ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE 2026

Bangladesh Biodiversity Conservation Federation

Volunteer-led conservation for Bangladesh, connected to the world

Founded 6 December 2014 | Nationwide volunteer network | 12 years of action

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WHO WE ARE

BBCF at a glance

45,000+
active volunteers

314+
NGOs, CSOs and community-based organisations

All 8
divisions, from village to national level

56,400
wildlife and birds rescued, treated and released*

200+
bird colonies guarded by local volunteers

5,630
volunteers trained in rescue and safety*

The Bangladesh Biodiversity Conservation Federation (BBCF) is the highest platform of volunteers in Bangladesh dedicated to protecting wildlife, the environment and biodiversity. Founded on 6 December 2014, it brings volunteers, local communities, government bodies, universities and civil society into one community-based model that now reaches every division, upazila and village.

OUR MISSION

Build awareness, develop community involvement and put sustainable strategies for biodiversity conservation into practice, reducing the threats to nature.

OUR VISION

A harmonious coexistence between people and nature, where the Earth's diverse ecosystems are preserved and sustainably used for future generations.

Core values

Environmental responsibility

A deep sense of duty to preserve nature's balance.

Community engagement

Local people are active partners in every effort.

Collaboration

Partnerships across sectors for comprehensive conservation.

Smart use of information

Real-time reports from networks and social media enable fast response.

* As of December 2023. Volunteer and organisation figures are current.

THE NEED AND OUR ANSWER

Why BBCF exists

Bangladesh is a small, crowded delta with extraordinary nature: the Sundarbans mangroves, haors and beels, rivers, a Bay of Bengal coast and the winter home of migratory birds. Human activity is eroding it. Government agencies, however skilled, cannot be present in every village, wetland and bird colony.

BBCF was founded to close that gap. It trains and organises local people to protect what is around them, and links them to the Forest Department and other agencies so that action is lawful, safe and fast.

The BBCF model

1. **Community-based**
   Local people lead and own conservation work, supported by training and recognition.

2. **Standing grassroots network**
   Volunteer groups from village to division connect to one national platform and respond within hours.

3. **Localized solutions**
   Each community designs answers that fit its own ecosystem, culture and needs.

4. **Local to regional**
   Proven local models are shared across Bangladesh and the region for others to adapt.

The result: conservation that is faster, closer to nature and lower in cost to the state, while building local leadership, awareness and skills.

WHAT WE WORK ON

Four focus areas

Wildlife

Protection, rescue, treatment and release of wild animals and birds; guarding bird colonies; reporting wildlife crime; supporting forest staff in the field.

Environment

Protecting and restoring forests, rivers, wetlands and coasts; creating and improving habitats, food chains and breeding grounds; planting and caring for trees.

Climate change

Raising awareness, supporting local adaptation and strengthening community-led, nature-based responses to a changing climate.

People, environment and animal interaction

Safe coexistence with wildlife, reducing conflict, safe handling of snake encounters, and responsible response to wild and street animals for people's and animals' protection.

Cross-cutting approach

- Education, awareness and legal literacy on hunting, capture, transport and trade of wildlife.
- Training and skills for volunteers; youth and campus engagement.
- Policy dialogue and collaboration with government and international bodies.
- Knowledge sharing between local, regional and indigenous conservation groups.

OUR NETWORK

Volunteers and organisations

Three kinds of volunteers, one framework

Individual volunteers

Join directly and act wherever they live.

Campus-based volunteers

Students and teachers in universities, colleges and schools, including the student organisation TEER.

Community-based volunteers

Members of local groups, committees and member organisations.

From village to nation

- National platform
- Division
- District
- Upazila
- Village and bird colony

How a report becomes a rescue

1. A volunteer or citizen spots an injured animal or a threat
2. The local BBCF team verifies and responds
3. Forest Department staff are alerted and join
4. Rescue, treatment and release or arrest of offenders

314+ NGOs, CSOs and community-based organisations work under the BBCF umbrella, sharing knowledge and responding together across the country.

