

Symposium

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

REGENTS PARK, LONDON, NW1 4RY

ZSL
LET'S WORK
FOR WILDLIFE

26 February 2016

Britain-Nepal 200: Celebrating Nepal's success stories in biodiversity conservation

Held as part of wider Britain-Nepal bicentenary celebrations.

The rich biodiversity of Nepal is a tribute to its diverse climate, altitudinal variation and geography. In total 118 ecosystems have been identified, and the country is home to some of the world's most remarkable plant and animal species. Over the past 40 years the government of Nepal has been at the forefront of conservation in South Asia, with the introduction of effective 'Conservation Areas', and implementation of robust environmental legislation and anti-poaching measures. These initiatives have proven highly successful and in 2011 and 2013 Nepal celebrated zero poaching. However, human population growth, exacerbated by climate change, and a period of social and political instability, and recently the April 2015 earthquake, have resulted in increased pressure on habitats and wildlife. Recent conservation successes will be showcased to demonstrate how the strategies utilized in Nepal provide valuable examples for conservation activities across the rest of the subcontinent.



This event celebrates the bicentenary of Nepal–UK relations, characterized by increasing political and economic affiliations and a valuable exchange in culture and science. Presentations will reflect on the history of Anglo–Nepalese collaboration, and explore the socio-economic, political and environmental context for conservation in Nepal. Case studies will describe key conservation programmes, including a species-recovery programme for vultures and gharial. Monitoring and anti-poaching measures for rhinoceros, and the impact of invasive species will also be discussed.



Royal
Botanic Garden
Edinburgh



09.30 REGISTRATION OPENS

SESSION I – OVERVIEW

Chair: Field Marshal Sir John Chapple GCB CBE DL

10.00 **Welcome remarks**

Ralph Armond, Director General of the Zoological Society of London

10.05 **Setting the scene: Biodiversity Conservation in Nepal**

Fanindra Raj Kharel, Director General, Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation

10.20 **Keynote: Celebrating Nepal's successes in biodiversity conservation**

Udaya Chandra Thakur, Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Government of Nepal

10.35 **Keynote: Nepal: Linkages in conservation and social and economic wellbeing**

Professor Jonathan Baillie, Director of Conservation Programmes, Zoological Society of London

10.50 **TEA/COFFEE**

SESSION II: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

Chair: Dr Mark Watson, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

11.20 **A history of Britain-Nepal relations**

Mr Charles Allen

11.45 **Celebrating 200 years of Britain-Nepal relations with a focus on current development and biodiversity conservation challenges**

HM Government Representative TBC

SESSION III: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN NEPAL

Chair: Dr Gitanjali Bhattacharya, Zoological Society of London

12.10 **An overview of landscape level conservation initiatives in Nepal**

KP Acharya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation

12.35 **The One Health approach to wildlife conservation: case study from Nepal**

Professor Richard Kock, Royal Veterinary College

13.00 **LUNCH**

SESSION IV – THE FUTURE OF BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN NEPAL

Chair: Dr Hem Sagar Baral

14.00 **An overview of the conservation of flora of Nepal**

Dr Mark Watson, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

14.25 **Birds come home to roost – vulture conservation in Nepal**

Nick Lindsay, Zoological Society of London

14.50 **Gharial conservation in Nepal**

Iri Gill, Zoological Society of London

15.15 **The role of zoos in supporting conservation initiatives**

Nick Lindsay, Zoological Society of London

15.40 **An overview of bird conservation in Nepal**

Ms Carol Inskipp

16.05 **TEA/COFFEE AND DISCUSSION**

16.45 **The legacy of Brian Houghton Hodgson – Library talk with viewing of original manuscripts**

Ann Sylph, Zoological Society of London

17.30 **Launch of the Red List of Birds of Nepal**

Drinks reception

18.30 **Symposium Dinner**

Draft programme 26/01/2016 – subject to change

REGISTRATION

Britain-Nepal 200: celebrating Nepal's success stories in biodiversity conservation?

26 February 2016. The Meeting Rooms, Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park (Outer Circle), London NW1 4RY, UK.

Symposium Attendance	Full rate	Discounted rate	(discount applicable for ZSL Friends & Fellows ¹ , students ² , Linnean Society Fellows and RBGE members)
Full day	£100	£50	
Symposium dinner	£40	£40	

Deadline for Registration 19 February 2016 (an additional £10 fee is applicable for all late registrations).

REGISTER ONLINE: www.zsl.org/science/whats-on/britain-nepal-200-celebrating-nepal-conservation-success

Or, to pay by cheque or card, please complete and return this form to: Jennifer Howes, ZSL Scientific Events, Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY, UK; e-mail: jennifer.howes@zsl.org; tel: +44 (0)20 7449 6227.
Please complete one form per delegate.

REGISTRATION

Please register me for: FULL DAY WITH SYMPOSIUM DINNER
FULL DAY WITHOUT SYMPOSIUM DINNER (please delete as applicable)

I AM / AM NOT a Fellow or Friend of the Zoological Society of London¹
I AM / AM NOT a registered graduate/undergraduate student²

¹Please provide your ZSL Membership number

²Please provide a supporting statement from your course supervisor or a copy of your student card.

3-COURSE DINNER (26 February 2016, 7pm)

I would like to book for dinner on Friday 26 October: please reservedinner place(s) (£40 each).

Closing date for dinner bookings: 19 February 2016. Please list any special dietary requirements below (including vegetarian).

We regret that cancellations received after 19 February 2016 cannot be refunded.

Your details

Title: First name: Surname:

Name (as you would like it to appear on your badge):

Position: Organisation:

E-mail: Tel:

Special dietary requirements (please specify, including vegetarian):

Mailing address (billing address should be provided for card payments):

Delegate list: We would like to make a list of delegates available to all attendees. Please indicate here if you **do not** want your information (name, position, organisation, e-mail address) to be included []

PAYMENT DETAILS

Cheque I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to: The Zoological Society of London.
Please note that cheques can only be accepted in Sterling drawn against a UK bank.

Card Please complete all details below and return by fax or by post:

Please debit my Visa / MasterCard (delete as appropriate)

Amount £.....
Card Number / / /
Expiry Date / Card security code (last three digits printed on or just beneath card signature strip)
Name on Card (capital letters please)
Signature of Card Holder Date

Cancellations must be received in writing by 19 February 2016 and will be refunded less a £15.00 processing charge. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge; please notify Jennifer Howes of any change in attendee details.