



HIGHLIGHTS 2020

LIVING LANDSCAPES - Securing High Conservation Values (HCVs) in South-Western Bhutan



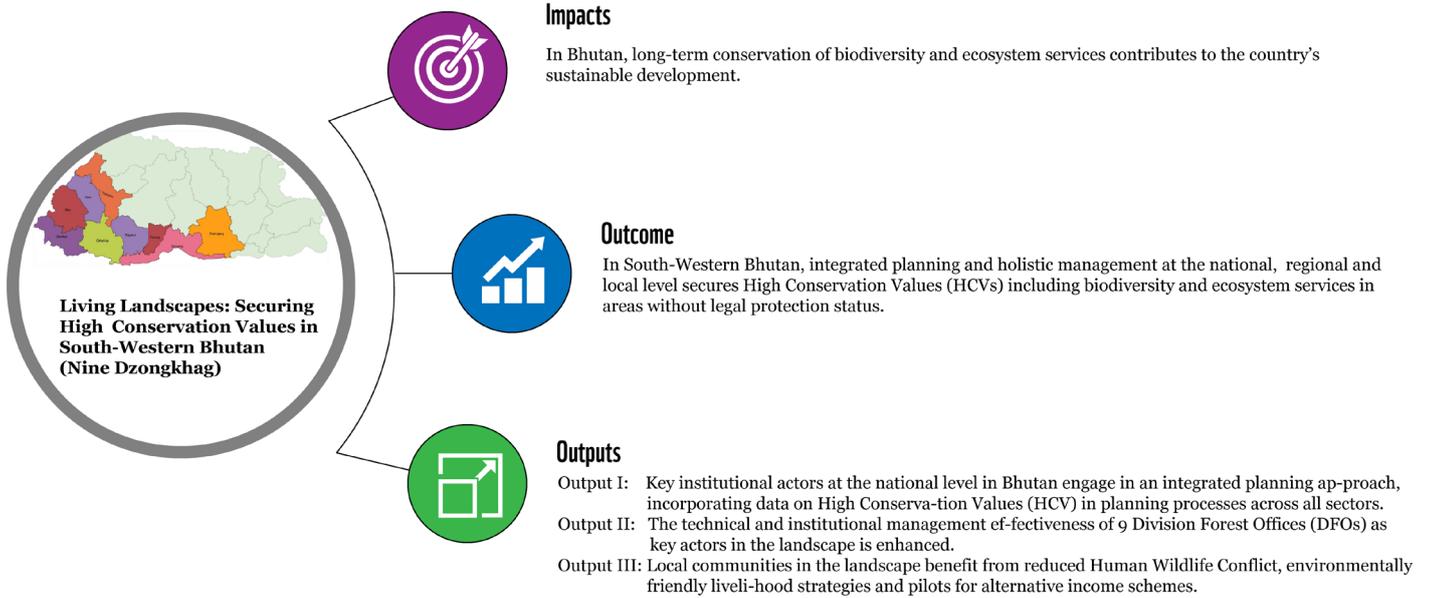
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ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

01

PROCUREMENT OF 4WD CAR FOR FIELD MONITORING FOR THE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT | JUNE

Objective

- Effective field monitoring of the project activities.

Impact/Outcome

- Procured 4WD car for the program monitoring and management, albeit it was planned for 2021. This has helped the PCU in mobility and for implementation of the activities.

02

RECRUITMENT OF THE PROGRAM STAFF | JUNE - JULY

Objectives

- Coordinate, implement and monitor the activities of project.
- Ensure a successful implementation of the project activities and deliveries.

Impact/Outcome

- The Project Team is fully functional and started coordinating and implementing the project activities.

03

PROJECT ORIENTATION | AUGUST

Objective

- Provide orientation to the project team and build a team with common understanding on the project.

Impact/Outcome

- The project team - new recruits were provided orientation on the WWF policies and plans, besides on the project goals, outcomes, deliverables and requirements.

04

PRE INCEPTION MEETING WITH DoFPS AND NLCS | AUGUST

Objectives

- Sensitize and create awareness amongst the implementing partners- DoFPS and NLCS.
- Build a common understanding on the project impact, outcomes, outputs and deliverables amongst the implementers.
- Enhance and strengthen the collaboration and coordination amongst implementing partners.

Impacts/Outcomes

- The DoFPS and NLCS focal officers are aware of the project requirements and deliverables.
- There is a strong ownership of the project by DoFPS and NLCS
- There is an enhanced collaboration and coordination with implementing partners.

05

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE PROJECT | OCTOBER



Objectives

- Officially launch the project and kickstart the project implementation
- Sensitize wider audiences that included the agencies and general public.

