

Science, Conservation & Climate Change in Snow Leopard Habitats

Seminar & Exhibition

Background

- 1 Scientific research on snow leopards and mountain ecosystems dates back to more than 3 decades
- 2 Recent developments in technology have given us unprecedented advantage to be able to study this otherwise elusive species
- 3 Some of the most successful conservation programs in snow leopard habitat are based on building partnerships with local communities
- 4 Threats to snow leopards are dynamic in nature. Climate change has emerged as an overarching threat that is likely going to affect all conventional and upcoming threats to snow leopards and mountain ecosystems.

Introduction

The Kyrgyz President has invited his counterparts to attend the International Forum on Snow Leopard Conservation on August 24-25 in Bishkek. The event is expected to bolster political will and financial support to the implementation of the GSLEP Program. One of the primary goals of the GSLEP Program is to develop and implement climate smart landscape management plans in up to 23 designated snow leopard landscapes. Given the scale of the event, we see it as a wonderful opportunity to showcase the developments in science, technology, community based conservation in the snow leopard habitats. We envisage an event in two modes that allows a select number of researchers and organizations present their work in a back-to-back seminar under the four broad themes; and an exhibition that starts a day before and ends a day after the Summit.

Event

Seminar: 23rd August

0900 hrs: Inauguration of the Exhibition and the seminar. Introduction to the sequence of events for the day, and brief about space allocations for exhibition and seminar

1000 hrs: Session 1: Innovation in Research and Monitoring of snow leopards, prey and mountains ecosystems

1200 hrs: Lunch

1300 hrs: Session 2: Learnings from the best practices in Community-based Conservation

1500 hrs: Coffee Break

15:30 hrs: Session 3: Climate Research, successes, challenges and the way forward

17:30 hrs: Closing Session

Exhibition: 23rd-26th August

About 20-30 different stalls/booths will be set up, spread across the venue to allow visibility and access to various research and conservation programs. The exhibits will include posters, products and audio-visual material being played in a loop.

The exhibition will ideally go on for the entire period starting 23rd until 26th of August, thus providing access to the international delegates, journalists and local public to visit and appreciate the work on research, conservation and climate change in the snow leopard habitats.