

## Acronyms and Glossary

ACF	Assistant Conservator of Forests
ADB	Asian Development Bank
<i>Adivasi</i>	Indigenous (literally “first people”)
ADP	Annual Development Plan (term used in annual planning both in government and in CMOs)
AIG	Alternative Income Generation
Albizia	Widely planted fast growing trees of the genus <i>Albizia</i>
ASA	Association for Social Advancement – a Bangladeshi NGO
<i>Bari</i>	Naturally regenerated saplings used as carrying tools (as sticks) for sungrass
<i>Bazar</i>	Permanent local market
Bbc	Bangladesh bird club
BBS	Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
BCSIR	Bangladesh Center for Scientific and Industrial Research - an organization generally recognized to have invented the first improved cooking stove in Bangladesh
<i>Beel</i>	A floodplain depression that usually holds water throughout the year, most are connected to other waterbodies and rivers in the wet season
BELA	Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association
BFRI	Bangladesh Forest Research Institute
BRAC	A Bangladeshi NGO originally named Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee
BTM	Bangladesh Transverse Mercator
CARITAS	A Bangladeshi NGO, part of an international network of charitable NGOs linked to the Catholic church
CCA	Community Conserved Area, defined by IUCN as a territory where global biodiversity survives under the ownership, control, or management of indigenous peoples and local (including mobile) communities. The primary characteristics of these sites are: (1) predominant or exclusive control and management by communities, and (2) commitment to conservation of biodiversity, and/or its achievement through various means.
CCBA	Community, Conservation and Biodiversity Alliance
CCF	Chief Conservator of Forests – Head of the Forest Department
CD	Compact Disc
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CEGIS	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (formerly known as Environment and GIS Support Project for Water Sector Planning (EGIS). A semi-independent organization linked with Government of Bangladesh, which traces its origins to a project supported by USAID
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CF	Conservator of Forests
<i>Chara</i>	Flowing stream in hilly areas

<i>Charland</i>	Land comprising of silt and sand deposited in the braided channels of the main rivers or in the coastal delta
Chukrasi	Scientific name: <i>Chukrasia tabularis</i> a slow growing native forest tree
CIFOR	Center for International Forestry Research – an international research center headquartered in Indonesia
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CMC	Co-Management Committee or Co-Management Council, constituent bodies that are collectively termed CMOs,
CMO	Co-Management Organization. A generic term that here describes the full governing structure of two types of CMC formed under the Government Gazette Notification that legally provides the basis for the establishment of the co-management model in five PAs.
CNRS	Center for Natural Resources Studies – a Bangladeshi NGO that focuses on wetland management and conservation
CODEC	Community Development Centre – a Bangladeshi NGO that focuses on improving the lives of coastal communities
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon Dioxide
CONIC	Community Owned Nature Interpretation Center
COP	Chief of Party – Head of any USAID Project being implemented through a contract
COTR	Contracting Officer's Technical Representative – USAID designated program manager
CPG	Community Patrol Group are group of local community members who work with forest guards to protect their designated area of a Protected Area from illicit felling and other illegal activities.
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
CWBMP	Coastal and Wetland Biodiversity and Management Project, a project funded through UNDP GEF that from 2003 to 2010 established participatory collaborative management regimes and supporting management interventions in four ECAs.
<i>Dalal</i>	Collaborator – often middlemen who handle negotiations
<i>Dhaincha</i>	Scientific name: <i>Sesbania bispinosa</i> - a fast growing woody plant that can be raised around homesteads, for use in stoves.
DFO	Divisional Forest Officer
DGPS	Differential Global Positioning System
DLRS	Directorate of Land Records and Surveys
DNA	Designated National Authority
DoE	Department of the Environment
DPP	Development Project Proforma - Detailed project design documents that follow on from a PCP, and are approved by the relevant minister and by the ECNEC, chaired by the Prime Minister. The DPP provides the most detailed blueprint for what a given project will undertake
ECA	Ecologically Critical Area
ECNEC	Executive Committee of the National Economic Council - the, Government body that ultimately approves projects of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
FAO	UN Food and Agriculture Organization