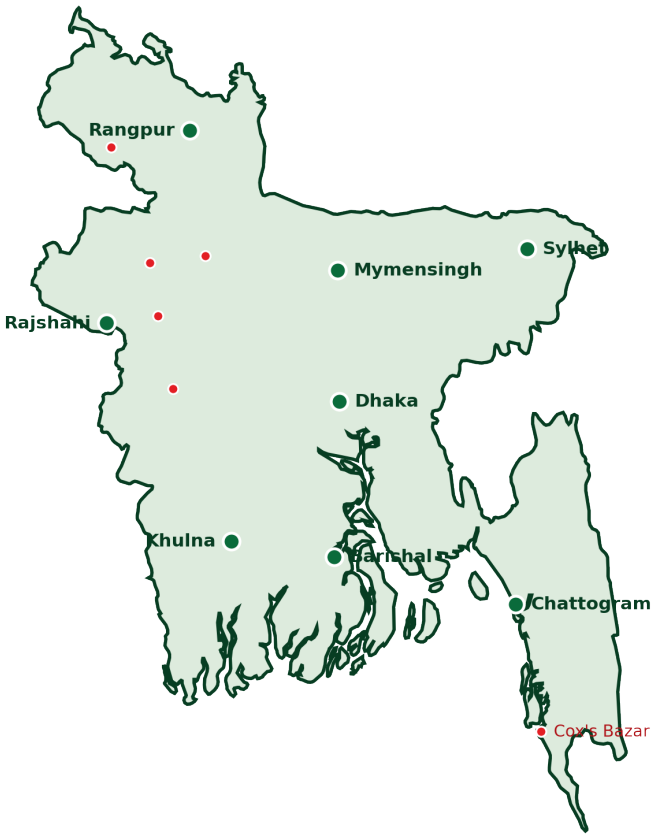
PRESENCE ACROSS BANGLADESH

Where we work

BBCF volunteers and committees are active in all eight divisions, from national platform to the village bird colony.

Examples of local presence

- Rajshahi: village bird colonies, including Valukgachhi
- Natore, Pabna and Sirajganj: the Chalan Beel wetland region
- Naogaon, Dinajpur, Gaibandha and Bogura in the north-west
- Kushtia, Jhenaidah and Chuadanga in the south-west
- Cox’s Bazar: a district committee on the coast



Division centre

Selected sites of activity

Map is indicative. A full district-by-district map of committees and member organisations can be added from BBCF records.

WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS DO

Programmes and activities

Wildlife rescue, treatment and release

Volunteers are first responders and a main source of information on wildlife crime. They work with Forest Department field staff to rescue, treat and release animals. As of December 2023: 56,400 wildlife and birds.

Bird colony guardianship

Local volunteers act as guardians of more than 200 bird colonies, protecting nests, chicks and habitat.

Training and skill development

With the Forest Department, universities, NGOs and the Wildlife Crime Control Unit: courses of 1, 3, 7 and 10 days on rescue and release, snake handling, safety and habitat improvement. 5,630 trained by December 2023.

Awareness and education

Campaigns across many media on why biodiversity matters and what the law says about hunting, capture, transport and trade of wildlife.

Policy and collaboration

Dialogue and joint work with ministries, departments and international organisations for biodiversity-friendly policy.

Knowledge sharing

Linking local and regional groups so that local and indigenous knowledge is shared and every group grows stronger.

TWELVE YEARS OF ACTION

Milestones

2014 BBCF founded on 6 December to address the decline of biodiversity.

2019 Co-hosts World Migratory Bird Day in Bangladesh with Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, the Nature Conservation Society and the Forest Department.

2022 Student organisation TEER receives the Bangabandhu Award for Wildlife Conservation; BBCF supports an EAAFP-backed flyway awareness and birdwatching programme along the Padma river (Kushtia and Pabna).

2023 BBCF receives the Bangabandhu Award for Wildlife Conservation in the organisation category.

2024 Tenth anniversary: district committees, such as Cox's Bazar, meet the Chief Conservator of Forests.

2026 New central committee holds its first general meeting (January); World Wetlands Day events through member organisations; 12th anniversary in December with the BBCF Conservation Award and the magazine Prokritij.

RESULTS THAT CAN BE MEASURED

Major accomplishments

56,400
wildlife and birds rescued, treated and released*

200+
bird colonies protected

5,630
volunteers trained*

98
individuals and organisations honoured with bird conservation awards

Programmes and projects delivered

Programme or project	Period	Partners	Result
Wildlife rescue, treatment and release network	2014 to date	Forest Department, WCCU	56,400 animals and birds*
Bird colony guardianship	Ongoing	Local communities, Forest Dept.	200+ colonies
Volunteer training programme	Ongoing	Forest Dept., universities, NGOs	5,630 trained*
World Migratory Bird Day, Bangladesh	2019	SAU, NCS, Forest Department	National awareness event
Flyway awareness and birdwatching, Padma river	2022	EAAFP (small grant), Kichir-Michir	Two community events
National wildlife vigilance awards to volunteers	Annual	BBCF	Recognition of local guardians
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Cost-effective by design: community action reduces the time, cost and effort of conservation for the state, while leaving behind trained local leaders.

* As of December 2023.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDING

Recognition

Bangabandhu Award for Wildlife Conservation, 2023

BBCF won the national award in the category of organisations dedicated to wildlife conservation.

Bangabandhu Award, 2022

BBCF's student organisation, Team for Energy and Environmental Research (TEER), was honoured with the same award.

