer the subject owing to lack of classroom space. However, many of these schools assured RSPN that they would introduce the subject in 2016 academic session.

Accordingly, two separate orientation workshops for 109 teachers on the new curriculum - one at Bajo Higher Secondary School and the other at Mongar Lower Secondary School were conducted. The entire program was dedicated to the 60 birth anniversary of His Majesty the 4th Druk Gyalpo.

Modification of the Class Ten Environmental Science Textbook

The Royal Education Council and RSPN have finalized the draft of the class ten Environmental Science textbook. About 13 Senior Science teachers, two curriculum officers and an official from RSPN were involved in the review workshop.

The group focused on updating the subject concepts, learning objectives, relevancy and appropriateness of materials, drawings and illustrations, language, and the assessment mode. It is expected that the revised curriculum will be introduced for class ten starting 2016 academic session.



The review workshop

Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) sensitization for local leaders



The participants of the workshop list down issues related to water resources

Water in Bhutan is increasingly becoming a stressed resource. Communities are finding it more difficult to gain access to water for drinking, sanitation and irrigation purposes. As a result, conflicts are arising among villages and even amongst households due to water.

To address the issue, an IWRM sensitization workshop aimed at educating the Gups (local leaders) on water resources was conducted for 12 local leaders from the Gasu and Thimphu Dzongkhags.

World Water Day 2015

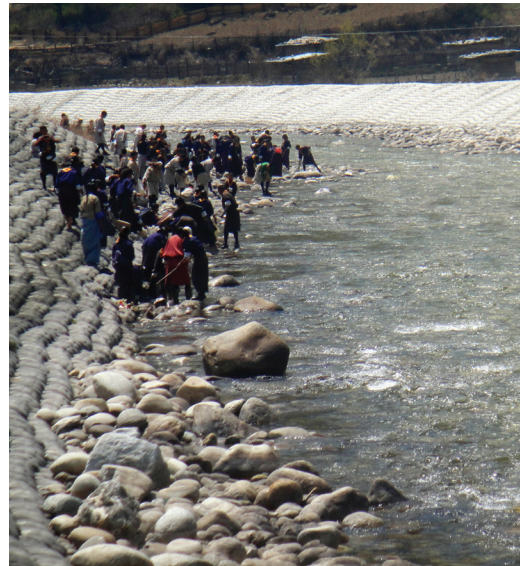
The Royal Society for Protection of Nature supported 2015 World Water Day celebration in two different locations. One event in the capital city focused on raising awareness

among the city dwellers about the importance of fresh water in sustaining life; while the other event held in the Haa Dzongkhag focused on the importance of water conservation for sustainable livelihoods.

Hundreds of spectators gathered for the celebration witnessed exhibitions put up by local schools on the importance of water for health and livelihood purposes.



Cleaning of stream at RIM in Thimphu



Students clean Haa river in Haa



Trainees of Royal Institute of Management marched with awareness slogans and banners

Water Resource Management



Village representatives at one of the sites where irrigation channel will be renovated under BhWP funding.