Impacts/Outcomes

- The project was formally launched and the implementation started officially.
- Enhanced awareness amongst the general public owing to media coverage of the official launch -BBS, Kuensel, facebook livestreaming etc.

06

INCEPTION WORKSHOP CUM ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET 2020 (AWPB 2020) MEETING | OCTOBER



Objective

- Discuss and agree on the work plan, activities and budget for 2020

Impact/Outcome

- The work plan and budget was presented to stakeholders and endorsed for implementation.

07

FORMATION OF PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) | OCTOBER

Objective

- Have an advisory team that will guide project team and endorse AWPB

Impact/Outcome

- The PAC nominations have been finalized and PAC has been formed.

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COORDINATION MEETING WITH TARAYANA FOUNDATION (ONCE EVERY MONTH) | EVERY MONTH SINCE SEPTEMBER

Objectives

- Facilitate smooth coordination and implementation of the project
- Resolve any issues that potentially hampers the project progress
- Share any good lessons learnt while implementing the activities

Impacts/Outcomes

- Improved coordination and working relationship between WWF BT and TF
- Four rounds of coordination meetings held in 2020 since its start in September, 2020
- Issues and barriers are resolved

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INTRODUCTORY CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ON HIGH CONSERVATION VALUES (HCVs) FOR THE IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS | NOVEMBER - DECEMBER



Objectives

- Introduce the implementing partners to the concept of HCVs
- Build capacity of implementing partners on HCVs
- Learn approaches to adopt the concept of HCVs in Bhutan

Impacts/Outcomes

- The capacity has been built for the implementing partners on HCVs.
- The implementing partners are now aware of concept and processes of HCVs identification, management and monitoring.

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY OF FIELD GEARS FOR WWF BT STAFF | DECEMBER

Objective

- Equip the staff with necessary gears for field work and other activities identified under this project

Impact/Outcome

- The processes completed for procurement.

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PROCUREMENT OF FOUR 4 WD VEHICLES FOR DFOs | SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER



Objectives

- Facilitate better mobility for field monitoring, provide public service and carry out protection of biodiversity and ecosystem services.
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness of services provided by DFOs.

Impact/Outcome

- Procured four 4WD vehicles and handed over to the Department of Forests and Park Services to facilitate efficient & effective public service delivery.

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PROCUREMENT OF COMPUTERS/LAPTOPS AND PERIPHERIALS | AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

Objective

- Equip the project staff with necessary tools and gadgets to enable them implementing the project activities

Impact/Outcome

- All project staff are provided with basic tools and gadgets and are fully functional.

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PROCUREMENT OF HIGH RESOLUTION SATELLITE (HRS) IMAGES | SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

Objective

- Prepare base maps, topographical maps and Digital Elevation Models (DEM) for the project landscapes; and use them for mapping out HCVs and for integrating concept of HCVs into national land use planning systems.

Impact/Outcome

- The image has been successfully procured for areas covering parts of Haa, Paro, Thimphu, Chukha, Dagana and Tsirang, which will soon be processed and then prepare the derivatives - Base & topographical maps and DEM.

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PROJECT INTRODUCTION TO STAFF OF PARO FOREST DIVISION (PFD) | DECEMBER

Objectives

- Introduce the staff of PFD to the project, its impact, outcome, outputs, objectives, deliverables and requirements.
- Introduce the staff of PFD to the concept of HCVs, Gender Mainstreaming and Safeguards requirements.

Impacts/Outcomes

- The staff of PFD are introduced to the project goals, objectives, requirements and deliverables.
- The basic capacity of staff of the PFD built on concept of HCVs, Gender Mainstreaming and Safeguards.

CHALLENGES

The biggest setback for the project so far has been the impact of COVID-19. With lots of restrictions on activities such as meetings, workshops, trainings, travels- both ex-country and incountry, regulated imports allowing only essential items; many of the activities planned for 2020 have been impacted adversely.

LESSONS LEARNT

- The impact of COVID-19 pandemic has taught us to be innovative, creative and above all very adaptive. Given pandemic, the project team had to devise ways and means to implement the activities virtually. The situation also encouraged the management to develop and implement Contingency Plan (CP) since this pandemic posed a totally uncertain future that no individual or an organization is capable of predicting the future.
- The other key lesson learnt is on the coordination and collaboration. Willingness to be adaptive and be little flexible in terms of implementation by accomodating the concerns of the partners play a huge role in terms of strengthening existing relationship on coordination and collaboration. These ultimately contribute significantly towards success of the project.

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