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Conserving Nature, Empowering Communities.

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About Us



Himali Conservation Forum (HCF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to biodiversity conservation, sustainable natural resource management, environmental protection, and community development in Nepal. Established with the vision of promoting harmonious coexistence between people and nature, HCF works closely with local communities, government agencies, conservation partners, and community-based institutions to conserve biodiversity while improving local livelihoods.

The organization focuses on community-based conservation approaches that empower local communities to actively participate in the protection and sustainable management of natural resources. HCF has been implementing conservation initiatives in eastern Nepal, particularly in landscapes that are ecologically significant for red pandas and other wildlife species.

Over the years, HCF has gained practical experience in red panda conservation, habitat restoration, biodiversity monitoring, nursery management, environmental education and community mobilization. The organization continues to promote evidence-based conservation practices while strengthening community stewardship of natural resources.

Legal Status & Registration



Particular	Details
Organization Name	Himali Conservation Forum (HCF)
Established	2062 B.S. (2005 A.D.)
Registration Authority	District Administration Office, Taplejung
Registration No.	157
SWC Affiliation No.	19180
PAN No.	302409435
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Vision & Mission



Vision

A prosperous and environmentally sustainable society where biodiversity, natural resources, and local communities thrive together through equitable and sustainable development.



Mission

To conserve biodiversity and natural ecosystems while improving the socio-economic well-being of local communities through community participation, scientific conservation approaches, environmental education, sustainable livelihood promotion, and responsible natural resource management.





Our Core Values

Biodiversity Conservation

We are committed to protecting wildlife, ecosystems and natural resources through sustainable conservation practices.

Community Participation

We believe that local communities are key partners in achieving long-term conservation and sustainable development goals.

Transparency and Accountability

We maintain integrity, transparency, and accountability in all organizational operations, partnerships, and resource management.

Environmental Sustainability

We promote environmentally responsible approaches that contribute to resilient ecosystems and sustainable livelihoods for future generations.



Geographic Coverage

HCF primarily works in eastern Nepal, particularly in Taplejung within ecologically significant landscapes that support rich biodiversity and endangered wildlife species.



The organization has extensive experience working within the Kangchenjunga Landscape and important red panda habitats of eastern Nepal.

Human Resource & Technical Expertise



HCF has a multidisciplinary team consisting of conservation professionals, social mobilizers, field technicians, forest guardians, researchers, and administrative personnel.

Technical Expertise

- Red Panda Conservation
- Wildlife Monitoring
- Biodiversity Assessment
- Habitat Restoration
- Community Forestry
- Nursery Establishment and Management
- Environmental Education
- Sustainable Livelihood Promotion
- GIS and GPS-based Monitoring
- Community Mobilization
- Project Management
- Monitoring and Evaluation

Organizational Capacity

Over the years, HCF has developed strong institutional and technical capacity to design, implement, monitor, and report conservation and development projects.

Biodiversity Conservation

HCF promotes the conservation of wildlife, forests, ecosystems, and biodiversity through scientific and community-based approaches.

Habitat Restoration and Forest Management

The organization supports plantation programs, ecosystem restoration, forest regeneration, and community forest management initiatives.

Community Mobilization and Capacity Building

HCF regularly conducts trainings, workshops, exposure visits, and awareness programs to strengthen local institutions and community participation.

Environmental Education and Awareness

The organization conducts school-based conservation education, awareness campaigns, conservation celebrations, and community outreach activities.

Sustainable Livelihood Promotion

The organization supports income-generating activities, skill development programs, eco-tourism initiatives, and community enterprises.

Nursery Establishment and Management

HCF has experience establishing and managing nurseries for habitat restoration, plantation activities, and conservation-related species propagation.

Research, Monitoring and Documentation

The organization conducts biodiversity assessments, habitat surveys, wildlife monitoring, and conservation research.

Experience in Community-Based Red Panda Conservation

HCF has extensive experience implementing community-based red panda conservation initiatives in eastern Nepal.

Red Panda Monitoring

HCF conducts regular red panda monitoring through habitat surveys, sign surveys, GPS-based field monitoring and community-based observation systems.

Habitat Assessment and Research

HCF supports scientific studies and assessments related to red panda habitats, habitat quality, distribution and conservation threats.

Habitat Restoration

HCF implements plantation activities, bamboo restoration, forest regeneration and habitat improvement programs in degraded red panda habitats.

Conservation Awareness and Education

Awareness campaigns, school education programs, conservation events and community meetings are regularly organized to promote red panda conservation.

Community Stewardship and Forest Guardian Mobilization

HCF works closely with community forest user groups and local conservation stewards to enhance local ownership of conservation efforts.