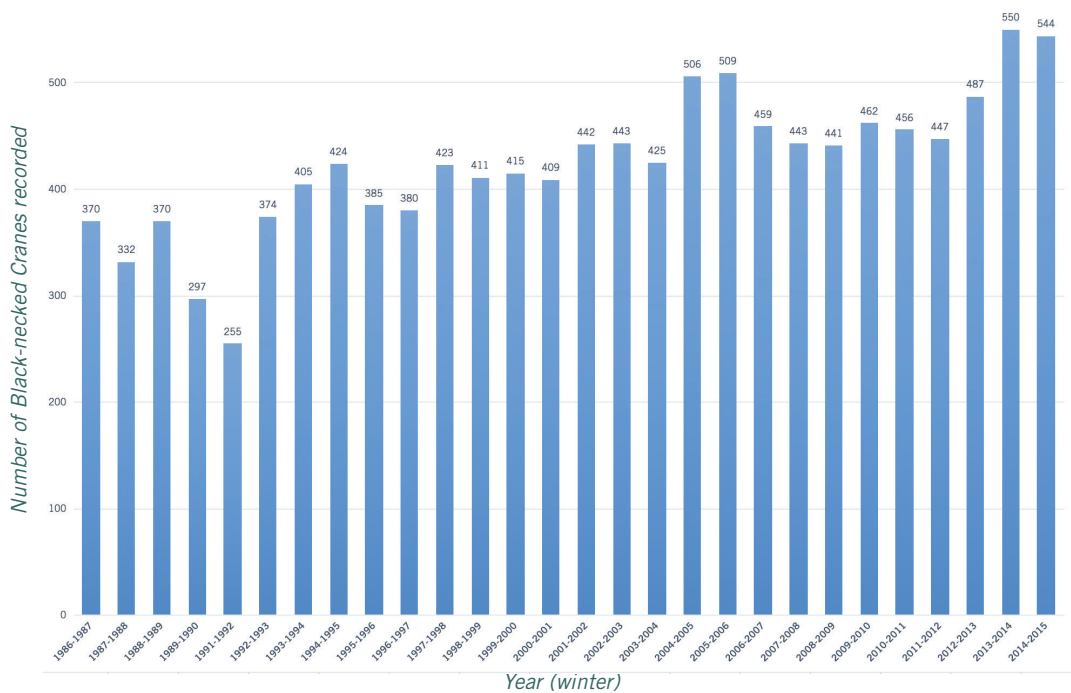
Bhutan Water Partnership funded small projects to implement water resource management in two communities and one school.

In Nubi gewog of Trongsa Dzongkhag, the focus was to improve the catchment area of their water source, while in Lango gewog of Paro, it was to renovat their irrigation channel. The projects will benefit over 1,000 people in each village.

For Kuzuchen Middle Secondary School in Thimphu, the project aimed to restore the school's drinking water supply. The school has over 500 students and the project is expected to improve health and sanitation of the school.

Species Conservation

As an annual count, the coordinated Black-necked Crane (*Grus nigricollis*) count was organized on January 18th, 2015. The counts took place in locations of their prime habitat across the country. For the winter of 2014-2015, Bhutan received 544 cranes. The total of previous year 2013-2014 winter was 550 cranes.



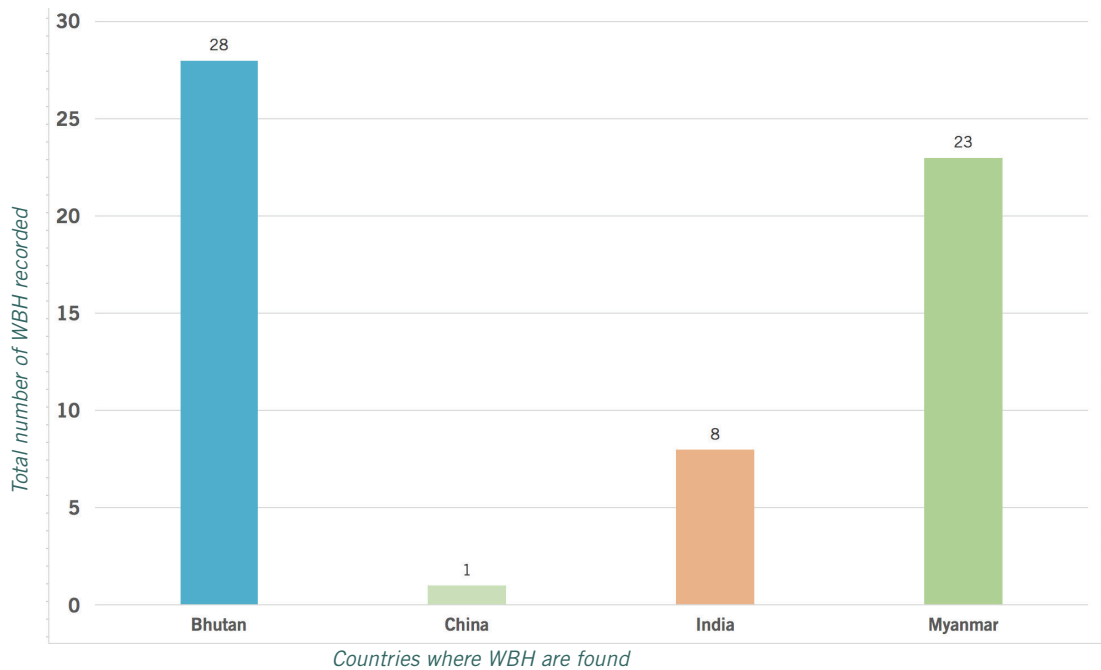
Graph showing total recorded numbers of Black-necked Cranes from 1987 to 2015.



