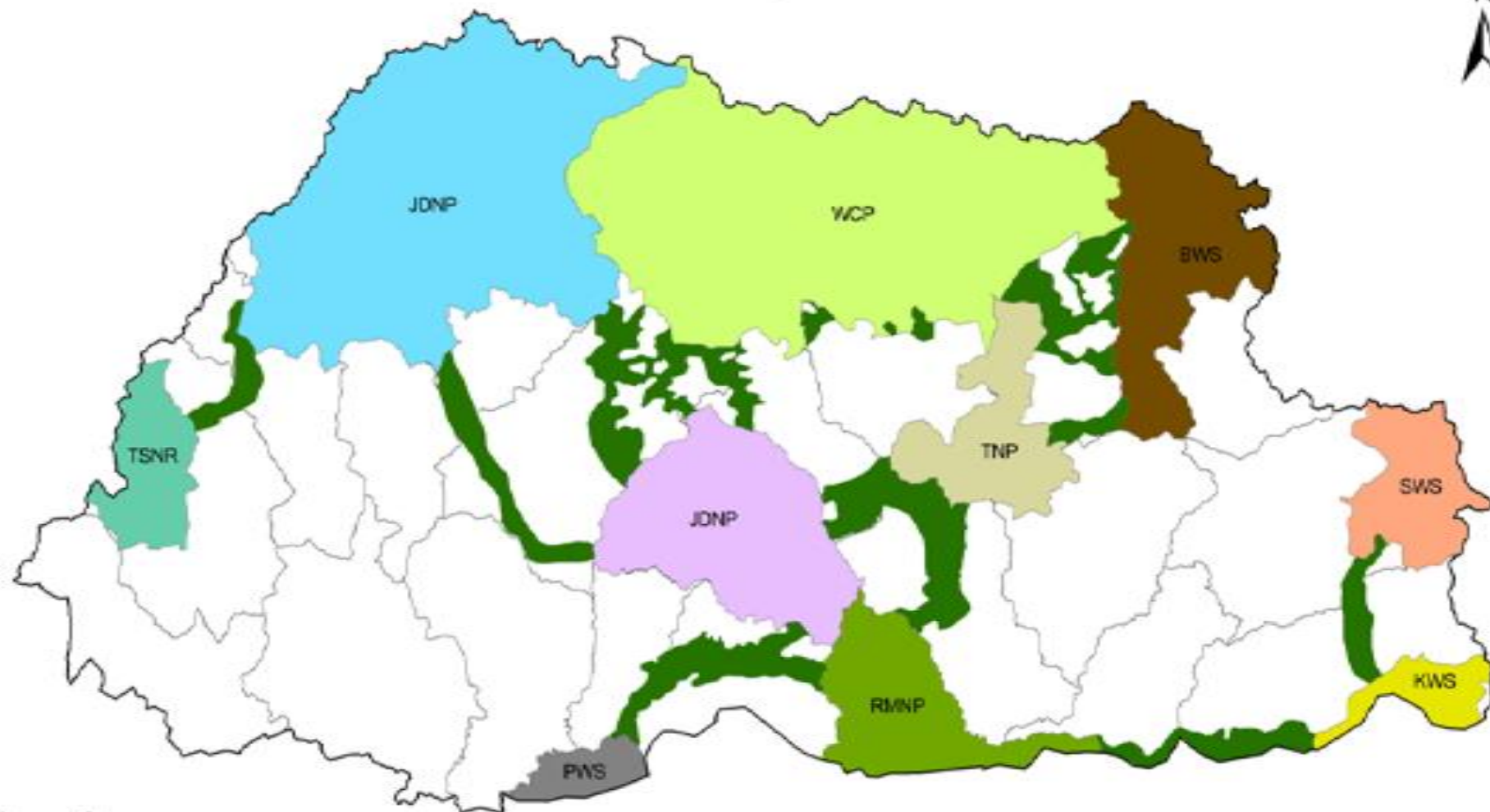




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Protected Areas and Biological Corridors of Bhutan



Legend

National Boundary	Protected Areas	Khaling Wildlife Sanctuary	Thrumshingla National Park	Biological Corridors
Dzongkhag Boundary	Bumdeling Wildlife Sanctuary	Phipsoo Wildlife Sanctuary	Torsa Strict Nature Reserve	
	Jigme Dorji National Park	Royal Manas National Park	Wangchuck Centennial Park	
	Jigme Singye Wangchuck National Park	Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary		

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National Targets

- National Target 5: By 2018, high-biodiversity value habitats are mapped, the rate of loss is accounted, trends monitored and overall loss and fragmentation reduced.
- National Target 14: By 2020, key ecosystems and ecosystem services are identified, assessed and safeguarded for human well being.
- National Target 15: By 2020, priority degraded ecosystems and habitats are identified and rehabilitated through a landscape approach.

Strategies and Actions

- *Set up a national mechanism to address habitat and ecosystem degradation in a holistic approach.*
- Map degraded areas and ecosystems, including degree and causes of degradation, based on the existing baseline data.
- Develop criteria for prioritization of degraded areas and ecosystems for rehabilitation.
- Explore and implement relevant rehabilitation measures such as plantation (afforestation and reforestation), agro-forestry, reclamation and application of codes of best practices.
- Strengthen enforcement of mandatory requirements for rehabilitation of disturbed areas due to developmental activities.

Policies

- Gross National Happiness
- National Forest Policy
- National Environment Strategy – the middle path
- Economic Development Policy

● Acts

- Forest Act – State Land
- Environmental Assessment Act
- Waste Prevention and Management Act
- The Water Act of Bhutan
- The Biodiversity Act of Bhutan
- National Environment Protection Act
- The Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan

Actions on the Ground

- Schools – nature clubs, adoption of streams, adoption of trees
- Social Forestry Day – seedlings free – make people adopt trees
- World Environment Day
- Community Forestry
- Private Forestry
- Compensation Forestry
- Ban on export of timber
- Commercial Logging carried out by government owned entity
- Human-wildlife conflict compensation scheme
- Rural electrification – free electricity
- Tax exemption on alternative to use of wood, energy saving devices, cleaner technology, etc.

Thank you

