## **Biodiversity of Bhutan**

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Transforming Students' Lives through International Experiences



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#### WHERE: KINGDOM OF BHUTAN



- World's only carbon negative country
- Gross National Happiness, not GDP
- High biodiversity
- Climate change
  - Montane environments more impacted
  - Bordered by China & India

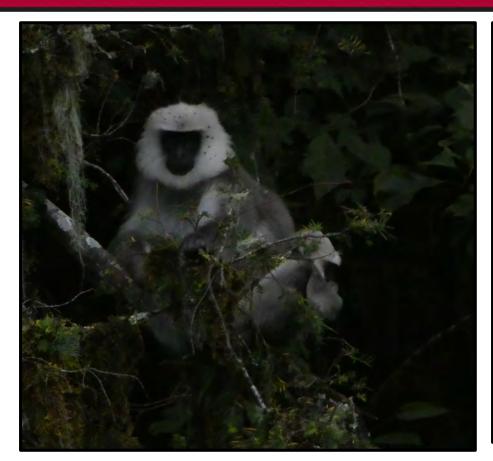
#### WHAT



 CWU-UWICER Biodiversity of Bhutan Field School at Khebeythang Nature Center





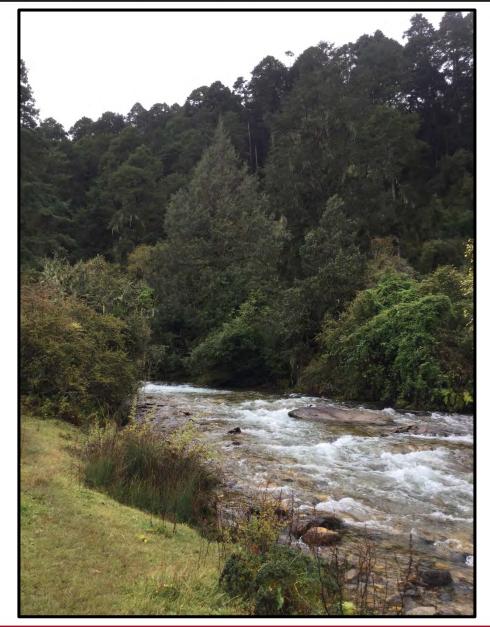






Central Himalayan langurs, golden langurs, and Assamese macaques are 3 common primate species









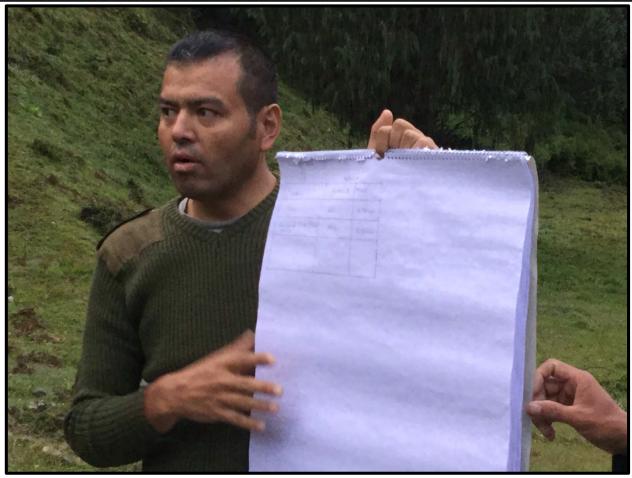


Classrooms accommodate up to 45 people

Learn from experts in the classroom and in the field







**Practice techniques to document bird biodiversity** 

**Center Director Kuenzang Dorji** 





**Record freshwater invertebrates** 



Place camera traps to see elusive species





**Conduct ethnographic interviews** 

Engage in conservation-themed educational outreach with local children

### WHY: LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1. Learn how to collect behavioral data from primates
- 2. Learn field techniques to document biodiversity of plants, birds, mammals, freshwater invertebrates, butterflies
- 3. Work with scientists from other countries and of diverse cultural backgrounds
- 4. Create an educational outreach activity and associated assessments
- 5. Experience Bhutan's culture



# **CULTURAL EXCURSIONS**

- National Museum
- Farmhouse homestay
- Hot stone bath
- Takin Nature Preserve
- Simply Bhutan!
- Handicraft Museum



Takin, Bhutan's national animal

### WHEN



- August 30-September 18, 2020
- September 1-17 in Bhutan







### Join Us!

Program fee ~\$3,675
meals, lodging, transportation,
admissions in Bhutan; Bhutan visa
fee; RT airfare Bangkok-Bhutan; 2
nights lodging Bangkok; travel
insurance

1-3 credits

Assignments due and grades post fall quarter, 2020