



Pakistan Earth Society PES



A sister Society of HRA KPK Pakistan in Collaboration with the Lawrence Anthony Earth Organization (LAEO)

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF HAZARA KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PAKISTAN

This area has a rich and diverse landscape, with the immense beauty and abundant wildlife, although there are only a few game reserves that support and protect wildlife. The wildlife found in this area, include: is Gray Partridge, Black Partridge, Fox, Hare, Chakor Partridge, Pig, Banking Deer, Grey Goral, Wild cat, Falcons, Pheasants, and Jackal. Approximately forty kilometers from Abbottabad District, towards Shinkiari, is the small village of Dhodial. Where one can find the Dhodial Pheasantry Centre, which was established to breed, research, conserve and educate, it is the largest of its kind in Asia.

The purpose is to provide people an opportunity to observe the sixteen different kinds of pheasants found in the country. Some important herbs are found here, these include Gulkhaira, Khtmi, Musli Sufead, Kadapi etc.

The wildlife of Hazara maintains an ecological balance and maintains the food chain. Many wild plants provide useful substances like timber, paper, gum and more, which also brings economic value and maintains the gene pool. This also allows scientists to carry breeding programs in agriculture, animal husbandry and fishery.

Wildlife also provides aesthetic value to peoples in Hazara and attracts tourists. Illegal hunting and poaching are common in the area and threatens ecologically significant species. With land transformation and pressure on wild areas, there is a threat to biodiversity and food security. It is hoped that a wide scale awareness and Education at all levels will pave the way for better understanding of the role the wildlife in the District, and the whole Hazara region.



HARIPUR DISTRICT OF HAZARA DIVISION

Haripur district is the gateway to Hazara division and the Pakistani Capital Islamabad. A large percentage of the people living here are not aware to the value of wild life. The district has a population of over a million with many Pakistani nations, benefiting from the use of wild species for food, energy, materials, medicine, recreation, inspiration and many other vital contributions to human well-being.

There is an urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime, which have wide-ranging economic, environmental and social impacts. The wild life found in the area include: Gray Partridge, Black Partridge, Fox, Hare, Chakor Partridge, Pig, Barking Deer, Grey Goral, Wild cat, Falcons, Pheasants, and Jackal. Due to the illegal hunting of Green Parrots, Green Dove, Gray Goral and Deer, these are rarely seen in wild mountains.

TARBELA DAM

A story of environmental rights, social and cultural rights and human rights violation:

Tarbela lake has approximately 120 villages that surround the dam and are affected by the dam. The construction of the dam is a tragic and untold story, of violation of human rights, environmental rights and social and cultural rights. When Tarbela Dam was constructed, the resettlement of people who lived in the area so be dammed was not properly planned and carried out. The upcoming launch of the environmental book titled, "Tarbela Dam" will spread the word, especially to children and youth, raising awareness of the impacts of the dam. The aim is to teach these young future leaders of wildlife conservation that man needs to live in harmony with wildlife, as they share the planet with us.



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED:

- Tarbela Lake as a game reserve to ban hunting of migratory birds that arrive from as far away as Russia. Some migratory birds from Russia come to Haripur. Pakistan Earth Society PES will with government to declare Tarbela Dam as a Reserve.
- Put measures in place to protect wildlife at risk, such as: Gray Partridge, Black Partridge, Fox, Hare, Chakor Partridge, Pig, Banking Deer, Grey Goral, Wild cat, Falcons, Pheasants, and Jackal.
- Assess Haripur Hatter Industrial Area to evaluate potential environmental problems. Work on educational programs to address these issues.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

HR-NEWS magazine Can Work for LAEO and PES – Director of Lawrence Anthony Earth Organization Pakistan, Mr. Murad Khan, who has the pen name, Murad Yusufzai is a regular contributor to HR-NEWS magazine publication. He will spread the environmental message in the key publication. The magazine, will publish wild life environmental problems and solution in articles, news and awareness which educates the reader.

PES STRATEGY:

PES is composed of a group of volunteers who are passionate about the environment. Their goal is to make everyone aware of the environmental challenges that are faced by the people of Pakistan and more specifically the people of Hazara. There is a lot to do to bring real change in the area but they will not be stopped as they want a better life for all.

1. Awareness and Education of LAEO Project by PES

- a. Bring awareness to all through the Schools and Community, with the use of LAEO educational materials.
- b. Mr. Murad Khan will LAEO articles, news and information in HR-NEWS Magazine to reach as many people as possible.
- c. Use of Social Media to raise awareness of LAEO thinking.

2. Implementation of Practical Projects to bring new understanding and awareness

In this project PES shall arranged many LAEO organization workshops and educational opportunities, covering the whole district. The target is to bring about a new way of thinking in youth and children who will be invited to join these programs.

3. Environmental Book on Tarbela Dam Publication Project BY PES

An Environmental book on Tarbela Dam will be written, which will be helpful to improve the lives of wildlife and people. There is much to be learned from this creation of this dam, which can influence future environmental planning.

