

Captive Wild Animal Facilities in Nepal: Some details

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The first official meeting of the Nepal Zoo Network took place on 22 June 2012 at Central Zoo. At the time of opening the meeting it was not known whether zoo managers and owners would want to come together. It became obvious in a very short time that they were enthusiastic about the idea, more as the day progressed.

Objectives of the meeting

- To be acquainted with animal facilities across Nepal.
- To share information about the status of all facilities.
- To discuss on common issues of zoo management such as challenges, problems and opportunities.
- To envision zoo as a center of animal welfare, conservation, education and recreation.
- To create a platform for networking of animal facilities in Nepal.

Total Facilities managed by various organizations

Sahid Smarak Park	Hetauda
Mani Mukunda Sen Park	Butwal
Nepalgunj Zoo	Nepalgunj
Yalambar Park	Dharan
Hariyali Community Forest	Dharan
Panchakanya Mini Zoo	Dharan
Mrigasthali Deer Park	Kathmandu
Shankarnagar Ban Bihar Kendra	Rupandehi

Total Animal Facilities managed by Government

- Gharial Breeding Centre, Kasara, Chitwan NP
- Elephant Breeding Centre, Khorshor, Chitwan NP
- Vulture Breeding Centre, Chitwan NP
- Godawari Deer Park, Lalitpur

Government facilities managed by NTNC

- Central Zoo, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur

Common Issues

Technical

- Animal enclosures
- Animal Diet
- Animal Health
- Animal Welfare
- Record Keeping

Management

- Animal Exchange
- Surplus animals
- Staff Training
- Visitors Facilities
- Zoo Plan
- Legal Status

Why Zoo Networking?

- Sharing of information
- Sharing of technical expertise
- Animal welfare and conservation
- Animal Exchange
- Setting up standards as mentioned in Zoo Act and trying to meet internationally recognized standards

How to go ahead?

- Need of Zoo legislation (Zoo Act in process of getting approved)
- Training need assessment and training of staff of new or on-going animal facilities
- Mechanism for regular zoo monitoring
- Education program –both for visitors and students.
- Zoo networking among all wild animal facilities in Nepal

See Factsheets for each facility, next pages.



Factsheet of NTNC-Central Zoo

Location : Lalitpur, Kathmandu Valley
 Area : 6 hectares
 Established : 1932 B.S
 Management : National Trust for Nature Conservation since 1995 for 30 years
 Staff : 75
 Key activities : Animal Management and Conservation Education
 Annual visitors : 11,00,000
 Budget : Rs. 4.5 crores
 Key features : Center of excellence for animal welfare and conservation education

Animal Inventory - Central Zoo

Categories	Species	Number
Mammals	35	205
Reptiles	11	27
Fish	16	288
Bird	57	366
Total	119	886
Key species:	Elephant, Tiger, Bears, Black Buck, Swamp Deer, Siamang, Common Leopard, Sarus Crane	

Factsheet of Sahid Smarak Park, Hetauda

Location : 5 km form Hetauda
 Area : 20 hectares
 Established : 1994
 Management : Martyrs Memorial Committee
 Staff : Four full time staff
 Key activities : Recreation in
 Annual Visitors : 150,000
 Budget : Rs.2,500,000
 Key features : Garden and popular picnic spot

Animal Inventory of Sahid Smarak Park

SN	Name	Scientific Name	Male	Female	Unk.	Total
1	Sambar Deer	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	1	0		1
2	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	4	2		6
3	Barking Deer	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	0	1		1
4	Gharial crocodile	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>	0	0	2	2
5	Peafowl	<i>Parvo cristatus</i>	2	2		4
6	Common Langur	<i>Semnophticus entellus</i>	1	0		1
7	Rhesus monkey	<i>Macaca rhesus</i>	1	1		2
8	Yellow Headed Tortoise	<i>Indotestudo elongata</i>			16	16
9	Tricarinate Hill turtle	<i>Melanochelys tricarinata</i>	4	0	0	4
10	White Mice	<i>Mus musculus</i>	0	0	10	10
11	Guinea pig	<i>Cavia aperea</i>	0	0	15	15
12	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			12	12
13	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	1	1		2
14	Nepali Kaliz	<i>Lophura malabarica</i>	1	1		2
15	Common Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		1		1
Grand Total						79

Factsheet of Mani Mukunda Sen Park, Butwal

Location : Bhoopari, 2 km away from Butwal
 Area : 10 hectares
 Established : 1996
 Management : Mani Mukunda Sen Uddyan conservation Committee with executive committee and 601 general members.
 Staff : Out of 27, 2 staffs are directly taking care of animals. One staff was trained in Central Zoo in 2010.
 Key activities : Recreational activities within park
 Annual Visitors : 225,000
 Budget : -
 Key features : Beautiful park and popular picnic spot

Animal Inventory of Mani Mukunda Sen Park

SN	English Name	Scientific Name	Male	Female	Unk.	Total
1	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	8	10		18
2	Blue Bull	<i>Boselaphus tragacamelus</i>	3	0	0	3
3	Python	<i>Python molurus</i>	0	0	4	4
4	Pea fowl	<i>Parvo cristatus</i>	2		0	2
5	Rhesus monkey	<i>Macaca mulata</i>	2	0	0	2
6	White Rabbits	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	-	-	0	10
7	Striped Hyena	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>	1	0	0	1
8	Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	3	3		6
9	Guinea pig	<i>Cavia aperea</i>	-	-	0	25
10	Common Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	1			1
11	Himalayan Black Bear	<i>Ursus thibetanus</i>		1		1
12	Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayansis</i>			1	1
13	Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>			1	1
14	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>			2	2
Grand Total						77

