

Activities of National Committee of IUCN Members in Bangladesh from January 2009 to June 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of National Committee of IUCN Members in Bangladesh February 12, 2009

At the beginning Chairperson expressed his opinions that next two years we will try to increase our activities. He asked for the members to provide ideas on how to collectively initiate actions to activate NC.

Some of the main points are presented from the members:

- The newly elected Chair suggested that their presence in IUCN system should be strengthened by forming several thematic groups and by joining appropriate IUCN Commissions.
- Activity of NC needs to be increased.
- Can work as a pressure group on conservation issues of the country in the field of environment.
- NC decided to strengthen the activities of the NC by raising funds. Some members suggested that they should bid for proposals as a consortium.

Minutes of the Meeting of Bangladesh National Committee of IUCN Date: April 07, 2009

Dr. A. Atiq Rahman, Chairperson, Bangladesh National Committee of IUCN presided over the meeting. He welcomed Dr. Niaz Ahmed Khan as a new country representative of IUCN Bangladesh. He expressed his pleasure to visiting Bangladesh of Ms. Aban Marker Kabraji, Regional Director and Dr. Zakir Hussain, Director Constituency, Asia Region.

- Main purpose of the meeting to discussion with Regional Director, Asia Region and Dr. Zakir Hussain, Director, Constituency, Asia
- The Chairperson asked to the members to comments on the decision of the sub-committee. He expressed his disappointment to the sub-committee as there was no proposal developed to activate activities for the NC.
- During the discussion members were commented on the future porgrammes of NC.
- The red book of threatened animals of Bangladesh (5 vol.) will be updated.
- Country's position regarding biodiversity related conventions, treaties and protocols will be assessed.
- NC members welcomed to Dr. Niaz Ahmed khan to take responsibilities as a new country representative of IUCNB.
- International NGOs of BD will be invited in the national committee as advisor.

**A Round Table Discussion on
Proposed Deep Sea Port at Sonadia Island, Bangladesh
Date: 7th January, 2010**

Discussions:

A round table discussion on “Proposed Deep Sea Port at Sonadia Island”, a breeding site for migratory birds and turtles of Bangladesh, took place among the IUCN Members’ The proposed location is in the river / channel between Moheshkhali and Ghoti-bhanga. This area is near to the Sonadia Island. The proposed location is in the river / channel between Moheshkhali and Ghoti-bhanga. This area is near to the Sonadia Island. The mudflat is the habitat for endangered Spooned Billed Sand piper (only 100-150 pairs of spooned billed sand piper exist in the whole world) and the sandy beach is the breeding (egg laying) ground for the turtle. Over the years, much of the mangrove plantation has been destroyed by illicit logging carried out by the local powerful elites. The current location for Deep Sea Port is approximately 1 Km away from the area/habitats of the said species as shown by Prof Ansarul Karim, but development can lead to destruction of these places as well. He said that migratory birds are always threatened as only 50% can go back to the place of origin. As a result if the proposed construction took place in Sonadia, then the habitat loss will have a significant impact on the breeding.

Decisions:

- Participating IUCN-Bangladesh Member organizations will identify and suggest a few (2 to 4) relevant experts in the areas of geology, geography, marine biology, wildlife ecology & other as deem necessary.
- The above officials and/or experts will be invited to another consultation meeting on this issue arranged by IUCN – Bangladesh in collaboration with the members.

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January 12, 2010**

Discussion on the next ARC meeting:

Mr. Sanowar Hossain mentioned that in the last ARC meeting held in Korea, the possibility of holding the next ARC meeting in Bangladesh was discussed the NC needs to state initial thoughts and preparatory work on the issue.

Decision:

- The Chair of the NC has formed a committee comprising Dr.A Atiq Rahman, Mr.Mahfuz Ullah, Mr. Munjurul H Khan, Mr. Sanowar Hossain Sarker, Ms. Hasna J Moudud, Dr. Anwarul Islam.

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July 22, 2010**

General Discussion of National Committee activities:

A brief note came from the CR on **Trans-boundary Water Dialogue (TWD) Project**. The project will be started in November 2010. He also briefed on the major objectives and activities of the TWD Project. TWD project will focus on four major thematic areas, namely Environmental security, livelihood, navigation and climate change

Mail from TRAFFIC India regarding recent seizure of birds by custom authority at Dhaka Airport:

- NC discussed about the possible steps to handle these exotic birds or any other organisms;
- NC also discussed about the possible interim measures for these seized birds;
- The committee also discussed the possibility of returning all or part of the birds to their own habitat.

