

THE IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATION WITH NATIONAL AGENCIES DURING TRANSPORT PROJECTS



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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AS:

- Partners and stakeholders – treat as such
- Sources of information and expertise
- Formation of mitigation strategies
- Guidance on feasibility of mitigation strategies
- Source of support for recommendations

CREATE COMMON UNDERSTANDING:

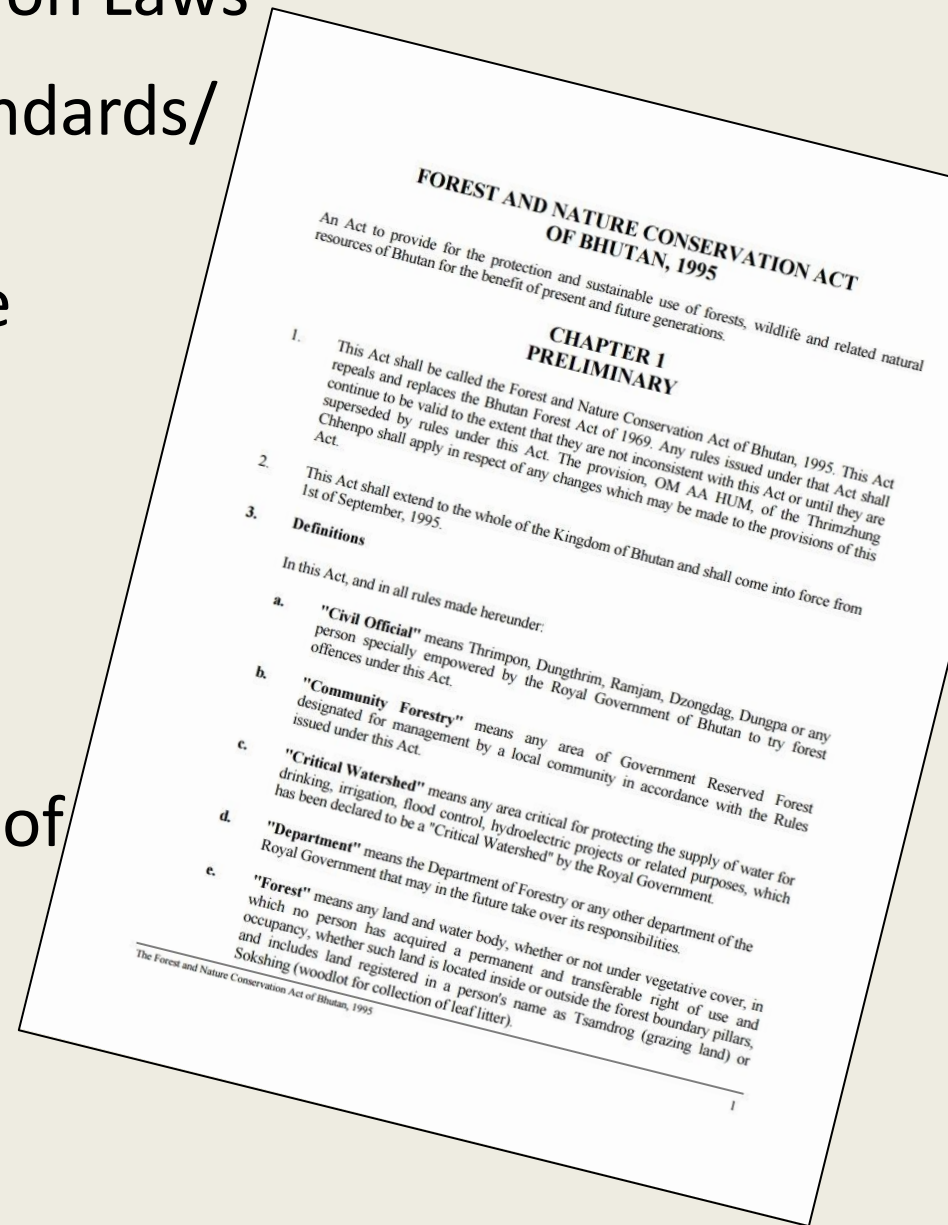
- Regulatory framework
- Agency roles/responsibilities
 - ❖ Road/Rail agencies as project proponents
 - ❖ Forest/Wildlife departments as land stewards
- Expectations for sharing resources

STRIVE FOR:

- Effective communication
 - ❖ Understand each discipline's "language"
 - ❖ Learn to read engineering "plan sheets"
- Effective conflict resolution
- Common pursuit of project goals
- Shared project success and outcomes

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCILS

- Wildlife and Plant Protection Laws
- Environmental review standards/ compliance
- Requirements for baseline biodiversity studies
 - ❖ Duration of studies
 - ❖ Content of reports
 - ❖ Process for approval
- Expectations for approval of environmental analyses and mitigation plans



NATIONAL ROAD AND RAIL DEPARTMENTS

- Road and rail program plans (e.g., 5- year priorities)
- Project engineering feasibility reports
- Technical information for specific projects (plan sheets, cut:fill profiles, drainage structure locations, traffic projections)
- Often serve as project points-of-contact and coordination
- Inventory resources, GIS maps, etc.
- Drainage/hydrological studies
- Avenue for conflict/dispute resolution



NATIONAL FOREST AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENTS

FOREST AND WILDLIFE STAFF CAN PROVIDE:

- Sanctuary or National Park Management Plans
- Invaluable logistical support with field studies
 - ❖ Identify “pitfalls” in study implementation
- Conduit to villagers, facilitators for local involvement
- Invaluable source of biological information
 - ❖ Wildlife occupancy maps, GIS
- Surveys
- Approvals for offsets



- Field study support and participation
 - ❖ Logistics
 - ❖ Species identification (plants, tracks, etc.)
 - ❖ Best knowledge of field conditions
 - ❖ Security (from wildlife, e.g., guar, elephant)
 - ❖ Wildlife identification
- Project implementation
 - ❖ Environmental Management Plans
 - ❖ Mitigation Habitat Management Plans/Offset
- Security (human)
- Local politics



Relationships can “make or break” a project.
Make the most of them good things can happen!

