| **Key Stakeholders** | **Role** | **Role in project preparation** |
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| **Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation (MoFSC)**  Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC)  Department of Forests (DOF) | Focal ministry for biodiversity conservation and NRM. MoFSC manages forests, protected areas, and other related natural resources.  DNPWC manage species conservation, PA system, and all 20 protected areas in Nepal.  DoF manage forest resources in national forests and 74 District Forest Offices. | MoFSC is the project’s lead ministry. MoFSC will be the lead executing agency for the project in implementation, and will host and coordinate the Project Management Unit (PMU). As such, MoFSC will lead the development of the project (technical content, governance structure, budget, M&E) and coordination with the other partner Ministries (MoPE, MoAD) and key districts. The key departments will provide technical input in project preparation, and. |
| **Partner Ministries**  **Ministry of Agricultural Development** (MoAD), Department of Agriculture (DoA)  **Ministry of Livestock and Poultry Development** (MoLPD), Department of Livestock Service (DoLS)  **Ministry of Population and Environment** (MOPE) (previously, Ministry of Science Technology and Environment), Department of Environment, Department of Hydrology and Meteorology,Alternative Energy Promotion Center(AEPC)  **Ministry of Local Development** (MoLD)  **Ministry of Home Affairs** (MoHA) | **MoAD and DoA** is responsible for increasing agricultural productivity, promoting sustainable agriculture development and knowledge based farming.  **MoLPD** support livestock management and development. DoLS is repsonsible on pasture management, feed development and livestock breeding at national level.  **MoPE** is the apex body for all environment related issues, including: EIA approvals for development projects; climate change; carbon financing; climate finance; renewable energy; low carbon development; adaptation; pollution.  Focal point for MEAs like the UNFCCC, UNCCD and the Montreal Protocol. Mandated to population control of the country.  **AEPC** under MoPE are mandated to support rural renewable energy policy and implementation at the rural level.  **MoLD** has a mandate for local development  **MoHA** has a mandate on disaster risk management and relief | **DoA** has district level offices, and they will be engaged in the design of activities for community based sustainable agriculture, as they will be partners in local level implementation..  **MoLPD** has district level offices in all districts and has services centers throughout the country. They will be engaged in the design of sustainable livestock activities, as they will be partners in local level implementation.  **MoPE** will be included in project preparation, especially in regards to development of renewable energy alternatives to fuel wood.  **AEPC** will be engaged in analysing and designing renewable energy options for communities.  District Development Committees and Village Development Committees, under the Ministry of Local Development, will be engaged in project design, as they will be partners in local level implementation. |
| **Infrastructre development sector:**  Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport (Department of Roads, Department of Railways)  Ministry of Local Development (Department of Local Infrastructure Development and Roads)  Ministry of Irrigation (Department of Irrigation) | Infrastructure development for national integration and socio-economic development  Mandate for local development  Mandate to develop, manage and monitor irrigation and drainage systems in Nepal. | The infrastructure and development sector will be engaged, mainly at the national level, during project preparation for input on activities for cross-sectoral coordination. They will be invited to stakeholder workshops during preparation. |
| **Enforcement agencies and networks -** Nepal Army, Nepal Police, Nepal Armed Police, Wildlife Crime Control Coordination Committee,and the district level Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB). | Government bureau with authority to prosecute any wildlife related crimes. The WCCB has the legal authority to prosecute poachers. | As enforcement agencies are key collaborators with DNPWC and DoF for wildlife conservation at the landscape level, their input to project design will be actively sought. |
| **Local Communities and Organizations**  Buffer Zone User Committees (BZUCs)  Buffer Zone Community Forest User Groups (BZCFUGs)  Community Forest User Groups (CFUGs) | Local communities are representated by community-based organizations with a mandate to support conservation initiatives in the buffer zones of protected areas and community forests and in corridors. They support monitoring, habitat management, community-based relief mechanisms and sustainable forest resource management. | The project aims to work with local communities and CFUGs in key areas to implement activities. As a key beneficiary and project partner, a sample of villages and CFUGs will be consulted during preparation to inform activity design. |
| **Indigenous People**  Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN)  Indigenous peoples in project sites | There are 56 indigenous peoples groups in Nepal, including 11 groups in the Terai. Indigenous people are often disadvantaged or marginalised part of Nepali society. | The project aims to work with indigenous communities in key areas to implement project activities. As a key beneficiary and project partner, a sample of indigenous villages will be consulted to inform activity design. NEFIN will be invited to stakeholder workshops during project preparation. |
| **NGOs and Donors**  e.g. National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) | International and National, non-government organizations dedicated to biodiversity conservation. | Key NGOs and donors will be invited to stakeholder workshops during project preparation. |
| **Other GEF Agencies**  IUCN, UNDP, World Bank, ADB and FAO | These GEF Agencies have strong roles in policy, agriculture and NRM, and infrastructure development; and are implementing GEF projects (e.g. current UNDP-GEF LDCF project). | These agencies are part of a multi-stakeholder forum on common issues. Through that forum, and through invitation to stakeholder workshops. the project will coordinate and consult with the GEF Agencies. |