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REGISTRATION COST

	Indian	Foreigner
August 24-25, 2015 (workshop)		
Delegates (invited/nominated)	No fee	No fee
Participants* (Self-sponsored)	INR 1,000 (per day)	50 USD (per day)

*Registration cost includes Resource material, Workshop lunch and Tea/Coffee



Quickbird image 25/10/2014

Quickbird image 14/05/2015

Damage to Cultural World Heritage Sites during Nepal earthquake in 2015

The **UNESCO Category 2 Centre** for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region was established at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, India in 2014 with the overall objective of capacity building for World Heritage conservation and management in the region. The Centre's mission is to strengthen implementation of World Heritage convention in Asia and the Pacific Region by building the capacity of professionals and bodies involved with world natural heritage site inscription, protection, conservation and management, through training, research, dissemination of information and network building. This Centre is the world's first dealing with Natural World Heritage.

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International Workshop and Training on The Role of Natural World Heritage Sites in Disaster Risk Reduction August 24-28, 2015

BACKGROUND FOR THE WORKSHOP

World Heritage properties, are exposed to Natural (flood, drought, earthquake, Tsunami etc.) and Man-made (forest fires, armed conflicts, industrial accidents, mass refugee movements etc.) disasters which threaten their integrity and may compromise their natural values.

Apart from having potential ecological effects, the loss or deterioration of outstanding values for which the sites were inscribed on the World Heritage List would have negative socio-cultural and economic impacts. World Heritage properties do not have any established policy, plan or process for managing, i.e. reducing, risks associated with potential disasters. Moreover, existing national and local disaster preparedness and response mechanisms usually do not include heritage expertise in their operations. As a result, hundreds of sites are virtually defence-less with respect to potential disasters, and communities worldwide are not exploiting the full potential of their heritage, both tangible and intangible, that have maintained it over the centuries, and therefore, essential towards prevention and mitigation of disasters.

The revised Strategy for Risk Reduction at World Heritage Properties as formulated in 2007, The UN-Hyogo Framework For Action Priority 4 and the UN World Conference WCDRR in Sendai, Japan in March 2015 recognise the role of Protected Areas as an instrument for Ecosystem-based adaptation to Disasters and Climate Change. Natural World Heritage Sites exemplify this role by adding the dimension of traditional values, ecosystem integrity, and hence contribute immensely to this strategy. This workshop aims to bring in eminent global experts (from UNISDR, UN-SPIDER, IUCN-DRR, UNESCO, FAO, NDMA, ICIMOD, TISS-JTCMD and IIRS) to discuss, deliberate and train on the mitigation strategies to be adopted for Natural World Heritage sites and Protected Areas in the Asia-Pacific region.



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There are 59 Natural and 11 Mixed World Heritage Sites in the Asia-Pacific. The proposed thematic training and workshop is intended to provide a platform to site managers and multi-disciplinary experts for training and work out on a possible action plan for disaster preparedness through the medium of World Heritage Sites in the Asia-Pacific Region.

OBJECTIVES:

- To identify and assess natural and man-made disaster risks at World Heritage properties in the Asia-Pacific Region,
- To raise awareness about the need to integrate special concern for Natural and Mixed World Heritage properties into national disaster reduction policies and develop an Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction in World Heritage Management plans;
- Carry out training for managers of natural and mixed World Heritage properties in Disaster Risk Reduction and adaptation strategies.

