

# Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh

## Dedicated to Protect the Natural Heritage of Bangladesh

Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh (WTB) is a national institution committed to conserving the biological diversity of Bangladesh. It organizes action-programmes for the promotion of sustainable natural resource management, economic self-reliance, and environmental sustainability through 6 units. Threatened Species Conservation Unit, Natural Resources Management Unit, Wildlife Health Unit, Habitat Restoration Unit, Capacity Building Unit, Awareness Building Unit



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### Mission Statement

Protect the natural heritage of Bangladesh

### Objectives

Conserve country's biological diversity  
Put Bangladesh on the road to attaining sustainability  
Educate people with values of sustainable development practices

### Activities

Conduct action-research in the fields of biodiversity and ecology  
Provide training and education on biodiversity and sustainability  
Form a data bank on biodiversity and sustainability  
Produce and disseminate public awareness material  
Coordinate activities of organizations working on biodiversity conservation  
Form partnership with organizations working on biodiversity and sustainable development  
Set up branches and subsidiaries to achieve WTB objectives  
Development WTB as a center of study and research of biodiversity and sustainability

### People at WTB

Enayetullah Khan - Chairman  
Professor Md. Anwarul Islam - Chief Executive  
Dr. Noazesh Ahmed - Member  
Professor M. Harunur Rashid - Member  
Enam Ul Haque - Member  
Barrister Ishrat Mahmud - Member  
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What makes WTB relevant, even obligatory, is the alarming loss of biodiversity in Bangladesh today. Of the 6000 plant species, 106 vascular plants have been rated as threatened. Nearly half of our 1600 species of vertebrate fauna are threatened. More than a dozen of vertebrate fauna were lost in the twentieth century. Among the higher vertebrates many are on the verge of extinction now. The major threat to our biodiversity is habitat loss. The forest cover is reduced to about 6%, of which the protected area system covers only

about 1% of the land. The overall status of our natural resources has become threatened owing, mainly, to overexploitation.

### BaWNet -- Bangladesh Wildlife Network

A new wildlife initiative has come up in Chittagong

called Bangladesh Wildlife Network. The group's "Aim" or mission is : "Let the people of this country know the facts of wild animals of Bangladesh through publications (print media)." **Bangladesh WILDLIFE NETWORK (BaWN)** was founded by Ghazi Asmat, Professor of Zoology, University of Chittagong, Chittagong 4331, and it runs on funds raised by the founder and with the help of a publisher (Mrs. Masuda Azmal, Ghazi Publishers) in Dhaka. Founder edits a half yearly bilingual bulletin, Bonnoprani.



### Its objectives are :

1. To increase public awareness about the benefit of wild animals in nature.
2. To present the present status of these animals in Bangladesh.
3. To call for help in determining the status and distribution of wild animals and to increase their direct participation/ cooperation.
4. To publish the critical research works in a way of popular article for general public.
5. To increase public support in any kind of wild animal census.
6. To analyze the NGOs activities regarding the wild animals and environment of Bangladesh.
7. To disclose the intentions of foreign donor agencies and persons about our wild animals (whether good/bad).
8. To inspire in conserving biodiversity through wild animal conservation.
9. To popularize the facts of wild animals especially among the teachers and students.
10. To prepare a technique to increase consciousness about wildlife through a network among the grass root level people and qualified organizations with Bangladesh Wildlife Network (BaWNet).

BaWNet recently published a bilingual half-yearly bulletin (Vol. 1, No. 1-2, January-July, 2004) named BONNOPRANI (i.e. Wildlife) in which they a compiled checklist of amphibian fauna.

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