Black-necked Cranes in Phobjikha, one of the winter habitats in Bhutan.

White-bellied Heron

The population census of the White-bellied Heron saw an increase from 22 individuals in 2014 to 28 in 2015. With a worldwide population of approximately 200 individuals from which only 60 individuals have been recorded till date, White-bellied Heron (*Ardea insignis*) is included on the list of the 50 most rare bird species on the planet.



Graph showing total recorded numbers of WBH in Bhutan, China, India and Myanmar

Research Program

RSPN has identified research as the avenue to position the organization as science-based institution in fostering environmental conservation and advocacy on the basis. This has become even more important under evolving parliamentary democracy. The research program provides a platform for the generation of science-based information as a means to advocate for environmental education and support informed decision-making.



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White-bellied Heron in Phochhu, Punakha

JKERF research grants awarded

RSPN's research encompasses concerns such as species, biodiversity, and habitats that will meet the challenges of conservation in contemporary Bhutan. Additionally, this research program also aims to improve the knowledge base on natural resources while developing appropriate tools and models to mitigate degradation of forest resources including plants and wildlife, land resources, water and wetland resources, air, endangered species and effects of climate change.

As a part of ongoing effort to encourage young Bhutanese researchers to embark on environmental related researches, ten undergraduate students were given small research grants under Jigme Khesar Environmental Research Fund.

WBH nest survey and findings

White-bellied Heron pairs leave their pairing and courting ground to start nest building in last week of February or first week of March. Since the nesting sites are usually in far off places, local people from nearby nesting places are hired to survey and monitor the nests. By second and third week of March 2014, the number nests found were given in table:

| Sl. No. | Place Name | Dzongkhag | Nest | Eggs | Chicks |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|------|-----------|
| 1. | Tshosabu, Tewang Gewog | Punakha | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 2. | Hararongchu, Mitina Gewog | Wangdue Phodrang | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 3. | Walkley Tar, | Tsirang | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| 4. | Burichu, | Tsirang | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 5. | Berti, Trong Gewog | Zhemgang | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 6 | Ada | Wangdue Phodrang | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Total | | | 6 | | 11 |

Membership Program

As membership based organization, RSPN's efforts in development of membership activities seek to support the constitutional requirement that 'protection of the environment is the fundamental duty of every citizen'. Through membership activities, RSPN provides platform for individuals to learn, share and act in the common interest of safeguarding Bhutan's rich environment. To date, we have 3267 individual members across the country.

We welcome individuals, organizations and institutions to be a part of RSPN's endeavour in environmental conservation programs.



Communications and Membership Division represents RSPN in important events publicizing organization's activities by distributing publications and awareness materials.

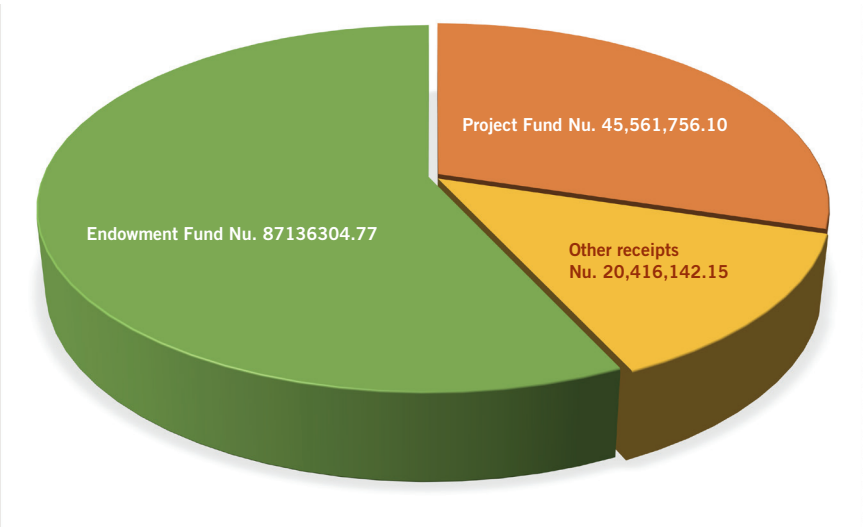
Unaudited Financial Report - 2015

Overview of RSPN's financial performance in 2015.

