

# Knowledge cafe for integrating indigenous knowledge and social sciences into conservation projects and organizations

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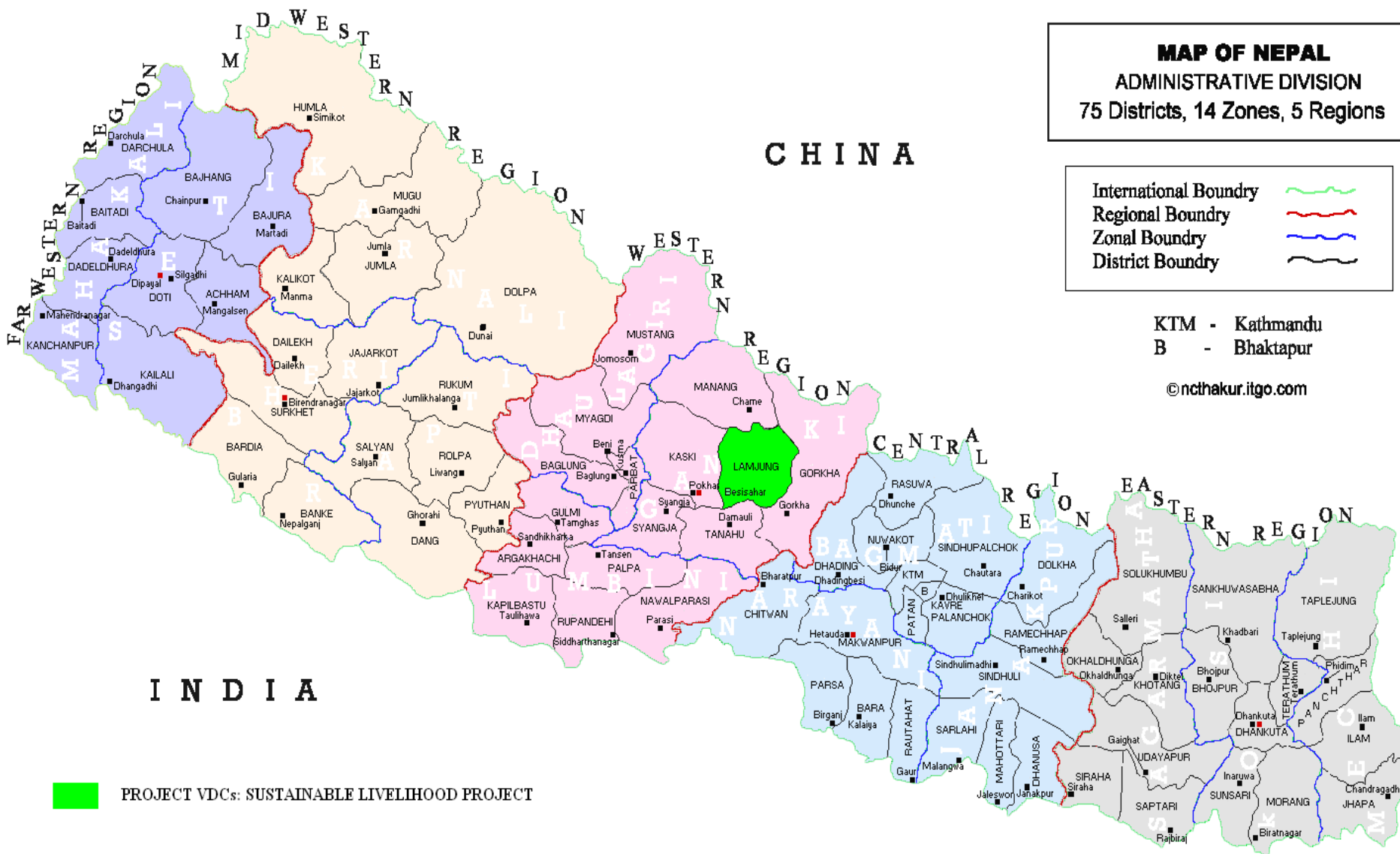


# Community Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS) Program in Nepal

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# CBMIS Pilot Area (Dura Community)



# Indigenous Peoples' Contributions in conservation and sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity

- ▶ Duras: highly marginalized, 5000 population, customarily managing 1000 hector forest, rich in biodiversity, water resources through customary laws and practices
- ▶ Regularly monitoring their resources through their indigenous governance systems (customary institutions) and documentation
- ▶ Indigenous Peoples' sustainable and Self Determined Development IPSSDD
- ▶ CBMIS Resource Center for multipurpose uses: information center, knowledge transformation, museum, souvenirs shops

# Our Work



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# Knowledge café process

1. **Introduction** (5-10 minutes)
2. **Group discussion** (40-45 minutes):
  - ▶ Break out into small groups. We will pair you with a note taker.
  - ▶ There will be 2-3 rounds of discussion about the questions we give you (3-4 rounds of questions, depending on time).
  - ▶ After each round, each group will report back to the larger group.
3. **Wrap up discussion** (1-2 minutes)

# Discussion questions

- ▶ What are your experiences integrating indigenous and local knowledge and social sciences into conservation science, organizations and projects?
- ▶ What challenges have you faced in doing conservation research and/or projects involving indigenous communities and social scientists and how did you overcome them?
- ▶ What happened after research or projects were designed and undertaken? How did you make sure that indigenous communities gained benefit from the project and the knowledge generated? How were results shared?

# Knowledge Café Wrap-up

- ▶ Key themes from discussion
- ▶ Next steps: journal article, let us know if you would like to contribute
- ▶ Thank you! Have a great conference!