

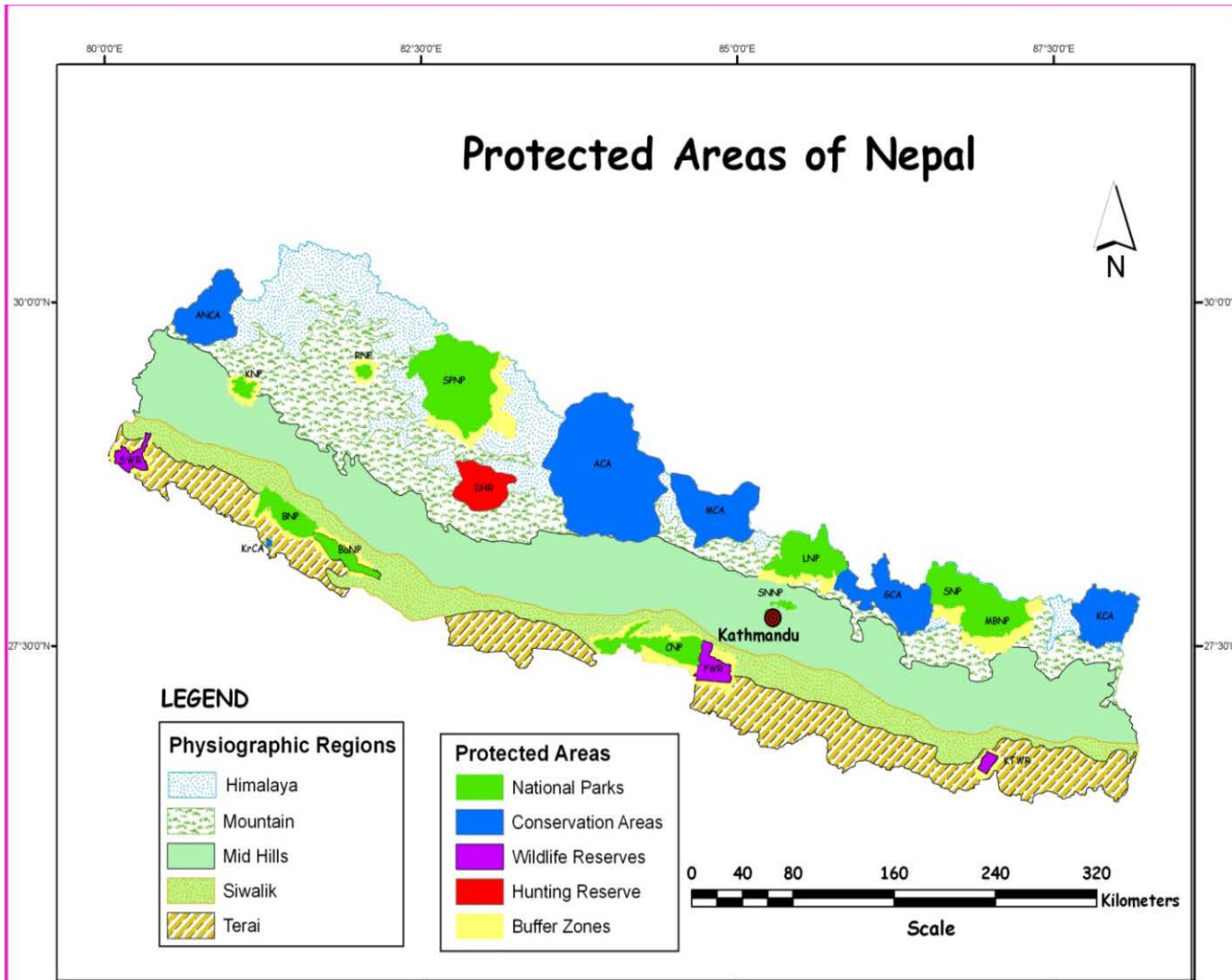
Protected Areas Tourism for Nepal's Development



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PAs and Distribution



- PAs coverage: 23.23%
- Mega Fauna:
 - 198+ tigers
 - 534+ One Horned Rhinos
 - 107+ Elephants
 - 300-500 Snow leopards and
 - Many others



Park People Conflicts

- Resource dependency
- Human Wildlife Conflicts
- Habit loss and fragmentation
- Development needs
- Local ownerships/benefits





Making Solutions

Components of the Solution

- Concept of Buffer Zone- 30-50- % benefits
- Community involvement in PAs management
- Sustainable tourism development
- Management planning
- HWC reliefs





Community Development





NTFPs and Enterprises





Village development





Eco-Tourism in PAs



- 800,000 Tourists (2012)
- 13 days average stay
- Employment: 553,500(direct)
- Total Earning: Rs 36.6 Billion



Key lessons

- Sharing benefits with local community create multiple positive effects
- Energy, health, capacity development, education
- Infrastructure
- Conflicts reduction





Outcomes and impacts



- Support of local communities
- PAs as key tourist destination
- Sustainable financing
- PAs with higher income have low conflict level
- Biodiversity conservation





Thank you very much