RSPN's unaudited account statements reveal a total receipt of Nu. 72,175,101.98 and US\$1,661,968.06 equivalent to total of Nu. 172,200,596,19 in the fiscal year 2014-2015. As of 30 June 2015, RSPN maintains a cash and bank balance of Nu. 6,292,407.04 and US\$142,627.04 summing up to an equivalent of Nu. 14,878,554.85.

In addition, RSPN's Endowment Fund maintained with the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation (BT FEC) is valued at US\$1,367,487.52. This excludes the accrued interest, if any, for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

On the whole, RSPN's entire resources including assets and capital fund amounts to Nu.142,185,868.76, i.e., the overall worth of RSPN as of June 30, 2015.



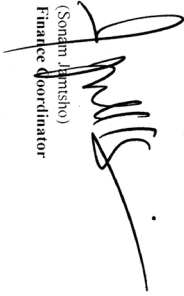
Overview of RSPN's finance in 2015.

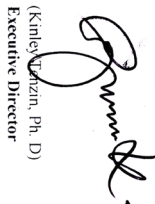
Endowment Fund
US\$ 1,367,487.52


**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF NATURE
THIMPHU : BHUTAN
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended June 30, 2015**

| Particulars | Schedule | Nu. | US\$ | Receipts | | Particulars | Schedule | Nu. | US\$ | Payments | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | Equivalent Nu. | Total | | | | | Equivalent Nu. | Total |
| To Balance b/f | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash | | (379,977) | 59.50 | 3,581.90 | 3,001.93 | Project Payments | I | 40,904,305.25 | 150,982.70 | 9,089,158.54 | 49,993,463.79 |
| Bank | | 9,563,964.19 | 210,025.91 | 12,643,559.78 | 22,207,523.97 | Others | II | 22,895,544.44 | 870.80 | - | 22,895,544.44 |
| Receivables & Prepayments | | 1,689,423.34 | 415.00 | - | 1,689,423.34 | Investment with BTFFEC | | - | - | - | - |
| Investment with BTFFEC | | - | 1,327,786.70 | 79,932,759.34 | 79,932,759.34 | | | | | | |
| Project Fund | I | 40,806,189.07 | 78,996.13 | 4,755,567.03 | 45,561,756.10 | | | | | | |
| Other receipts | II | 20,116,105.35 | 4,984.00 | 300,036.80 | 20,416,142.15 | | | | | | |
| Interest from Investment with BTFFEC | VIII | - | 39,700.82 | 2,389,989.36 | 2,389,989.36 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | To balance c/f | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Cash | | 13,535.03 | 59.50 | 3,581.90 | 17,116.93 |
| | | | | | | Bank | | 6,278,872.01 | 142,567.54 | 8,582,565.91 | 14,861,437.92 |
| | | | | | | Receivables & Prepayments | III | 2,082,845.25 | - | - | 2,082,845.25 |
| | | | | | | Investment with BTFFEC | | - | 1,367,487.52 | 82,322,748.70 | 82,322,748.70 |
| | | | | | | | | 721,751,101.98 | 1,661,968.06 | 99,998,055.05 | 172,173,157.03 |

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF NATURE
STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT JUNE 30, 2015**

