



3rd Asian Rhino Range Countries Meeting

**Chitwan National Park, Nepal
3-5 February, 2023**

Press Release

In an effort to secure the persistence of the Asian Rhinos well into the future, representatives from five Asian Rhino Range Countries have joined this meeting to strengthen collaboration and cooperation amongst countries in order to conserve Rhinos in the Asia.

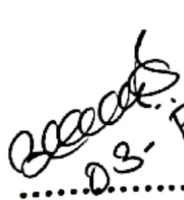
The 3rd Asian Rhino Range Countries Meeting is taking place in Chitwan National Park, Nepal from February 3 to 5, 2023. The meeting is hosted by the Government of Nepal, facilitated by the IUCN Species Survival Commission's Asian Rhino Specialist Group (AsRSG) and supported by National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) Nepal, WWF Nepal, ZSL Nepal, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Rhino Recovery Fund, Aaranyak and International Rhino Foundation.

Government delegates from Asian Rhino Range countries Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Nepal, rhino experts, community leaders, NGOs, representatives of law enforcement agencies and representatives of conservation partners are

participating in the meeting. The delegates will discuss various topics related to Asian Rhino conservation such as reducing threats of poaching and illegal wildlife trade, preventing habitat loss, fragmentation and degradation, biological population management, human-rhino conflict mitigation, wildlife health, strengthening transboundary cooperation and climate adversities. This gathering also aims to strengthen networking among the Asian Rhino Range countries, identify conservation challenges, share best practices and lessons learned, knowledge and experiences to conserve Asian Rhinos across their range, and raise awareness about Asian Rhinos.

The first Asian Rhino Range Countries meeting was held in Indonesia in 2013 and the second meeting was held in India in 2019. This meeting will review the “New Delhi Declaration on Asian Rhinos 2019” and conclude with a Launching of “The Chitwan Declaration for Asian Rhino Conservation 2023” on 5 February 2023.

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