Norbugang Coronation Throne.
Sikkim: Also known as Demazong or Bayul Dre ma Shong

- Hidden Valley, full of Treasures, Fruits and Flowers
Bio-diversity Hotspot.

4,500 Flowering Plants
Bio-diversity

500+ Wild Orchid Species
Bio-diversity

550+ Species of Birds.
Bio-diversity

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Bio-diversity

700+ Species of Butterflies
Animal and Bird Wildlife of Sikkim
28 Mountain Peaks.
Breath Taking Views
227 lakes and Wetland.
Most of them Sacred
Some Even Wish Fulfilling: Khecheopalri
104 Rivers and Streams
Different Ethnic Community
Undisturbed Natural forest
Sikkim – A Bio-diversity Hotspot

- Flowering Plants = 4500
- Orchids (Wild) = 500+
- Rhododendrons = 36
- Ferns = 362
- Birds = 550
- Butterflies = 700 +
- Mountain Peaks = 28
- Lakes and wetlands = 227
- Rivers and Streams = 104 +
KNP Notified in 1977
Khangchendzonga National Park
Number of Visitors Increased in NKP
Degraded Forest
Piracy of Medicinal Plants.
Grazing pressure in alpine area
Lack of Awareness
Unplanned Tourism
Lack of Trained Manpower
Too much burden and Pressure to the nature.
Khangchendzonga Conservation Committee (KCC)

CONSERVATION, LIVELIHOOD, EMPOWERMENT.
BRIEF ABOUT KCC

- Community Based voluntary NGO.
- Formed in the year 1996.
- Works with local community, Teachers, Students & Tourism Stakeholders on Conservation and Income generating activities.
- Provides Training to the Service Providers
- Provides information to the Visitors on local initiatives on conservation, responsible tourism practices and general information for visitor satisfaction.
- Monitoring on impacts of Tourism.
- Promote Yuksam as Eco-tourism destination through awareness generation, training, capacity building.
Conservation Education.
Training and Capacity building.
Monitoring- Garbage status, grazing, resource use, bio-piracy, trail status, tourism flow.
Micro-Planning.
Advocacy with the govt. for appropriate policy changes.
Promotion of Community Based Tourism.
Conducted PRA
To look at Strength and Tourism attraction
Micro Planning
Local knowledge
Training & Capacity Building
Training of Porters and Pack animal operators
Environment education

Conservation Education Training
Monitoring
Success Story:
Complete Ban on Use of Fuel wood by the Trekking Group.
Success Story:
Two Russian Bio-pirates were nabbed in 2003, under community Monitoring
Success Story:
Home Stay launched at Yuksam in 2002.
Success Story:
Garbage Management Initiative.
Success Story:
More than 200 Naturalist Guides Trained; 80 Trekking Cooks; 100 Home Stay Operators; 800+ Porters and Pack Animal Operators.
Success Story:
Complete Ban on organized Grazing of Livestocks within KNP
A STEP TOWARDS ZERO WASTE TRAIL
Success Story:
Recognition by the Sikkim Government.

- Best NGO for the Year 2013
- Included as a member Wild Life Advisory Board
- Member State Bio-diversity Board.
Partnership Project under YEP: Yuksam Travel Guide Books With International Partners (SMU)
Signages n Putting up of Dust Bins at Yuksam n Khecheopalri with NIE
School Wall Mural Painting & Construction of Eco Toilet With VJC
Projects By NYJC

07/12/2006

[Image of children in school uniforms]

[Image of children painting a mural]

[Image of children holding a poster]

[Image of children fixing a sign on a tree]
SWOT:
Strength:

- **Empowered Community: PSS/ Himal Rakshak**
- Strong Monitoring Mechanism.
- Zero Waste Initiative
- Trained Manpower.
- Community Participation (Espay)
- Warm, friendly people.
- Institutions and Organizations.
Weakness:

- Lack of Coordination between various governmental agencies.
- Lack of Proper Park management plan.
- Under staffing of Park officials.
- Lack of proper infrastructure.
- Lack of Campsite management.
- No ploughing back of revenue.
- Lack of conservation initiative in the North side of the KNP.
Opportunity

- To Make Yuksam-Dzongri a Zero waste Trail and to make it ‘Eco-Tourism Destination.’
- Increase in Wildlife Tourism n Birding.
- Better infrastructure n facilities.
- Research and documentation.
- Sustainable livelihood option.
- Work on Accreditation n Certification of Guides/Cooks/Home-stay operators etc.
Opportunities

- Promote Yuksam area as an Adventure Tourism Destination. (Mountain Biking/Adventure Sports)
- More role of Community in Management Plan.
- Research and Documentation.
- World Heritage Status for KNP.
- Zero waste Product.
- Strengthening Zero Waste Initiative.
- Adventure Tourism Hub.
- Community Managed KNP.
Threats:

- Developmental Projects.
- Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI)
- Lack of carrying capacity (India Hike)
- Irresponsible Travel Companies.
PRESERVE NATURE
IF NOT NOW....
WHEN
IF NOT HERE
...WHERE
IF NOT U...
WHO AM I!!