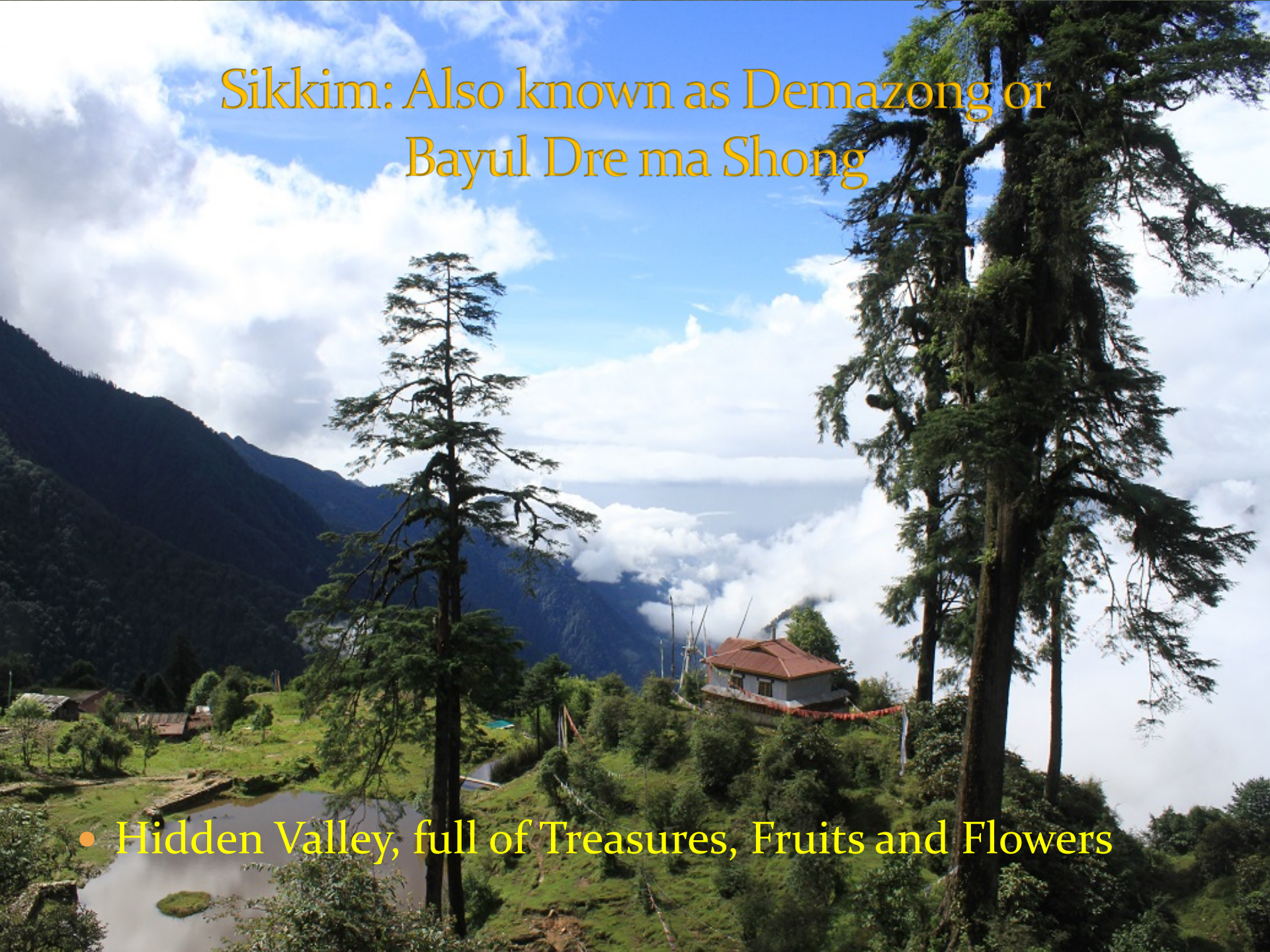


Norbugang Coronation Throne.



Sikkim: Also known as Demazong or Bayul Dre ma Shong

- Hidden Valley, full of Treasures, Fruits and Flowers



Khangchendzonga landscape

A wide-angle photograph of a high-altitude mountain landscape. The scene is dominated by steep, green slopes covered in low-lying vegetation. In the center, a small, calm blue lake is nestled in a valley. A rocky stream flows from the lake towards the foreground. Two hikers are visible on a path in the lower right foreground. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds, and some mist or low clouds are visible near the mountain peaks.

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Bio-diversity Hotspot.

4,500 Flowering Plants



Bio-diversity



Bio-diversity

500+ Wild Orchid Species





ity: 37 Species of Rhododendron



Bio-diversity

550+ Species of Birds.