Anti-Poaching and Threat Monitoring

HCF supports threat monitoring, anti-poaching awareness and community-based protection initiatives within critical habitats.

Major Projects and Programs Implemented

Project	Partner/Donor	Major Focus Area
Community-Based Red Panda Conservation Program	RPN	Red Panda Conservation
	RPN	Research & Monitoring
Community Awareness on Snow Leopard	Snow Leopard Conservancy/ Teka Samuha Nepal	Conservation Curriculum Development & Teachers' Salary support
Bird Conservation Awareness Program	BCN	Biodiversity Conservation
Biodiversity Conservation Initiative	WWF Nepal	Habitat & Biodiversity Conservation
Community Conservation Program	KCAP/ KCAMC	Community-Based Conservation
Sustainable Livelihood Program	SNV Nepal	Livelihood Improvement
Community Development Program	LDF/DDC	Community Empowerment

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the years, HCF has achieved significant results in biodiversity conservation and community development through its field-based interventions.

Major achievements:

- Successfully implemented community-based conservation programs in eastern Nepal.
- Contributed to the conservation of red panda habitats through monitoring, restoration and awareness initiatives.
- Established and managed conservation nurseries to support habitat restoration activities.
- Conducted biodiversity assessments, habitat surveys and conservation research in ecologically important landscapes.
- Restored degraded forest areas through plantation and habitat improvement programs.
- Mobilized local communities, Community Forest User Groups (CFUGs) and conservation stewards for sustainable natural resource management.
- Conducted environmental education and conservation awareness programs in schools and communities.
- Promoted alternative livelihood and income-generating opportunities for local communities.
- Strengthened partnerships with government agencies, conservation organizations and local institutions.
- Supported community participation in biodiversity conservation and environmental stewardship.

Partnerships & Networks

HCF strongly believes that effective conservation requires collaboration among diverse stakeholders. The organization has established long-term partnerships with government agencies, conservation organizations, development partners, academic institutions and community-based organizations.

Major partners:

Red Panda Network



Bird Conservation Nepal



WWF Nepal



Kangchenjunga Conservation Area Project



SNV Nepal



Local Development Fund (LDF)



Teka Samuha Nepal



Other Partners:

Division Forest Offices | Community Forest User Groups (CFUGs) |
Local Governments | Educational Institutions | Community-Based
Organizations

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CAPACITY

HCF maintains strong financial management systems and procedures to ensure transparency, accountability and compliance with donor and government requirements.

The organization follows established financial policies and procedures covering budgeting, procurement, accounting, financial reporting, asset management and internal control mechanisms. Dedicated finance and administrative personnel are responsible for maintaining accurate financial records and ensuring compliance with applicable regulations and donor requirements.

HCF regularly conducts external audits and maintains proper documentation of all financial transactions. The organization has experience managing grants and project funds from various partners and has consistently demonstrated its ability to produce timely financial and narrative reports.

The financial management system emphasizes transparency, accountability, efficiency, and responsible utilization of resources to achieve project objectives.

MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING (MEAL)

HCF applies a systematic Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning framework across all projects and programs to ensure effectiveness, accountability, and continuous improvement.

The organization utilizes various monitoring and evaluation tools including baseline assessments, activity monitoring, field verification, stakeholder consultations, progress tracking and periodic reviews. Project performance is regularly assessed against established targets and indicators to ensure quality implementation and achievement of intended outcomes.

HCF promotes accountability through transparent reporting mechanisms, community participation, stakeholder feedback systems and regular communication with partners and beneficiaries. Lessons learned and best practices are documented and incorporated into future planning and implementation processes.

The MEAL approach enables the organization to strengthen project effectiveness, improve decision-making, and enhance overall conservation and development impact.

FUTURE STRATEGIC DIRECTION

HCF is committed to expanding its contribution to biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, and community development in Nepal. The organization aims to strengthen its role as a leading community-based conservation organization by enhancing technical capacity, institutional systems, and strategic partnerships.

Key strategic priorities for the coming years include:

- Expanding community-based red panda conservation initiatives.
- Strengthening biodiversity monitoring and research programs.
- Scaling up habitat restoration and ecosystem conservation efforts.
- Promoting climate-resilient and sustainable livelihood programs.
- Enhancing environmental education and conservation awareness.
- Strengthening community stewardship of natural resources.
- Expanding partnerships with national and international conservation organizations.
- Improving institutional governance, financial systems and organizational sustainability.
- Encouraging youth participation and leadership in conservation initiatives.
- Supporting innovative approaches for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

HCF aims to contribute to the long-term conservation of Nepal's biodiversity while improving the well-being and resilience of local communities.

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