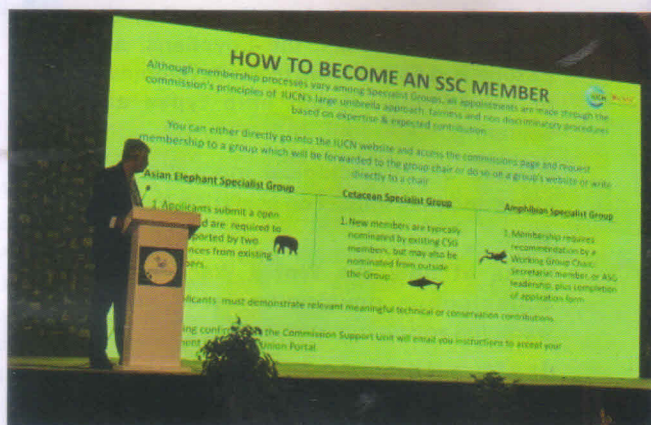


6th Conservation Asia Congress Nepal 2026

Harmonising Biodiversity and Human Well-being in Asia

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Mr Vivek Menon, Chair IUCN species delivered the Key Note address.



Mr Rob Fenn, British Ambassador to Nepal delivered the opening lecture.

ASIA continues to face several conservation challenges, which arise from habitat destruction, rapid development, climate change, poaching, illegal wildlife trade, and increasing anthropogenic pressures on natural ecosystems. The 6th Conservation Asia Congress, conducted from 3–5 June 2026 provided an invaluable platform for scientists, policymakers, conservation practitioners, and local communities to exchange knowledge, strengthen regional collaborations, and develop innovative strategies for conserving Asia's rich biodiversity. Such collaborative efforts are important for ensuring the long-term protection of the continent's flora, fauna, and ecosystems. This also promotes sustainable development and human well-being.

The Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) Asia Region, Nepal Chapter, in association with the Burhan Community Regeneration and Conservation Foundation, hosted the 6th Conservation Asia Congress (CAC 2026) at Hotel Yak & Yeti, Kathmandu, Nepal. The theme of the congress was "Harmonising Biodiversity and Human Well-being in Asia." In the conference, many organisations from India also participated.

The Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) is a premier international non-profit organisation. This is dedicated to advancing the science and practice of conserving the biological diversity of our planet. Through its regional and global conferences, the Society brings together thousands of conservation professionals, including researchers, educators, resource managers, policymakers, publishers, and students.



Author Dr Archana Bahuguna with Dr Aishwarya Maheshwari, who chaired the session on illegal wildlife trade, hunting and law enforcement.

Through the global membership network, SCB encourages collaboration by bringing together scientists, conservation professionals, and policy makers and disseminates cutting-edge ecological research through the journal *Conservation Biology* and the SCB Wiley Online Library. Regional networking is one of the major strengths of the Society that enables members to engage in local and regional conservation initiatives through SCB Regional Chapters.

The three-day conference was exceptionally well organised, beginning with an inaugural ceremony, traditional Nepalese dance performances, and the National Anthem of Nepal. Nearly 500 delegates from 42 countries attended the