FD	Forest Department
FEJB	Federation of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
FRMP	Forest Resources Management Project of FD that was funded by World Bank
FRUG	Forest Resource User Group
FSMP	Forestry Sector Master Plan - prepared in 1994
FSP	Forestry Sector Project of FD that was funded by Asian Development Bank
FUG	Forest User Group
<i>Gaddar</i>	People who betray trust
<i>Garjan</i>	Trees of the genus <i>Dipterocarpus</i> usually found in wetter forests of eastern Bangladesh
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environmental Facility – in this case managed by UNDP
GIS	Geographic Information System
GIZ	German international co-operation (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit)
GNP	Gross National Product
GO	Government Order – an order prepared at the ministerial or departmental level, signed by the relevant Minister, and published in the Government Gazette
GPS	Global Positioning System
GR	Game Reserve. The Government of Bangladesh defines it as an area designated for the protection of wildlife and increase in the population of important species wherein capturing of wild animals shall be unlawful. The status of Teknaf GR, the only GR in Bangladesh, was recently changed to a Wildlife Sanctuary on March 30th, 2010
<i>Gram Sorkar</i>	Village local government or traditional non-government body of elected local community members to make judgements on community issues
<i>Gram Panchayat</i>	Non-government judicial system of a village through a body usually comprising of local elites to solve local issues or develop the community
GRC	Grants Review Committee
<i>Haor</i>	An extensive seasonally flooded saucer-shaped depression in northeastern Bangladesh, typically each includes several deeper <i>beels</i> holding permanent water
HIES	Household Income and Expenditure Surveys
ICRAF	Former acronym of the World Agroforestry Center with its headquarters in Kenya
IPCC	Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change
IUCN	Known as International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources since 1956 (formerly known as International Union for the Protection of Nature, IUPN when founded in 1948). World Conservation Union was also used in conjunction with the name IUCN but from March 2008 was no longer commonly used.
IRG	International Resources Group – a US consulting company
<i>Jalmohal</i>	A public (state owned) waterbody where traditionally fishing rights have been leased out, usually they hold water year round and are either <i>beels</i> or rivers
<i>Jatiya Sangsad</i>	Bangladesh parliament

<i>Jatra</i>	Theater/drama or folk song show
<i>Khas</i>	Public land
<i>Khasia</i>	The Khasia are an indigenous or tribal people, the majority of whom live in the State of Meghalaya in northeast India, with small populations in neighboring Assam, and in parts of Bangladesh.
LDF	Landscape Development Fund – grants to CMOs to implement broad-based community initiatives as incentives for biodiversity conservation and economic growth
Ltd	Limited
<i>Haat</i>	Local periodic village market, usually held once a week
MACH	Management of Aquatic ecosystems through Community Husbandry project supported by USAID during 1998 to 2007
<i>Madrasa</i>	Islamic religious school
<i>Mahout</i>	Elephant operator
<i>Mandi</i>	Indigenous or tribal people also known as Garo, the majority of whom live in the State of Meghalaya in northeast India, with also a population on northern Bangladesh particularly around Modhupur NP
<i>Mantri</i>	village chief/leader of indigenous communities
MFI	Micro-Finance Institution
MoEF	Ministry of Environment and Forests
<i>Monipuri</i>	An ethnic minority, the majority of whom live in the State of Monipur in India, but with small populations in northeast Bangladesh.
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
<i>Mouza</i>	Revenue village with a defined boundary recorded in cadastral surveys
MP	Member of Parliament
NACOM	A Bangladeshi NGO known as Nature Conservation Management since 1998 (formerly known as Nature Conservation Movement when founded in 1987)
NBSAP	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
NEMAP	National Environmental Management Action Plan
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NP	National Park, defined in Bangladesh as an area with outstanding scenic and natural beauty with the primary objective of protection and preservation of scenery
NSP	Nishorgo Support Project
NWRD	National Water Resource Database
<i>Panchayat</i>	Non government judicial system of a village through an elected body usually local élites to solve local issues or develop community
PA	Protected Area
<i>Para</i>	Neighborhood
<i>Parishad</i>	A Council (Union Parishads are the grass-roots level of elected local government in Bangladesh, comprising of an elected council representing on average about ten villages.
PBSA	Participatory Benefits Sharing Agreement is a procedure under the Social Forestry Rules that formalizes the prescribed rights of selected beneficiaries to benefit from a (usually) one hectare plot over a period of 10 years.

