



In this issue of Red Panda Network eNews, Nepal's first red panda conservation action plan, IRPD 2018 update, and double your impact for red pandas this Giving Tuesday!

RPN Supports Nepal's First Red Panda Conservation Action Plan



Red Panda Network (RPN) is providing key support for Nepal's first red panda conservation action plan.

The Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE) of the Government of Nepal has launched a five-year (2019-2023) "Red Panda Conservation Action Plan for Nepal" to boost efforts to conserve red pandas in the wild. This is Nepal's first of such guidelines and will provide a thorough framework for engaging local communities and strengthening coordination among conservation actors at national and international levels.

The guidelines were architected by a group of experts representing the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC), Department of Forests and Soil Conservation (DoFSC), National Trust for Nature Conservation, WWF Nepal and Zoological Society of London. Red Panda Network (RPN) will provide technical and financial support. DNPWC and DoFSC will take an overall lead in implementing the action plan.

"The plan will help to mainstream conservation activities and guide grassroots efforts to ensure the conservation of red pandas in the wild," said Ang Phuri Sherpa, Red Panda Network's (RPN) Country Director.

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This Giving Tuesday, double your impact for red pandas and support RPN's expansion to Western Nepal and campaign to stop the illegal red

panda trade. Thanks to Medway Charitable Trust, when you donate to Red Panda Network on Giving Tuesday your gift will be matched up to \$5,000!

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Thousands Celebrate 9th Annual International Red Panda Day



Communities throughout Nepal observed International Red Panda Day (IRPD) 2018 with speech competitions, art activities and film viewings.

Taking place every year on the third Saturday of September, IRPD is a day to not only celebrate the red panda but also to educate people about red pandas and the threats to their survival. In the last two decades, the global red panda population has declined by more than 50 percent. As few as 2,500 remain in the wild.

Red Panda Network (RPN) launched IRPD in 2010 with more than 16 schools and zoos worldwide participating. Today, 5,000 students throughout the Panchthar-Ilam-Taplejung (PIT) corridor in Nepal and 100,000 visitors at more than 60 zoos around the world participate in IRPD events.



Fun IRPD activities at Omuta City Zoo, Japan.

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