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Abstract: *Conservation of biodiversity is imperative as most of our economic activities are directly or indirectly dependent on biological resources. Despite awareness about the value of biodiversity, continuous loss of biodiversity is documented. Even the Biological Diversity Act 2002 and existing several rules in favour of conservation could not demonstrate desired results. The Biological Diversity Act has mandate to facilitate people's Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) at the local level and are required to document the local biological resource in Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBR) for sustainable use. The Biodiversity Management Committee has statutory power to control the misuse of biodiversity and plan for equitable benefit sharing. The paper illustrates that just passing act and government rule will not help in conservation unless the community develops its own compatible social institutions to work together with government functionaries towards common goal of biodiversity conservation. Institutions regulate the thought processes, instill values and behavior of individuals in core areas of society. Such social institution has to be consolidated with the government institutions as 'Bilateral Matching Institution' and needs appropriate competency through formal and informal training to meet the challenging need of the contemporary world. It is required at the government institution level to accommodate the social values and institutions to work together as partner.*

Keyword: conservation, biodiversity, resources, management, act, register, institution.

INTRODUCTION

We as human being need biological resources as natural capital for survival. Most of our economic activities are directly or indirectly dependent on biological resources. We have experienced that 'richer the biodiversity of life, greater the opportunity for quality of life' While human need biological resources for survival, human actions are guided and regulated by both social institutions and government institutions where they live in. Institutions defined as established form of procedure (MacIver, Page 1996).

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