

RPN receives support to construct a center committed to alleviating poverty and ensuring a sustainable future for people and red pandas.



Red Pandas Rescued By Norden's Ark

For nearly 12 years, RPN has been working with the communities of Panchthar-Ilam-Taplejung (PIT) corridor in Eastern Nepal to conserve red pandas and their habitat. During this time, we have identified the most prevalent threats to red pandas in the region, which include habitat loss and degradation, as well as poaching and illegal trade. The main driver of these threats: unsustainable living practices of the local people who are living in poverty.

Economic opportunities in these high-mountains are scarce and many families resort to earning income in ways that end up degrading forest quality and depleting forest resources. They have little access to modern technologies that would make their lives easier while reducing demand on timber, fuelwood and other forest resources.

This dire situation has inspired the Center for Conservation and Sustainable Living, or CCSL.



Illustration of CCSL on project site in Taplejung district.

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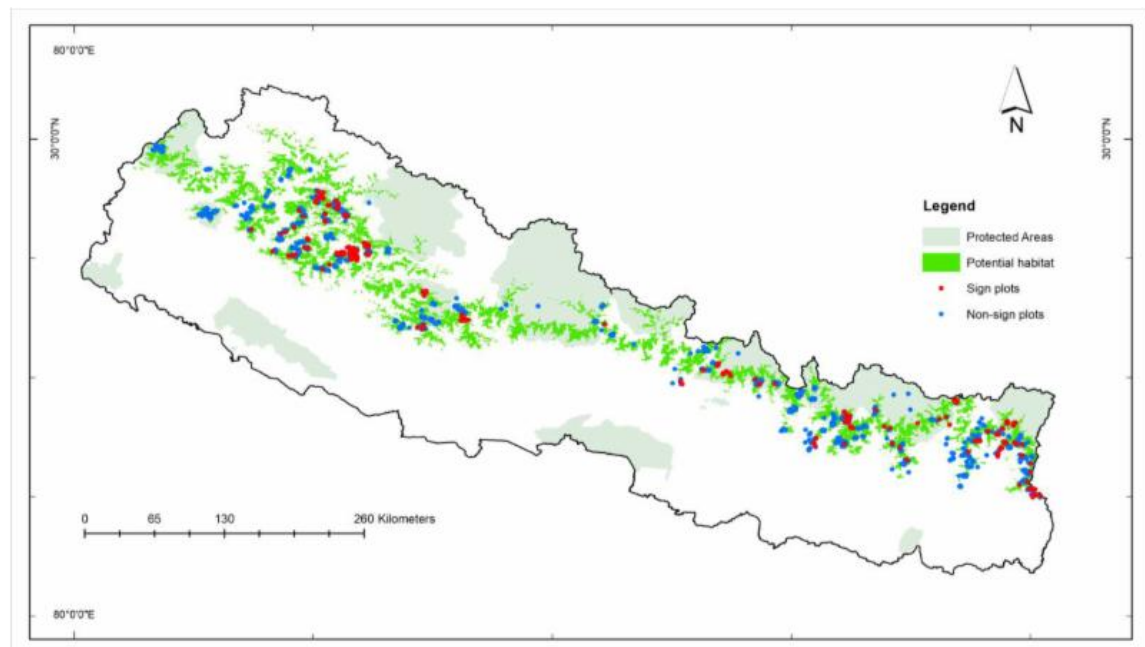
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RPN Article Published in Elsevier's ScienceDirect!

Pervasive human disturbance on habitats of endangered red panda *Ailurus fulgens* in the central Himalaya

Red pandas (*Ailurus fulgens*) live in the dense forests of mid-hills of the Himalaya and feed almost exclusively on bamboo. They are vulnerable to extinction due to human induced disturbances. Habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation along with poaching are the most pressing anthropogenic threats to red panda conservation. The extinction risk to red pandas is further compounded by their life history traits. However, there is a paucity of information regarding human impact on red panda habitats. We have used presence and absence data collected from entire red panda range in Nepal, including habitat both inside and outside the Protected Areas (PAs) to examine the impact of human disturbance on their distribution.



Location of sampling sites with presence and absence plots within and outside the protected areas.

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