| Assets | Schedule | For the year ended June 30, 2015 | | | | For the year ended June 30, 2014 | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | | (A) | (B) | (A+B) | (A) | (B) | (A+B) | | |
| | | NL. | USS | Equivalent NL. | TOTAL (NL.) | NL. | USS | Equivalent NL. | TOTAL (NL.) |
| Fixed Assets (Net Block) | | | | | | | | | |
| Furniture & Fixture | | 2,270,466.95 | - | 2,270,466.95 | 1,883,352.05 | - | - | 1,883,352.05 | |
| Office Equipments | | 4,771,996.04 | - | 4,771,996.04 | 4,574,189.82 | - | - | 4,574,189.82 | |
| Trekking Equipments | | 245,871.44 | - | 245,871.44 | 123,367.87 | - | - | 123,367.87 | |
| Vehicles | | 2,728,763.88 | - | 2,728,763.88 | 1,125,884.03 | - | - | 1,125,884.03 | |
| Communication/Other Equipments | | 158,067.29 | - | 158,067.29 | 184,361.52 | - | - | 184,361.52 | |
| Building (Observation Center) | | 1,278,562.91 | - | 1,278,562.91 | 1,318,106.09 | - | - | 1,318,106.09 | |
| Building (Head Office & JKERC) | | 39,284,413.41 | - | 39,284,413.41 | 39,183,247.77 | - | - | 39,183,247.77 | |
| Investment with BTFEC | | - | 1,367,487.52 | 87,136,304.77 | - | 1,327,786.70 | 79,932,759.34 | 79,932,759.34 | |
| Total Fixed Assets | VIII | 50,738,141.92 | 1,367,487.52 | 87,136,304.77 | 48,392,509.15 | 1,327,786.70 | 79,932,759.34 | 128,325,268.49 | |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash | | 13,535.03 | 59.50 | 17,326.37 | (579.97) | 59.50 | 3,581.90 | 3,001.93 | |
| Bank | | 6,278,872.01 | 142,567.54 | 9,084,403.65 | 9,562,464.19 | 210,025.91 | 12,643,559.78 | 22,206,023.97 | |
| Receivables & Prepayments | | 2,082,845.25 | - | 2,082,845.25 | 2,663,041.75 | 415.00 | 24,983.00 | 2,688,024.75 | |
| Stock Balance | | 80,500.00 | - | 80,500.00 | 80,500.00 | - | - | 80,500.00 | |
| Total Current Assets | VII | 8,455,752.29 | 142,627.04 | 9,488,194.99 | 12,305,425.97 | 210,500.41 | 12,672,124.68 | 24,977,550.65 | |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | | |
| Less: | | | | | | | | | |
| Long-term liabilities | | | | | | | | | |
| (for 20 yrs. From May, 2013) | | | | | | | | | |
| Endowment Fund | IX | 12,795,548.70 | - | 12,795,548.70 | 14,283,403.20 | - | - | 126,079.00 | |
| Current Liabilities | | | | | | | | | |
| Recoveries/Remittances | V | 436,976.51 | - | 436,976.51 | 126,079.00 | - | - | - | |
| Total Liabilities | | 13,232,525.21 | - | 13,232,525.21 | 14,409,482.20 | - | - | 126,079.00 | |
| Total Assets | | 45,961,369.00 | 1,510,114.56 | 96,224,499.76 | 46,288,452.92 | 1,538,287.11 | 92,604,884.02 | 138,893,336.94 | |
| Financed by: | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Fund | | | | | | | | | |
| (Surplus/deficit) | | | | | | | | | |
| Opening Accumulated Fund | IV | 58,219,933.77 | 1,537,872.11 | 97,993,210.85 | 19,032,732.35 | 1,447,012.32 | 87,110,141.66 | 106,142,874.01 | |
| Total Accumulated Fund | | 45,961,369.00 | 1,510,114.56 | 96,224,499.76 | 46,224,499.76 | 1,538,287.11 | 92,604,884.02 | 138,893,336.36 | |

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Our Supporters

| Sl. No. | Projects | Implementing Program | Funding Agency |
|---------|--|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Community Based sustainable tourism (Haa) | Conservation and sustainable Livelihood Program | JEEF/JICA, JAPAN |
| 2 | WBH Conservation Project | Research Program | Felburn Foundation |
| 3 | Introducing environmental Science in the formal education in Bhutan | Environmental Education and Advocacy Program | BT FEC |
| 4 | Sustainable Agriculture Program | Conservation and Sustainable livelihood Program | NORLHA |
| 5 | WASH Program (SDF) | Conservation and Sustainable Livelihood Program | SDF |
| 6 | Green Public Procurement | Research Program | IISD Geneva/ Switch Asia |
| 7 | TA to ADB for Adapting to Climate Change through IWRM in Bhutan | Research Program | ADB |
| 8 | Buli Wetland Conservation Program | Conservation and sustainable Livelihood Program | SGP/UNDP |
| 9 | Environmental Education and conservation of critically endangered White bellied Heron and vulnerable Black necked Crane in Bhutan. | Conservation and sustainable Livelihood Program | KNCF, Japan |
| 10 | WBH Recovery Plan | Research Program | BT FEC |





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