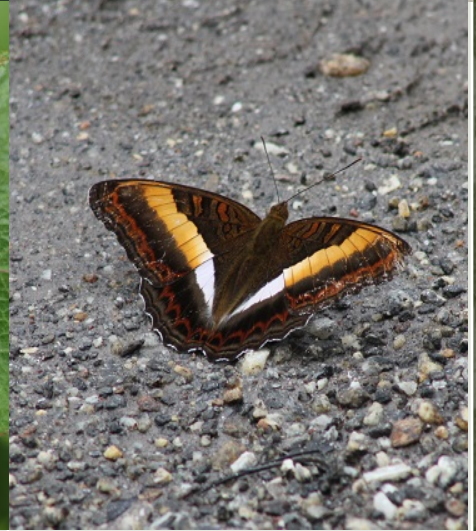
Bio-diversity

550 + Species of Birds



Bio-diversity

700+ Species of Butterflies



Animal and Bird Wildlife of Sikkim



28 Mountain Peaks.







Breath Taking Views







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227 lakes and Wetland.



Most of them Sacred



Some Even Wish Fulfilling : Khecheopalri



104 Rivers and Streams







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Different Ethnic Community



Sacred landscape



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





14. 12. 2005



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.

THRUST AREA

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



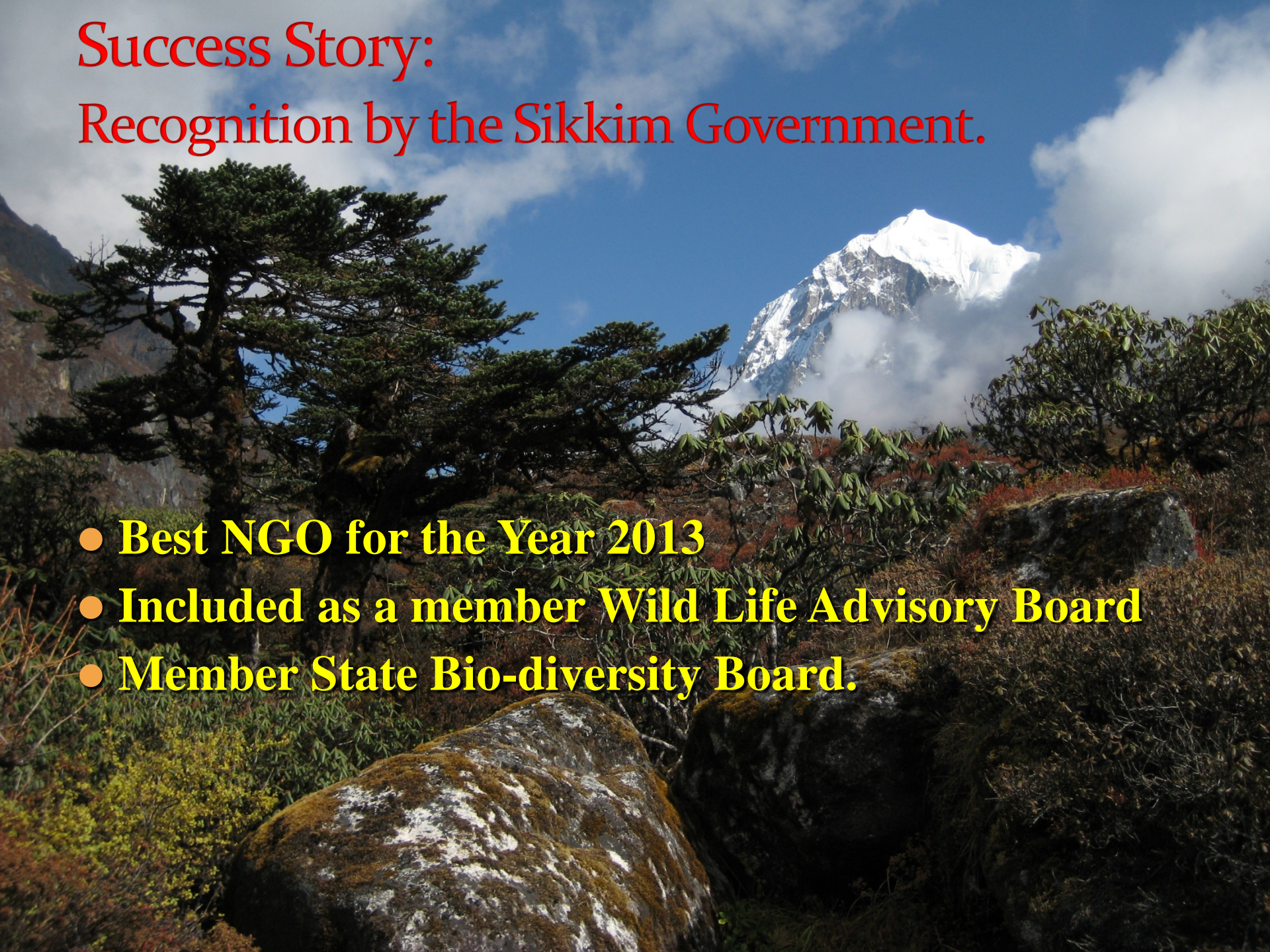
A STEP TOWARDS ZERO WASTE TRAIL



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



SWOT:

Strength:

- Empowered Community: PSS/ Himat Rakshak
- Strong Monitoring Mechanism.
- Zero Waste Initiative
- Trained Manpower.
- Community Participation (Espany)
- 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.
- Recycle Paper Recycling of Garbage.

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.

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NATURE
IF NOT NOW.....
WHEN
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Thank You