



NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON WILDLIFE & SPECIES MANAGEMENT

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OVERVIEW

- Gov't policies
- Legislations
- Management plans
- Researches and inventories
- Database
- Partnership & Agreements





Gov't Policies on Species Management

- SI NBSAP 2009: Theme 2: <u>Species Conservation</u>; <u>Strategy goal</u>: <u>Unique plant and animal species are given appropriate levels of protection and are managed sustainably with better informed public of the significance of the species.</u>

 SI NBSAP 2nd version 2016-2020 has a priority target on Species Conservation.
- MECDM Corporate Plan 2018-2020, Key Strategy: Protect ecosystems, biodiversity, endemic and threatened fauna and flora..
- MFMR Strategy 2017-2019(Research section to collect, synthesize and provides data & information for mgmt. & policy).
- Forestry Policies: MFR Corporate Plan & focus on species restoration(replanting).





Legislations as Management Tools

- Legislation(incl. regulations) are important management tools for species conservation & protection.
- Forestry Act (amendment 1999)/Forest Resources & Timber Utilisation (Amendment) Act 2000.
- Fisheries Management Act 2015 & reg. 2016 Protected Areas Act 2010-contribute to species <u>habitats and ecosystem protection</u>.
- Wildlife Protection & Management Amendment Act 2017-regulate species for international movement under schedule I, II.
- Environment Act 1998(under revision).
- Concerns: outdated(for reg.) & not support by research data





Species Management Plans

- Species management plans is important for the overall management & recovery of threatened species, protection of endemic species including harvested & commercial species like dolphins, crocodile, sea cucumber etc.
- Under MFMR: Sea cucumber mgmt. Plan & others etc.,
- Proposed: Dolphins, crocodile, prehensile tail skink & butterflies





Researches and Inventories

- Research and inventories is important to provide data on the status(population, distribution, habitats, threats etc.) for planning, setting gov't policies, priorities, Ministries annual work plans, partners(NGOs & communities).
- Expect reports to provide for better conservation and management of certain species under investigation(although various with subjects) & influence gov't polices & decisions.
- Facilitate and coordinate researches and inventories (including for species) under the Protected Areas Act 2010 and regulation 2012, (the Research Act 1982).
- Ongoing bioresearches is >10 and one bioprospecting.
- Concerns: Strengthen research arms of state inst., monitoring researches, ABS(third party rights over specimens), consents(gov't & RO)





Species Database

- Central wildlife & species database is paramount to <u>hold(house)</u> updated data and information on the status of species.
- Coordinate and provide <u>access</u> for partners & ease <u>information</u> <u>sharing.</u>
- Provide official link to assist and update IUCN and CITES listings.
- Managed and verified by a responsible gov't authorities (is official)
- ECD(MECDM) hired a consultant (with ICTSU) to finalise a database.





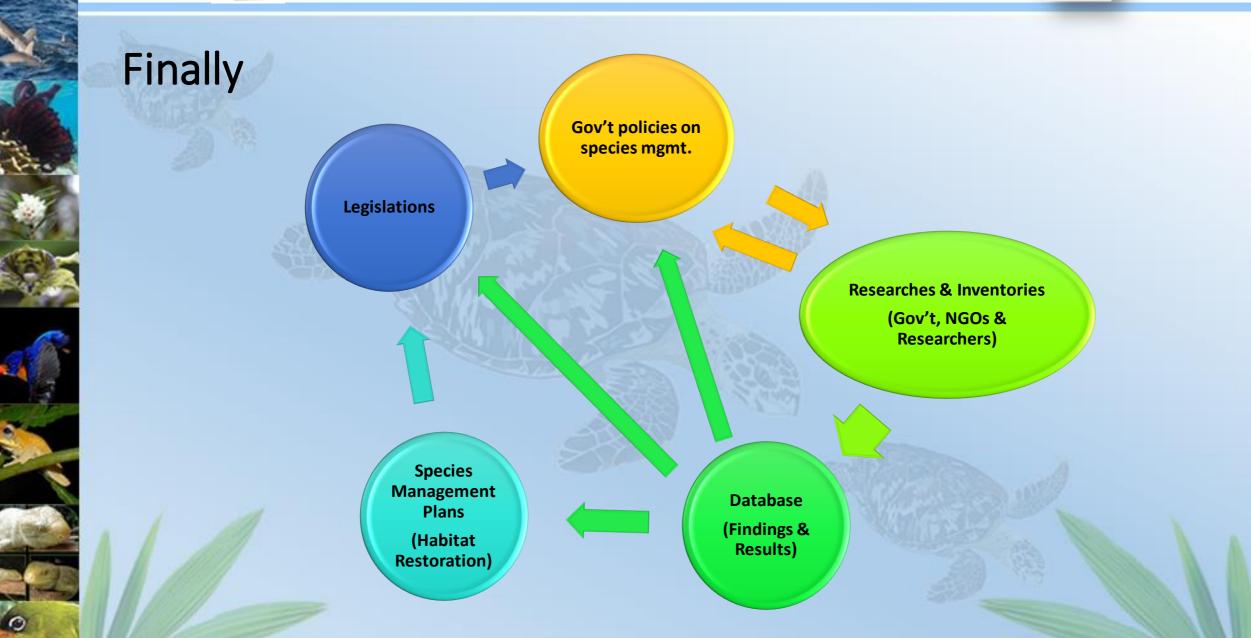
Partnership and MoU(Agreements)

- At the national level there is encouragement for partnership and MoU (agreements):
- ✓ Long term collaboration & sustainable programmes.
- ✓ Information & data sharing
- ✓ Expansion of scope(research and work)
- ✓ Implementation of gov't priorities
- ✓ Protecting sovereign rights & ownership of species or genetic materials.
- We have MoUs(Agreements) with NGOs, INGOs & partners



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