

World Wetland Day Celebration - 2 February 2010

On the occasion of World Wetlands Day 2010, BCN with support from Danone Evian organized essay competition for school students living around the Jagdishpur Reservoir Ramsar site. The essay writing competition was organized at the premises of Kanakmuni Higher Secondary School, Jagdishpur. The title of the essay was "Importance of Jagdishpur Reservoir to the local communities and its conservation". Altogether 22 students (10 girls and 12 boys) from 5 different schools; Kanakmuni Higher Secondary School, Sitlabax Lower Secondary School, Shyam Lower Secondary School, Rastriya Secondary School and Rastriya Lower Secondary School took part in the competition. Principle of Kanakmuni Higher Secondary School, Kanakman Shrestha distributed the prizes to the winners and showed his commitment in continuation of similar kind of activities to increase the knowledge of students in wetland conservation.



Students participating in the essay competition



Principle of Kanakmuni Higher Secondary School, Kanakman Shrestha distributing the prizes to the winners



Celebration of World Wetlands Day in Kanakmuni H.S. School

On the same occasion BCN also organized a community interaction programme at the Village Development Committee Hall, Jagdishpur. Nearly 40 local people participated in the interaction. The programme was facilitated by presenting the current situation and conservation challenges of Jagdishpur Reservoir. Then the discussion was opened among the participants. The voice of the participants on issues concerning the conservation of Jagdishpur Reservoir was recorded for a radio programme which will be developed based on the interaction programme and broadcasted through the local radio network. Most of the participants showed their concern on decreased number of birds and deteriorating ecosystem health of the reservoir due to commercial fish farming and disturbance. They also suggested the need of management authority of biodiversity conservation of Jagdishpur Reservoir to be handed over to the local communities for long term conservation and maintaining the value of Jagdishpur Reservoir as a Ramsar site.



Interaction Programme at Jagdishpur VDC hall



Recording local communities voice on issue concerning conservation of Jagdishpur Reservoir



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Participants with World Wetland Day 2010 message banner

At the central level also BCN participated in the wetland day celebration with other conservation partners. A big hoarding board has been placed at Babarmahal with the World Wetland Day 2010 message. A national workshop was organized at the Nepal Tourism Board hall. Information board on “Birds of Jagdishpur” was released on the same occasion by Honourable Minister for Forest and Soil Conservation, Mr Deepak Bohora and Director General of Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Mr Gopal Prasad Upadhaya.



Placement of World Wetlands Day 2010 message hoarding board



Honorable Minister for MoFSC, Mr Deepak Bohora and Director General of DNPWC Mr Gopal Prasad Upadhaya releasing the information board on Birds of Jagdishpur