International recognition

BBCF's community participation model has gained recognition from EAAFP, CMS and the World Bank.

Honours to members

Twelve nature warriors and many volunteers received national awards, among them the Bangladesh Bird Conservation Award, the President's Award, youth awards and national agricultural and livestock awards.

"Volunteers are our crucial partners in wildlife conservation."

Chief Conservator of Forests, as reported by Mongabay, July 2026

Public sources

Financial Express (Bangabandhu Award 2023); EAAFP (World Migratory Bird Day 2019 and 2022); Mongabay (July 2026); BSS (November 2025, Forest Department volunteer registration).

LEADERS AND NATURE WARRIORS

Our people

Recognised volunteers and leaders (roles as recorded in the BBCF profile)

Dr. Mollah Rezaul Karim
Founder of BBCF

Md. Sazzad Hossein Mukul, Rajshahi
Former Secretary-General; Co-Chairman, Central Executive Committee

Md. Mizanur Rahman
Former Secretary-General; Co-Chairman, Central Executive Committee

Md. Hemayetul Islam Arif
Co-Chairman, Central Executive Committee

Md. Jahangir Alam Saha
Co-Founder; President's Award for Agricultural Development

Md. Arafat Rahman
Youth Opportunity Award; General Secretary as reported in 2026

Md. Ahmmedullah, Gaibandha
Central Executive Committee member

Abul Hasem Talukdar, Dinajpur
Freedom fighter; Vice-Chairman

Md. Jewel Rana, Natore
Central Executive Committee member

Md. Mahidur Rahman, Naogaon
Director, NISHAN Naogaon; CEC member

Md. Bokhtiar Hamid, Chuadanga
Central Executive Committee member

Md. Abdul Hamid Master, Rajshahi
Guardian of the Valukgachhi bird colony

Current leadership (to be completed by BBCF)

President
[Name, photo and short message]

General Secretary
[Name, photo and short message]

Executive Secretary
[Name, photo and short message]

Advisers
[Name, photo and short message]

THE FEDERATION BEHIND THE NETWORK

Our member organisations

BBCF is a federation. Its strength is the 314+ organisations, committees and groups that work under its umbrella, each rooted in its own landscape and community. Selected members are shown below; the full directory will appear on the BBCF website.

Organisation	Area	Focus	Profile
Chalan Beel Biodiversity Conservation Committee	Chalan Beel region	Wetland and bird conservation	Bird conservation awards
Team for Energy and Environmental Research (TEER)	Campus network	Student research and conservation	National award 2022
Valukgachhi bird colony group	Rajshahi	Village bird colony guardianship	Local guardians
NISHAN Naogaon	Naogaon	Community conservation	Member organisation
[Organisation name]	[District]	[Focus]	[Volunteers, since]
[Organisation name]	[District]	[Focus]	[Volunteers, since]
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Each member will have a profile page: name, logo, district, focus, year joined, number of volunteers, key activities, contact and photos.

WHO WE WORK WITH

Partners and global links

Government and institutional partners

- Forest Department, including the Wildlife Crime Control Unit
- Department of Environment
- Climate Change Trust
- Department of Fisheries
- Department of Livestock Services
- Department of Youth Development
- Water resources authorities
- Universities and research institutions
- NGOs, CSOs and community-based organisations

Global links

- EAAFP: World Migratory Bird Day 2019 and a 2022 flyway programme
- CMS and World Bank: recognition of BBCF's community participation model
- Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: a volunteer network that delivers community action on 2030 targets
- Sundarbans (World Heritage) and Ramsar wetlands: national assets of global value

Bangladesh in the global picture

Bangladesh holds the largest mangrove forest in the world, a Ramsar-listed haor and wetland system, a Bay of Bengal coast where sea turtles nest, and winter habitat for migratory birds that link Bangladeshi villages to flyways across Asia. It is also among the countries most exposed to climate change. BBCF's volunteers turn this global responsibility into local action.

2026 AND BEYOND

Looking ahead and working together

12th anniversary, 6 December 2026

Conference, the BBCF Conservation Award 2026 (twelve awards in seven themes, open to Bangladesh and abroad) and the souvenir magazine Prokritij.

A new BBCF website

A bilingual home for the network: volunteer map, member directory, news and media, resource library and award portal.

Expansion

More local committees, more trained volunteers, and stronger links with government and regional networks.

Partner with BBCF

Government

Joint rescue, training and policy dialogue

Donors

Scale the volunteer network and rescue capacity

Universities

Research, citizen science, student programmes

Organisations

Join the federation as a member

Advisers

Lend guidance and expertise

Volunteers

Act in your own community

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Protect nature. Restore balance. Secure the future of Bangladesh.