

Evaluation Abstract

Title, author and date of the evaluation report:

External Evaluation of the SDC Supported IUCN Nepal Programme

Name of project, programme or organizational unit: IUCN Nepal

Objectives of the project, programme or mandate of the organizational unit: Not specified

IUCN area of specialisation:

Geographical area: Nepal

Project or programme duration, length of existence of organizational unit: 2000-2002

Overall budget of the project, programme or organizational unit: Not specified

Donor(s): Swiss Development Cooperation

Objectives of the Evaluation:

1. Review progress and performance; make suggestions
2. Analyze sub-projects
3. Assess how programme is contributing to IUCN Nepal's goals and objectives
4. Suggest scope of future collaboration between IUCN-Nepal and SDC

Type of evaluation: Programme

Period covered by the evaluation: 2000-2002

Commissioned by: SDC

Audience: Not specified

Evaluation team: External

Methodology used:

Document review, group meetings with stakeholders, informal discussions

Questions of the evaluation: None

Findings:

- IUCN has refocused the Nepal programme to be rooted in the rural realities of Nepal, but has moved away from its area of competence: knowledge.
- IUCN is generating knowledge based on its work with partners in Nepal, but this needs to become stronger within Nepal and better at distilling lessons from that work to the world at large.
- Political situation in Nepal is unstable and has implications for IUCN's work.
- IUCN Nepal had benefited from its links to the IUCN Asia Regional Programme and the Global Programmes.

Recommendations:

- Consolidate the shift from global policy to field emphasis in the programme
- Re-affirm knowledge as the central concept of the programme and simplify the conceptual framework
- Accept the long-term nature of achieving results and maintain the strategy of working through partners to achieve conservation and livelihood results
- Maintain continuity of results by maintaining a low profile and working through partners.
- Future cooperation with SDC should continue on the present basis, albeit through a more focused programme.

Lessons Learned: None specified

Language of the evaluation: English

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