Meghna Conversation 1: Celebrating the Meghna River - A Shared Heritage

Objective: To improve participants’ understanding of the cultural, social, ecological values and livelihood benefits provided by the Meghna River Basin, and trigger discussion with experts on how to sustain and expand these benefits.

Schedule: Thursday, 3 September 2020, 14:00 India Standard Time /14:30 Bangladesh Standard Time

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Session Moderator: Mr Sabyasachi Dutta, Director, Asian Confluence (India)

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Dr. Vivek Saxena  
Country Representative, IUCN India   | 10 mins |
| Introduction to the theme              | *Introduction to the Meghna River*  
Mr. Vishwa Ranjan, Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, South Asia, IUCN, Bangkok | 10 mins |
| Presentations                          | **Speakers:**  
*Indigenous People Culture and the Dependence on the Nature*  
Mr. F.W. Blah, CFO, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Meghalaya  
*Socio-economic changes in the Meghna Basin over time (Bangladesh and India)*  
Dr. Saudamini Das (India), NABARD Chair, Professor, The Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi,  
Dr. A.K. Enamul Haque (Bangladesh)  
Professor, Department of Economics, East West University, Dhaka | 40 mins |
| Participants Q&A                       | Participant questions to presenters                                      | 20 mins |
| Webinar wrap-up                        | *Key messages and closing remarks*  
Mr. Raphael Glemet, Senior Programme Officer Water and Wetlands, IUCN Asia Regional Office | 5 mins |