

**International Conference on Conservation of Natural and Cultural Values
of Khangchendzonga National Park, Sikkim
Gangtok, Sikkim, 15-16 May 2015**

PROGRAMME

15 May 2015	
09:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-11:30	Inaugural Session
10:00	Arrival of Chief Guest, Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim at the venue
10:00 -10:05	Offering of bouquet to dignitaries and lighting of lamp
10:05 – 10:10	Welcome address
10.10 – 10:15	Launching of websites of SBB and Ecotourism
10.15 – 10:20	Release of Panda magazine/ book on biodiversity
10:20 -10:30	Film on KNP/KBR
10:30 – 10:35	Award to Himal Rakshaks/ EDC members/ NGOs
10:35 – 10:45	Address on behalf of MoEF & CC
10:45 – 10:55	Address on behalf of Ministry of Culture
10:55 – 11:05	Address by Shri Tshering Wangdi Lepcha, Hon'ble Minister of Forests, Environment & Wildlife Management Department
11:05 - 11:25	Address by Hon'ble CM
11:25 – 11:30	Vote of thanks
11:30-11:45	Group Photo & Tea/Coffee Break
11:45-13:00	Technical Session I: Conserving Natural Heritage of Khangchendzonga National Park
	Chair: Shri Ashok Lavasa, Secretary, MoEFCC, New Delhi* Co-Chair: Dr. S.S.Garbyal DGF, MoEF & CC
11:45-12:15	Conserving Natural Heritage: International Perspective – Dr. Pierre Galland, Expert Alpine Network of Protected Area
12:15- 12:45	Conserving Natural Heritage: National Perspective – Dr. V. B. Mathur, Director Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun
12:45-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch & Poster Session for students and researchers on natural and cultural heritage of Khangchendzonga National Park.

14:00-15:00	<i>Technical Session II: Conserving Cultural Heritage of Khangchendzonga National Park</i>
	Chair: Sh. Ravindra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi* Co-Chair: Secretary Culture and Heritage Department / Ecclesiastical Department, Government of Sikkim
14:00-14:25	Conserving Cultural Heritage: International Perspective – Mr. Gonzalo Oviedo, Senior Advisor, IUCN Social Policy Programme
14:25-14:45	Conserving Cultural Heritage: National Perspective – Dr. Shikha Jain, Member Secretary, WH Advisory Committee
14:45-15:00	Discussion
15:00-15:15	Tea/Coffee break
15:15-17:30	<i>Technical Session III: Nomination of Khangchendzonga National Park as UNESCO World Heritage Site</i>
	Chair: Shri Vinod Ranjan Additional DGF (Wildlife), MoEFCC, New Delhi Co-Chair: Dr. Thomas Chandy, Principal Secretary-cum-PCCF
15:15-15:40	Natural Values of Khangchendzonga NP – Dr. S. Sathyakumar, Wildlife Institute of India
15:40-16:05	Cultural Values of Khangchendzonga NP – Dr. Anna Balikci Denjongpa, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok
16:05-16:30	Engaging local communities in stewardship of World Heritage landscapes: Experience from diverse regions of the world – Ms. Jessica Brown, Chair, IUCN-WCPA Protected Landscapes Specialist Group
16:30-16:55	Overview of Khangchendzonga Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative (KLCDI) – Dr. Nakul Chettri, ICIMOD, Kathmandu
16:55-17:20	Khangchendzonga Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative: Indian Perspective –Dr. H.K. Badola, GBPIHED, Gangtok
17:20-17:30	Discussion and Wrap-up of Day-1

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10:00-11:30	Technical Session IV: Strengthening the Management of Khangchendzonga National Park
	Chair: Dr. Thomas Chandy, Pr. Secy-cum-PCCF, Government of Sikkim Co-Chair: Secretary, Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim
10:00-10:25	Community based Management of Khangchendzonga National Park Landscape: emerging paradigms – Dr. Ghanashyam Sharma, TMI-India
10:25-10:50	Ecotourism in Khangchendzonga National Park: Impacts, Challenges and Strategies – KCC, MLAS, WWF-India and LTDC
10:50-11:15	Management of KNP including strategies for human-wildlife conflict mitigation & emerging issues – Mr. C. S. Rao IFS CCF-cum-CWLW, Sikkim
11:15-11:30	Discussion
11:30-11:45	Tea/Coffee Break
11:45-13:00	Technical Session V: International Cooperation for Heritage Conservation
	Chair: Dr. S.K. Khanduri, IG (Wildlife), MoEFCC, New Delhi Co-Chair: Dr. Dipankar Ghose, Director, WWF-India
11:45-12:15	Lessons from the management of UNESCO World Heritage Site – Wildlife Institute of India
12:15-12:45	Khangchendzonga National Park as a Potential Ramsar Site – Sikkim FD & WWF-India
12:45-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch and Exhibition cum Sale of theme based items
14:00-15:00	Panel Discussion on Management of Natural and Cultural Values of Khangchendzonga National Park: The Way Forward
15:00-16:00	Closing Session
15:00 – 15:10	Remarks on behalf of Sikkim Forest Department
15:10 - 15:20	Prize distribution
15:20 – 15:30	Remarks on behalf of Wildlife Institute of India
15:30 – 15:40	Remarks on behalf of Ministry of Culture, Government of India
15:40 – 15:50	Remarks on behalf of MoEF & CC, Government of India
15:50 – 16:00	Closing remarks of Shri Tshering Wangdi Lepcha, Hon'ble Minister of Forests, Environment & Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim
16:00 – 16:10	Vote of Thanks

SIDE EVENTS:

1. Exhibition cum sale of theme based items
2. Photo Exhibition cum sale by SOS (Sikkim Ornithological Society), BAMOS (Butterflies and Moths of Sikkim), Echostream and Others

*TBC: To be confirmed