NATURE CONSERVATION AND STUDY CENTRE



STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2025

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OUR ORGANIZATION

Nature Conservation and Study Centre (NCSC) is an organization driven to conserve nature. It aims to do so by achieving better understanding of biodiversity, protection of ecosystem functions, enhanced understanding to climate change and empowered resilient communities with intact value-system.







We work and collaborate with scientists, researchers, activists, communities and policy-makers to incorporate high quality result oriented scientific research into nature conservation and sustainable livelihood.



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BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION

Good science and capable manpower can make essential changes for existing issues in biodiversity and help in creating a better future.



GOAL 1.1. Conduct comprehensive research on the population dynamics of nationally/globally threatened & data deficient species

Conduct expeditions to collect baseline data on data deficient flora and fauna

Strategy 1.1.1.

Update/generate new knowledge on endangered fauna and flora in Nepal

Strategy 1.1.2.

Identify landscapes with high biodiversity (but limited information) through appropriate modelling and carry expeditions to fill the knowledge gap.

Strategy 1.1.3.



GOAL 1.2. Carry out overarching researches on unexplored issues concerning biodiversity in Nepal

Conduct research on biodiversity (flora and fauna) in Nepal

Strategy 1.2.1.

Preserve and document traditional knowledge and practices relevant to biodiversity

Strategy 1.2.2.



GOAL 1.3. Create globally competent professionals working in the field of biodiversity across South Asia

Enhance capacity of professionals/organizations working on biodiversity conservation in South Asia

Strategy 1.3.1.

Inspire youth to get involved in conservation and promote environmental education through practical knowledge dissemination

Strategy 1.3.3



Introduce novel methods of data collection and analysis to upgrade biodiversity research practices

Strategy 1.3.2.

Initiate collaboration with governmental/non-governmental institutions

Strategy 1.3.4.

ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Healthy environment is fundamental right to every living being.





GOAL 2.1. Study ecological functions to enable environmental managers and policy-makers to make an informed decision

Conduct ecological function research to maintain publicly available database

Strategy 2.1.1.

Initiate long-term ecological research in collaboration with multiple stakeholders

Strategy 2.1.3.

Study environmental pollution and work on reducing the impact of it in the environment

Strategy 2.1.5.

Identify major ecological threats and suggest best management approaches

Strategy 2.1.2.

Work on soil conservation and management

Strategy 2.1.4.





GOAL 2.2. Identify, promote and manage ecosystem services to ensure its health and function

Strategy 2.2.1.

Identify and assess ecosystem services to monitor its health and functionality.

GOAL 2.3. Manage, conserve and restore habitats crucial for genetic diversity and healthy ecosystem functioning

Explore and suggest habitat protection strategies in localized and landscape level habitats

Strategy 2.3.1.



Strategy 2.3.2.



GOAL 2.4. Research, encourage, collaborate and establish demonstration sites on eco-friendly technology and green solutions for environmental research and protection

Strategy 2.4.1.

Strategy 2.3.2.

Promote environmental engineering and eco-friendly technologies



Work towards making clean renewable energy readily available to all.



WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Effective interventions backed by science can empower communities to adapt to climate change through sustainable resource management and maintenance of fragile ecosystems



GOAL 3.1. Assessment of climate change indicators and driving forces

Strategy 3.1.1.

Enhance the engagement in the research activities





Strategy 3.1.2.

Develop better understanding of the climatic risk through in depth understanding of the climate change indicators



Strategy 3.1.3.

Support in the understanding of the earth and its environment through the use of tools and techniques



GOAL 3.2. Determining the impact of climate change in the biological and physical components of the environment

Strategy 3.2.1.

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Establish the synergy with the local community and environment to understand its changing pattern

Strategy 3.2.2.

Document the abundance, scarcity and variability of the weather and climatic variables

Strategy 3.2.3.

Study implications of the changing climatic indicators on the livelihood and ecosystem.



GOAL 3.3. Strengthening climate resilience and supporting adaptive measures to mitigate the impacts.

Strategy 3.3.1.

Document, promote, disseminate Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials and other resources for sustainable livelihood.



Strategy 3.3.2.

Promote and support for the policy for adaptive and mitigative measures



Strategy 3.3.3.

Promote community led resilient programs through interactive and inclusive approaches.



Strategy 3.4.1.

Maintain the availability of water as a vital resource for humans and the stability of earth ecosystem

Strategy 3.4.2.

Ensure the good quality of water as a physio-chemical component.



PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

Empowered indigenous communities with a strong identity and sustainable livelihood are the best stewards of this planet.



GOAL 4.1. Empower and aware communities vulnerable to the impacts of natural and anthropogenic phenomena

Strategy 4.1.1.

Introduce livelihood opportunities in economically vulnerable communities to raise their existing living standards.

Strategy 4.1.3.

Encourage citizen science in existing local communities to enhance community participatory approach in conservation and other natural science issues



Strategy 4.1.2.

Conduct innovative awareness in communities vulnerable to wildlife conflict and climatic variability

Strategy 4.1.4.

Promote community level ecotourism in potential areas

GOAL 4.2. Create a platform to disseminate the research & conservation outreach through mass media to professionals and local youths.

Strategy 4.2.1.

Create a platform to encourage youth & citizen scientists to conduct researches in various cross-cutting issues

Strategy 4.2.2.

Produce various IEC materials to communicate conservation messages to a wider public

Strategy 4.2.3.

Promote GESI in accessing the opportunities through equal involvements in relevant projects and organizational policies.



GOAL 4.3. Enriching indigenous communities to explore, document and communicate their existing natural and cultural practices

Strategy 4.3.1.

Provide advocacy and consulting services to defend and protect indigenous communities right to land and resources in Nepal

Strategy 4.3.2.

Document indigenous knowledge, practices and conserve their cultural heritage and practices

Strategy 4.3.3.

Promote community stewardship for sustainable utilization of natural resources including NTFPs and forest-based products



THEORY OF CHANGE











We believe

Healthy environment is fundamental right to every living being

Empowered indigenous communities are the best stewards of this planet.

We worry

Fragile ecosystem
will collapse
resulting in sixth
mass extinction if
prompt action not
taken

We partner with

Non-profits, corporations, local and national government, communities, researchers and scientists

We will

Conduct comprehensive research to conserve ecosystems

Strengthen community resilience against climate change and empower them

We hope

To make necessary policy changes for biodiversity conservation and increase scientific knowledge

To build climate change resilient and empowered communities

