CONSERVATION FUNDS AND COMMUNITY FINANCING

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BACKGROUND

Northern Areas and Chitral

1. Barter System a Traditional Way
2. Savings of Village Organizations
3. Concept of Endowment Funds Introduced by WWF and WASEP
4. Valley Conservation Funds at Water Shed Level
5. Mountain Areas Conservation Fund at Conservancy Level
USE OF CONSERVATION FUND

- Salaries of Village Wildlife Guides (VWGs)
- Promotion of trophy hunting and eco-tourism attraction
- Research and dissemination of conservation experiences
- Implementation of conservation plans
- Expenses of wildlife population surveys and trophy hunting
- Facilitate visits of VCC members to attend DCC meetings
- Follow-ups of poaching cases under trial in the courts

BISMILLAH VILLAGE ORGANIZATION

- Establishing Guest House
- Hosting Community Training
- Providing Resource Persons to NGOs
- Providing Loans to unemployed youth (VO Members)
- Offering loan for neighboring Villages

As a result they are enjoying comparatively a better life in the area

QUESTIONS

- The present income from consumptive use of wild resources is limited. What would be the possible ways to increase the amount of funds in order to support human and biodiversity needs in and around the protected areas?

- How better we can protect indigenous cultures along with biodiversity conservation in protected areas specifically in the mountainous regions (KHH). It was realized that new practices of biodiversity uses are a serious threat to indigenous cultures?