PCBSA	Participatory Conservation Benefits Sharing Agreement - a proposal modeled after the approved social forestry benefit allocation procedures that was being formalized in the Social Forestry Rules, but included additional requirements intended to strengthen the link between receipt of the PCBSA and engagement in conservation work
PCP	Project Concept Paper - a brief concept paper outlining a proposed project prepared by government departments and ministries
PD	Project Director – the government officer responsible for a project, in the case of NSP from the Forest Department
PDD	Project Development Document
<i>Pot gaan</i>	Local combination of song and message
PSL	Prokaushali Sangsad Ltd
PURE	Promotion of the Use of Renewable Energies project funded by GIZ
PWD	Public Works Department under Government of Bangladesh
RO	Range officer under Forest Department
<i>Rakhaine</i>	A Buddhist ethnic minority often involved in fishing and living along the south-east coast of Bangladesh and the Arakan coast of Myanmar.
RDRS	Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Services – a Bangladeshi NGO
RIMS	Resource Information Management System Unit within the Forest Department
RMO	Resource Management Organization – a community based body for wetland management developed by USAID MACH project and registered with the Social Welfare Department
<i>Rohinga</i>	A Muslim ethnic group originating in the Northern Arakan State of Western Burma (also known as Myanmar). Many have fled from Myanmar and live as refugees in Bangladesh
<i>Rohinga camps</i>	Camps of refugees of Rohingya origin displaced from nearby Myanmar and established in the early 1990s
RPA	Reimbursable Project Aid
RUG	Resource User Group (groups formed by the MACH project among poor wetland users to diversify and enhance livelihoods)
RS	Remote Sensing
<i>Samaj</i>	Bangla word for society
Sal	Scientific name: <i>Shorea robusta</i> . Main tree species in the deciduous forest of central Bangladesh
SBCP	Sundarbans Biodiversity Conservation Project
Sissoo	Scientific name: <i>Dalbergia sissoo</i> , a faster growing tree that is now naturalized over much of Bangladesh
SOAR	Stakeholders, Output, Activities, Resources – a planning tool used by field teams to focus their planning on the fundamental steps of identifying critical stakeholder groups, fixing expected changes for the next year (outputs), identifying necessary activities, and determining the resources required
SRI	Soil Research Institute
<i>Sundri</i>	Scientific name: <i>Heritiera fomes</i> . Main tree species of the Sundarban, the largest mangrove forest in the world.

<i>Sunkhola</i>	Also known as sungrass. These are patches of grasslands that grow profusely as a result of repeated burning of hills. Found in almost all the PAs where forest has been lost. Local people harvest sungrass before the onset of the monsoon, mostly for use as thatching material.
TA	Technical Assistance
<i>Tana jal</i>	A type of seine net used in fishing
<i>Teak</i>	Scientific Name: <i>Tectona grandis</i> . A high value tree native to Burma and added in plantations in some PAs
<i>Telsur</i>	Scientific name: <i>Hopea odorata</i>
TERI	The Energy Research Institute
TFF	Tree Farming Fund - a revolving fund where 10% of the forest benefits are deposited for replanting in areas under Social Forestry, developed by the Forestry Sector Project
<i>Tripura</i>	Indigenous or tribal people representing the Deb Barma people in Bangladesh. Most live in the State of Tripura in India. They are part of the Tibeto-Burmese ethnic group. Originally migrated from the upper Yangtze Kiang and Hwang Ho rivers in Western China.
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNO	Upazila Nirbahi Officer – the senior administrative officer in a sub-district (Upazila)
UNOCAL	Union Oil Company of California is a defunct company that was a major petroleum explorer and marketer from late 19th century to early 21st century, and was active in oil and gas exploration in Bangladesh. On August 10, 2005, Unocal merged with Chevron Corporation and became a wholly owned subsidiary.
UP	Union Parishad – a local council, the lowest level of elected representative government in Bangladesh.
<i>Upazila</i>	Sub-district of Bangladesh
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator
VDC	Village Development Committee - a locally elected body in Nepal since 1962
WS	Wildlife Sanctuary. The Government of Bangladesh defines it as an area closed to hunting, shooting or trapping of wild animals and undisturbed breeding ground primarily for the protection of wildlife inclusive of all natural resources such as vegetation soil and water.
WTB	Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh
WWF	Worldwide Fund for Nature
<i>Zila</i>	District of Bangladesh