

# **USAID ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT** USAID BIODIVERSITY



### **OVERVIEW**

USAID Biodiversity will build on past successes in conserving Nepal's forestry and freshwater resources to support local communities, governments, and conservation practitioners to strengthen biodiversity conservation and adapt to climate change, protecting the country's precious natural resources.

## HIGHLIGHT

USAID Biodiversity will conserve nature, enhance human well-being, and safeguard Nepal's biodiversity to improve the health of ecosystems, fight environmental crime, and improve the ability of communities to prepare for and adapt to impacts caused by climate change and natural disasters.

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#### **USAID Biodiversity** Improves the health of ecosystems:

USAID improves Nepal's ecosystem health in measurable ways and supports better protection, management, and sustainable use of natural resources using an integrated watershed approach and through partnerships with local governments, local communities, civil society partners and the private sector.

\$33 MILLION

#### Controls environmental crime and safeguards natural resources:

USAID supports the Government of Nepal's efforts to address environmental crimes, including wildlife trafficking, pollution, and unregulated mining, by building the capacities of the government, civil society, and communities to improve and monitor compliance with the country's environmental laws.

#### **Enhances climate resilience:**

USAID supports Nepal's national climate change adaptation priorities as well as municipal and provincial-level adaptation planning and implementation efforts. USAID supports locally-led adaptive actions, such as streambank protection and glacial lake flood prevention, that reduce risks, sustain natural systems and biodiversity, and support livelihoods, food security, and incomes for particularly vulnerable groups.

#### Partners with Nepal to build on past successes:

USAID is building on our decades of productive partnership with the GoN, local communities, Nepali NGOs, academia and institutions, and on our past achievements in natural resource management and biodiversity conservation activities to conserve Nepal's forest and freshwater resources.