

Mobilizing communities for participation in conservation and sustainable use of Park resources

EXPECTED RESULT R3

Local-level natural resource management improved

This result will be achieved by an integration of "soft" - awareness rising and information - and "hard" - institutional development and best practices – activities. The definition of the result itself is to some degree dependent on the ongoing developments regarding the CKNP Management Plan, with regard to zoning and use-regulations and will be closely coordinated with this ongoing process. Lessons learned about implementation of park regulations and NRM management at the local level has been taken into account in order to render the activities most successful and to avoid known pitfalls. Furthermore, sensitization and awareness raising are being carried out in reference to an existing communication and outreach strategy and program for conservation-related issues.

Implementing partners: WWF



Implementation Period - 45 Months

Focus area - all CKNP valleys

Budget - 19,895,007 PKR

Numbers

- 22 programmes introduction in valleys.
- 22 established and approved Village Conservation committees.
- 20 Conduct Resource Need Assessment (RNA) and Participatory Conservation Planning (PCP) Workshops.
- 9 District Conservation Committee meetings conducted.
- 17 Establishment of Conservation Funds.
- 18 baseline wildlife surveys conducted.
- 9 seasonal surveys.
- 6 notification of Community Controlled Hunting Areas (CCHA)



RESULTS:

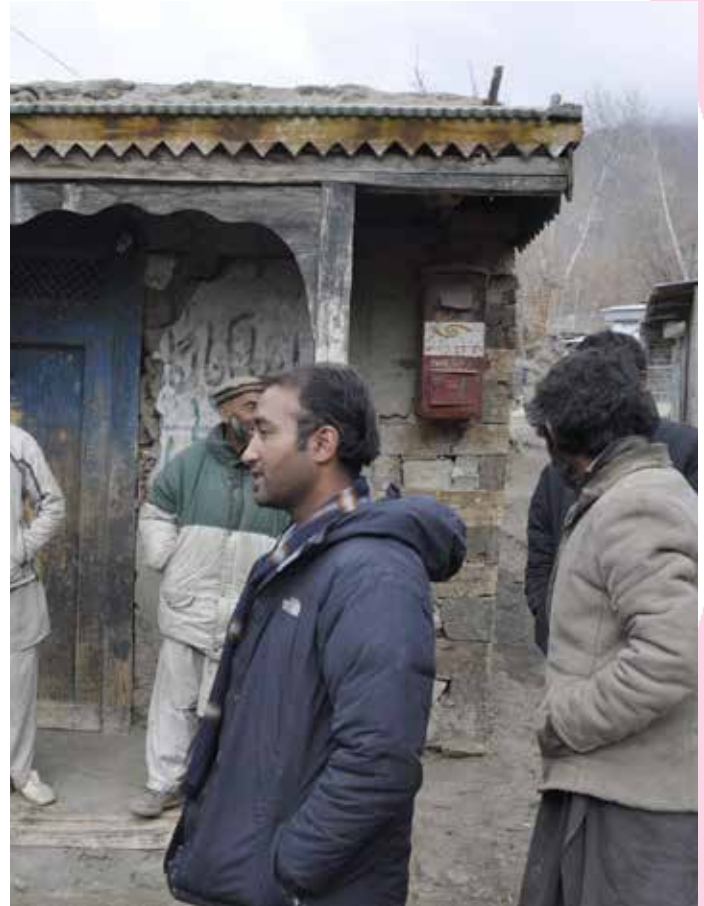
Under this activity Village Conservation committees (VCCs) have been formed and VCC Plans were approved from District Conservation committee. Resource Need Assessment and Participatory Assessment exercises were carried out.

Agreements with VCCs have been signed and endowment funds are established to help the VCCs. to meet their miscellaneous expenses on conservation related activities from the interest amount of the fund. Seasonal wildlife surveys conducted in the selected valleys are continue,, as result of the surveys an increasing trend has been observed in the Himalayan ibex population in all valleys compared to previous years, which is attributed to CKNP and community-led watch and ward activities by the local community.

Through training on governance, management and leadership skills of community-based organizations from (VCCs/LSOs) were trained. That help the Local institution management in improving governance, policies, communication systems, thinking of the organizational sustainability and resource mobilization and strategic planning.

Highlights

Formation and registration of VCCs helped and supported watch and ward facilities in the valleys. As result of this initiatives, Seasonal and monthly surveys have indicated increasing population of Ibex in the CKNP areas.



CKNP

The Central Karakoram National Park (CKNP), in the Northern Area of Pakistan, was declared National Park in 1993. In 2014 the CKNP, thanks to the Seed Project, with official approval of the Management Plan by the Gilgit Baltistan Government, becomes fully operational. It is a mountain area covering over 10,000 km² that includes the world's largest glaciers, outside the Polar Regions. CKNP is the highest National Park all over the world encompassing four peaks over 8,000 m including K2 www.ckn.org



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