Decision:

- A decision has been made that a workshop to be organized in the 4th week of September, 2010 on the issue of climate change and biodiversity as this is the year of biodiversity.
- Clarification will be provided from the secretariat about the members' status on dues issue.
- Follow up needed over the phone at a personal level and also a mail to be sent to members (who are not yet paid) from secretariat.
- Find out technical solution to the seized birds.

NC Consultation of IUCN B Member's structures on governance issues held on 27 September, 2010

General discussion and decision:

- Councilor requested to the member needs to participate on this survey to provide their feedback on the governance issues of IUCN.
- It was discussed about the engagement of IUCN Members, commission and the National Committee of IUCN's one programme issues.
- Improving the IUCN programme there is a way to integrate Commissions, Members and Secretariate to mobilize sufficient resources and flexibility in their use.
- Regarding inclusion of local bodies in the structure of the union was discussed.

Meeting of Bangladesh National Committee of IUCN Members

Date: 07 April, 2011

- Introduction and welcome to the newly elected of National Committee:
- Discussion on draft “Framework of Principles for Managing Biodiversity Conservation Data and Information“ by 11 April, 2011.

Detail discussion was held on the draft “Framework of Principals for Managing Biodiversity Conservation Data and Information “. It was decided that members will provide their feedback individually by 11 April 2011.

- **IUCN Bangladesh Programme Development update:**

Country Representrative, Dr. Niaz Ahmed Khan, IUCN Bangladesh updated the Members on IUCN’s Program Portfolio and recent project performance. The thoroughly discussed about the present status and development of the following projects:

1. Ecosystem for Life: A Bangladesh-India Initiative
2. Sundarban Biodiversity Project
3. Padma Bridge biodiversity monitoring

- **Regional Conservation Forum:**

1. Members discussed in details about various points regarding the participation of the Regional Conservation Forum.
2. Members also desired to have a greater role in the RCF including possible organizations of side events, negotiating for dedicated desk etc. Members requested to Councilors to play a leading role regarding this.

Meeting of Bangladesh National Committee of IUCN Members

Date: 08 June, 2011

- **Welcome note:**

WTB was formally welcomed for getting the National Award on Wildlife Conservation. Dr. Anwar expressed his gratitude to all for their wholehearted cooperation which supports his organization to achieve the award.

- **Regional Conservation Forum, Korea related issues:**

- The Chair emphasized on Knowledge Fair and Side events at RCF. However, the details of the possible events was not finalized and deferred for a later date.
- Chair and Vice Chair requested all members to submit side event related papers as soon as possible.

Bangladesh National Committee of IUCN Members Meeting held on 21 August, 2011

1. **Regional Conservation Forum:** Detail discussions were held on various issues of the forthcoming Regional Conservation Forum to be held 27 – 30 September, 2011 in Incheon, South Korea.

National Committee should deal all the matters related to RCF. Two proposals were submitted by the Member for the side events/knowledge fair.

2. **Membership Dues:** A request was made by the Chair that Members who are having outstanding fees for the year of 2011 should pay by 31st October, 2011 and that will be obligatory for the Members' participation to the World Conservation Congress in September 2012.
3. **ISP update:** A formal meeting was held with the Members and IUCN Bangladesh staff on 23 June, 2011 was being undertaken the ISP planning exercise and prepare the 5 core and thematic areas (for preparing the documents) for the next 4 years.

Bangladesh National Committee of IUCN Members' Meeting held on 13 November, 2011

Convention on Biological Biodiversity: SBSTTA meeting in Montreal - November 2011: At the request of the Chair, CR-IUCNB elucidated the note on IUCN's official stance on the CBD SBSTTA 15 (Convention on Biological Diversity Fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice). Members kind opinion on the written document was solicited. This position paper was broadly accepted by the members.

Minutes of the NC Meeting of IUCN Bangladesh Members held on 8 March 2012

Venue: IUCN Bangladesh Conference Room

Welcome session of the new members and CR, IUCN Bangladesh: NC Chair introduced new members (Brotee and Unnayan Onneshan) and the CR of IUCN Bangladesh with the bouquets of flowers.

Upcoming Congress: The Councilor shared some information and views on the organizational structure of IUCN and position of Regional Committees. He mentioned that IUCN HQ is known as a green office. IUCN Inter-Sessional Programme has been developed every four years which is developed through the IUCN World Conservation Congress.

The member of MoEF, Mr. Munjurul Hannan Khan, DS has urged to work together to uphold the position of IUCN- Bangladesh. He mentioned that the Government is already supporting IUCN on various aspects and is also keen to support in the coming future.