

Hornbill News



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8th INTERNATIONAL HORNBILL CONFERENCE

26 - 28th May 2022
TSIRANG, BHUTAN

During the 7th International Hornbill Conference held in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia in 2017, Bhutan proposed to host the 8th International Hornbill Conference in 2021. The proposal was approved by the President and the committee members of the Hornbill Research Foundation. However, due to the COVID pandemic, the event is now postponed to 2022.

VENUE

Royal Audit Professional Development Centre (PDC) in Damphu, Kilkhorthang sub-District of Tsirang (District), South-Central Bhutan.



CONFERENCE THEME

The unanimously preferred theme for the conference in Bhutan is “Happy Hornbills, Healthy Forests”. Hornbills occurring in the tiny Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan rejoice the harmonious coexistence within its pristine mountainous ecosystem with the Drukpa citizens graciously supported by the profound developmental philosophy of Gross National Happiness (GNH). Environmental conservation is prioritized as one of the four pillars of GNH index aside from equitable socio-economic development while conserving its unique cultural traditions under the good governance system.

Bhutan serves as one of the last refuges of biodiversity conservation within the sacred Himalayan region that includes 4 hornbill species of the 32 found in Asia. Three species are recognized as Vulnerable, while the Oriental Pied Hornbill is thriving amid the ever degrading habitats. The Rufous-necked Hornbill, also called the mountain hornbill breeds successfully at the highest ever recorded elevation in the world.

The awaited conference aims to congregate international experts, youth enthusiasts, and many robust supporters for sustainable hornbill conservation and management practices through presentation of scientific papers, imparting information through posters, and sharing new conservation techniques.

Analogous exhibits and activities on hornbill will also be showcased for general awareness.

Bhutan, one of the few carbon neutral countries of the world and a bio-culturally unique nation welcomes everyone to take this rare opportunity to discuss various conservation issues and challenges faced by the hornbill experts, scientists, and enthusiasts.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission of abstracts will soon be announced right after deciding the main thematic areas by the Scientific Committee of the Conference.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. APARAJITA DATTA

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Nature Conservation Foundation

Mysore, India

Co-Chair (Asia) - IUCN SSC Hornbill Specialist Group

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Dasho PALJOR J. DORJI

Bhutanese Environmentalist

Ex-Deputy Minister and Special Advisor to National Environment Commission

Founding President of Bhutan Ecological Society

Thimphu, Bhutan

CONFERENCE FEES

Early Bird Discount – USD 100

International Participants (Developed Countries) – USD 800

International Participants (Developing Countries) – USD 550

Note: Fee covers local transportation, venue, food (3 lunches and 3 dinners), tea and snacks for the conference duration, and conference package.

REGISTRATION AND HOTEL

Registration dates will be announced soon. Details including a list of lodging options (ranging from USD 6.89 to USD 63 per night), shall be shared in the next announcement.

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