PARTICIPANTS

World Heritage Site managers, policy makers , academicians and members states of UNESCO Asia-Pacific region can participate in the workshop. The intensive training shall be especially targeted towards site managers.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Day One: 24 August 2015

09:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-11:15	Inaugural Session
11:30-12:30	Technical Session I: Defining and Identification of Disasters in World Natural Heritage Sites of Asia-Pacific Region
11.30 –13.30	Parallel stakeholder consultation workshop
12:30-13:30	Technical Session II: Strategies for Risk Reduction and Role of WHS
14:30-17:30	Technical Session III: DRR in World Natural Heritage Sites in Asia and the Pacific Region: Sharing Experiences and Best Practices

Day Two: 25 August 2015

09:30-11:00	Technical Session IV: Linking Ecosystems Services, DRR and World Heritage – An evaluative perspective
11:15-13:30	Technical Session V: Man-Made disasters, resource conflict and trans-boundary Management of World heritage

14:30-17:30	Technical Session VI: Assessment of Disaster Risk Reduction in World Heritage Sites and developing an Ecosystem-Based DRR toolkit (Group Work)
17.30- 18.00	Technical Session VI: Concluding Session <i>Launch of Pilot Project on Eco-DRR Toolkit for World Natural Heritage Sites in Asia-Pacific Region</i>

Day 3 to Day 5 (Training of Site Managers on DRR and World Heritage Site Management)

Day Three:26 August, 2015

09:00- 10:00	Conserving Natural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region.
10:00-11:00	Managing Disaster Risk for World Heritage.
11:00-12:00	The Role of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management in DRR.
12:00-13.00	Linking ecosystems, Protected Areas, DRR and Climate Change adaptation.
14:00-15:00	Remote Sensing and GIS for natural hazard assessment and DRR
15:00-16:.00	DRR and ICT initiatives.
16:00-18:00	Visit to IIRS/ Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology and demonstration of RS/GIS technology for DRR.

Day Four : 27 August, 2015

09:00- 10:00	Linking DRR with socio-economic vulnerability /development
10:00-11:00	Use of Traditional knowledge and Community interface for DRR
11:00-13:00	Group Exercise: Mapping DRR using Community Resource Mapping .
14:00-15:30	Armed conflict in World Natural Heritage Sites and Peace-building for DRR.
15:30-16:00	Feedback and Valediction
17:05-22.50	Departure and overnight stay at Delhi

Day Five: 28 August, 2015 (AT DELHI)

06:00 -17:00	Field Visit to Cultural (Taj Mahal, Agra) and Natural (Keoladeo National Park) World Heritage Sites Departure of Participants from Delhi
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VENUE DETAILS

The workshop will take place at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, India. Distance between New Delhi to Dehradun is 247 km by Road and 303 km by Rail. The venue is easily accessible by public transportation from the airport and the city centre's railway station. Dehradun also has excellent public transport facilities.

Distance from Wildlife Institute of India to

- Jolly Grant Airport, Dehradun: 31 kms
- Dehradun Railway Station: 9.3 kms
- Dehradun ISBT: 3.7 kms

Taxis and Auto Rickshaws are available for Wildlife Institute of India.

It is advisable for the attendees to convert their currency to Indian Rupees as other currency is not accepted at local areas.

VISA

In order to obtain a visa for India, an Online Visa application has to be made. See <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/> for more information.

Delegates should ensure that they have a valid visa for India. For this meeting, a Conference Visa is required and more detailed information concerning visa regulations for India can be found at the following link from the website of the Ministry of External Affairs:

<http://passportindia.gov.in/AppOnlineProject/online/visaServices> and the website of the Delhi Tourism: http://www.delhitourism.gov.in/delhitourism/travel_tips/visa.jsp.

As per VISA Policy of India candidates from Bhutan, Maldives and Nepal do not require VISA to visit India.

WEATHER

The month of August is characterized by moderate to heavy monsoon rainfall with average day temperatures ranging from 22 to 29 degree Celsius. Comfortable cotton clothing is advisable along with rain gear.



APPLICATION FORM

1. Candidate:.....

2. Nationality:.....

3. Gender: M ☐ F ☐

4. Institution/ Business Name and Address:
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City	Country	Postal Code
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5. Contact no:

6. FAX:

7. E-MAIL:

8. Highest Educational Qualification:
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9. Professional Activities:

Present Occupation.....

From (Date).....

10. Candidate Statement

I declare that the above information is true and correct.

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Candidate's Signature	Date

Complete Application Form may be sent to:

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