Factsheet of Shankarnagar Ban Bihar Tatha

Anusandhan Kendra, Rupendhehi

Location : Bhoopari, 2 km away from Butwal
 Area : 576 hectares
 Established : 2005
 Management : Community forest management committee
 Staff : Two full time staffs trained in Central Zoo in 2010.
 Key activities : -
 Annual Visitors : -
 Budget : -
 Key features : Picnic spot

Animal Inventory of Shankarnagar

SN	English Name	Scientific Name	Male	Female	Unk.	Total
1	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	2	1		3
2	Barking Deer	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	0	1		1
3	Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	1	0		1
4	Bluebull	<i>Boselaphus tragacamelus</i>	0	4		4
5	Asiatic Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>			5	5
6	Guinea pig	<i>Cavia aperea</i>			25	25
7	White mice	<i>Mus musculus</i>			12	12
Grand Total						51

Factsheet of Nepalgunj Zoo, Nepalgunj

Location : Center of Nepalgunj City
 Area : 1.36 hectares
 Established : Animal facilities started in 1997 with Deer and Black Buck from Central Zoo.
 Management : Nepalgunj Municipality
 Staff : One full time staff who was trained in Central Zoo.
 Key activities : -
 Annual Visitors : -
 Budget : -
 Key features : -

Animal Inventory of Nepalgunj Zoo

SN	English Name	Scientific Name	Male	Female	Unk.	Total
1	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	5	8	0	13
2	Black Buck	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	8	12	0	20
3	Peafowl	<i>Parvo cristatus</i>	1	1		2
4	Guinea Fowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1	1	0	2
5	Budgeriger	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	0	0	20	20
6	Rabbits	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	2	3	0	5
7	Guinea pig	<i>Cavia aperea</i>	2	2	0	4
8	Red collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	0	0	7	7
9	Japanese Bantam		0	0	12	12
Grand Total						85

Factsheet of Yalambar Park, Dharan

Location : Outskirts of Dharan city
 Area : 20 hectares
 Established : 2000
 Management : Community forest management committee
 Staff : One full time staff (staff untrained about zoo keeping)
 Key activities : Recreation
 Annual Visitors : 50,000
 Budget : Around Rs. 200,000
 Key features : Community forest

Animal Inventory of Yalambar Park

SN	English Name	Scientific Name	Male	Female	Unk.	Total
1	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	2	3	0	5
2	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoerus albirostris</i>	1	1		2
3	Peafowl	<i>Parvo cristatus</i>		1		1
4	Red Collored Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	0	0	5	5
5	Rabbits	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	4	8	0	12
6	Guinea pig	<i>Cavia aperea</i>	0	0	10	10
7	White Mice	<i>Mus musculus</i>				10
8	Rose Ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	0	0	5	5
Grand Total						50

Factsheet of Hariyali Community Forest, Dharan

Location : Outskirts of Dharan city (Adjacent to Yalambar Park)
 Area : 700 hectares
 Established : 2000AD
 Management : Community forest management committee
 Staff : One full time staff (staff untrained about zoo keeping)
 Key activities : Recreation
 Annual Visitors : 50,000
 Budget : -
 Key features : Picnic

Animal Inventory of Hariyali CF

SN	English Name	Scientific Name	Male	Female	Unk.	Total
1	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	10	6	0	16
2	Porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>				
3	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoerus albirostris</i>	1		0	1
4	Rabbits	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	0	0	6	6
5	Bazzard	<i>Butastur tessa</i>			1	1
6	White Mice	<i>Mus musculus</i>	0	0	16	16
Grand Total						40

Factsheet of Panchakanya Mini Zoo, Dharan

Location : Outskirts of Dharan City (Adjacent to Yalambar Park)
 Area : N/A
 Established : 1997
 Management : Panchkanya Resort
 Staff : One full time staff (staff Untrained about zoo keeping)
 Key activities : Recreation
 Annual Visitors : 200,000
 Budget : -
 Key features : Picnic and recreation

Animal Inventory of Panchakanya

SN	English Name	Scientific Name	Male	Female	Unk.	Total
1	Barking Deer	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	1	1		2
2	Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	1	0	0	1
3	Common Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	1			1
4	Rabbits	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	0	0	12	12
5	Bazzard	<i>Butastur tessa</i>			1	1
6	Wild boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	1	0	0	1
7	Grey lag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	0	0	5	5
8	Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>	0	0	1	1
Grand Total						24

Factsheet of Mirgasthali Deer Park, Kathmandu

Location : Adjacent to Pashupathinath Temple, Kathmandu
Area : 5 hectares
Established : 2004
Management : Pashupati Area Development Trust
Staff : Five
Animal Inventory
Spotted Deer : 100
Black Buck : 45
Barking Deer : 15

Factsheet of Gharial Conservation Program

Location : Chitwan NP
Established : 1978
Management : Chitwan NP and NTNC
Staff : Five
Gharials : 500-700

Factsheet of Elephant Breeding Center

Location : Chitwan National Park
Established : 1986
Management : Chitwan National Park and NTNC
Staff : 60 staff
elephants : 30

Vulture Breeding Centre

Location : Chitwan National Park
Established : 2008
Management : Chitwan National park, NTNC and BCN
Staff : Four
Vulture : 40

Some animals and activities of the Nepal Zoo Network

