

A summary program report

"Role of Judiciaries on wildlife crime control"

By

Team for Nature and Wildlife (TNW)

In coordination with

Environment Development and Conservation Legal Forum (EDCLF)

Program Information

Team for Nature and Wildlife (TNW)-a youth led environmental organization organized an interaction based talk program on " Role of judiciaries on wildlife crime control" on 25th March 2010, Friday at Nepal Bar Association. The program was aimed at bringing the judiciaries and lawyers into the mainstream of conservation. The program was held in coordination with Environment Development and Conservation Legal Forum (EDCLF)-a national forum of environmental lawyers. In the program, some noted advocates had spoken on the need of judiciaries' involvement in wildlife conservation and wildlife crime control.

The following advocates associated with Environmental Committee of Nepal Bar Association had spoken in the program.

Mr. Shyam Basnet

Mr. Ganesh Dahal

Mr. Bhoj Raj Acharya-Chairman- Appellate (Punarabedan) Bar/Patan

Mr. Ram Kumar Acharya

Mr. Bishnu Mani Adhikary

Mr. Laxmi Prasad Mainali

Ms. Kamala Upreti Chetri- Coordinator/Environment Committee-Appellate (Punarabedan) Bar, Patan

Mr. Lok Bahadur Karki

The advocates had stressed on the need to make strict laws and genuinely implement to protect such endangered wildlife species and need of judge sensitization program in different parts of the country. The advocates had the opinion that most of the advocates or judicial people are unknown about the wildlife acts and policies. The Attorney General, Dr. Uba Raj Sangroula who was also the Chief Guest of the program said that he does not want to give a long speech but really wants to do action and result oriented task to

protect one horned Rhino. So, he asked the organizer to give him a list of things to do to protect the rhino as early as possible so that he could take initiative to protect rhino. In the program he made a commitment to punish the culprit involved in rhino poaching and encouraging the poaching of one horned rhino. He gave two weeks deadline to the organizer to give him a list of tasks to do to protect rhino. In the same program, Deputy Attorney General Mr. Surya Prasad Koirala also made a commitment to fight legally for the protection of wildlife species. Mr. Shyam Basnet, Vice chairman of EDCLF said that most of the advocates are found to have ignored wildlife issues so there is a need of sensitizing judiciaries in different parts of the country too. He thanked TNW for organizing this type of program on wildlife issue which is first of its kind in the history of judicial sector. He also made a commitment to bring all the advocates and judicial people into the mainstream of wildlife conservation. Finally, he also asked TNW to create a common forum of conservationists and judicial people to fight together for conservation.

Outputs

- The judicial communities brought into the mainstream of wildlife conservation
- The Attorney General made a public commitment to save Rhino
- The Attorney General made a written commitment after two weeks through email to Mr. B K Dalit (President of TNW) to hold a meeting with Forest Minister to save Rhino
- An article related to this program published in National Daily