

BirdLife partners co-operate for forest protection in international program

In January 2015 a new 3 years program *Integrating Livelihoods and Conservation. People Partner with Nature for Sustainable Living* started to be implemented in Kenya, Uganda and Nepal. The Danish funded program was formulated in partnership between the four BirdLife partners BirdLife Denmark/DOF, Nature Kenya, Nature Uganda and Bird Conservation Nepal. The program is carried out in six forested Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs), three in Kenya, two in Uganda and one in Nepal. It has as its overall goal to reduce the depletion of forests and biodiversity. It will achieve this through participatory forest management, which involves and benefits local forest adjacent communities and supports the collaboration between community based groups and local authorities. The Program is expected to both, contribute to improved livelihoods among the local poor who will benefit from better access to the forest and 'green' income generating activities and to the protection of forests and biodiversity. At another level the Program engages in advocacy for biodiversity protection and supports networking and training of community based groups in order for these to be better able to influence policy decisions and advocate for their own involvement in decision making processes.

The Program is jointly managed by a Program Management Committee (PMC) consisting of the four BirdLife partners, who meet once annually. At the national level the national BirdLife organisation is responsible for implementation with assistance from a Program Advisory Group (PAG).

Read more about the Program as we go along