

National Goals for reversing the Trajectory of Extinction **BANGLADESH**

Adopted National Goals with Cabinet or Higher Endorsement

- Increase or stabilize the Sundarbans tiger population
- Assess the viability of tiger populations in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- Maintain sufficient prey base to support the Sundarbans tiger population.
- Maintain sufficient habitat to support the Sundarbans tiger and prey populations.
- Improve conservation capacity in the FD and mainstream tiger conservation into the Government of Bangladesh's development agenda.
- Improve law enforcement to ensure protection of tiger, prey and habitat.
- Build national capacity to implement awareness and education programmes.
- Increase capacity to conduct tiger conservation research and monitoring.
- Encourage collaboration to support the FD in the implementation of the Bangladesh Tiger Action Plan, 2009-2017 (BTAP).

Brief description of 1-2 outstanding efforts on any Kathmandu recommendation

- **“ Celebrate 2010, year of the Tiger” throughout the world is an appropriate slogan to create global awareness of the critical plight of the wild tiger and enlist broad and deep support for conservation, This effort is very much appreciated by all attending delegates in workshop.**
- **Kathmandu recommendation #10 is one of the outstanding effort if the international community provide financial commitment support time behavior change campaigns with measurable out comes on tiger conservation in the wild through GTI.**

Post-Kathmandu Discussions with law enforcement, infrastructure, tourism or finance

New Insights

Law enforcement: Forest Department initiated to amend 1973's WPA by adding some strict provisions for punishment of wildlife crimes including tiger hunting and trade.

Protocol: Draft bilateral protocol under consideration for approval of the government Bangladesh and India

Tourism: Two projects have been submitted to the Government for development of Eco- tourism at 4 new sites near the locality and modernization of two existing ecotourism sites.

Status of Game Changing Actions identified in Kathmandu

Re-validation of GCAs and Plans to implement them.

- Game Changing Actions (GCA) identified in Kathmandu are perfectly alright and it is relevant with goals identified in the Bangladesh Tiger Action Plan (BTAP).

Plans to implement

Needs funds and technical assistance from international community /donor for

- Population assessment for tiger and prey.
- Appropriate methods for mitigation of Human-tiger conflict.
- Capacity development of forest Department staffs.
- Awareness development for people living around Sundarbans.

Key constraints to implementing these actions

- Shortage of trained and skilled man power, no compensation.
- No reward provision, No appropriate alternate livelihood,
- Low level of literacy
- Need appropriate place for relocation
- Inadequate Research and Monitoring

Extent of Government support of a Tiger Stabilization and Recovery Agenda.

Funding levels and gaps.

- Tiger Project: Forest Department is implementing a project for minimizing human tiger conflict in the form of the tiger victim people to the nearest hospital for treatment and dead body to their family. Funding level is minimum.
- So the funding requirement is \$ 8.07 million.
- Forest Department has submitted a project proposal to the Government for habitat development of tiger and prey in the form of digging fresh water pond and making raised mound for saving wildlife during tidal surge.

Resource mobilization efforts.

- Forest Department seeking fund for Tiger Stabilization to the different international organization e.g. GTI of World Bank, ADB, USAID, CITES, GTF, World Fish Center etc.
- Forest Department also seeking fund for the same to the government specially from reserve fund for climate change.
- Department has sub

International support needed.

Nature and extent of support that is available/or needed

Support available

- Govt. has provided some funds for making had logistics and maintenance of old ones. e.g. water crafts, telecommunication etc. Also for accommodation staffs
- Some funds are coming from European Union for making water crafts, providing accommodation for staffs as well as livelihood support for people living around Sundarbans

Support needed

Technical as well as financial assistance

- Capacity development for the Forest Department staffs
- Population assessment for Tiger and Prey
- Habitat development for Tiger and Prey
- Mitigate human-tiger conflict
- Awareness program for Sundarban dependent people living around Sundarbans