

A STRATEGY FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFYING FISHING GUIDES IN BHUTAN

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TOPICS FOR GUIDES

BACKGROUND AND GOALS:

To implement a recreational fishing program for Mahseer in Bhutan, there needs to be a cadre of trained (and certified) fishing guides. Unfortunately, however, none of those currently exists. We identify a set of key informational topics that all guides should know. Finally, we propose a tiered approach to certifying fishing guides as well as a process by which Bhutan can develop that capacity internally.

ANGLING EQUIPMENT:



ANGLING TECHNIQUES:



BEST HANDLING PRACTICES:



GUIDE TIERS:

Senior Fishing Guide:

High Level of experience in all topics including knowledge of the waters and safety, plus the ability to teach.

Fishing Guide

Moderate level of experience in all topics, including knowledge of the waters and safety.

Trail Guide

Basic level of experience in all topics, including knowledge of local trails, the waters, and safety.

FISHING REGULATIONS:



DATA COLLECTION:



CLIENT RELATIONS:



STRATEGY FOR BUILDING CAPACITY:

1. Identify a small number of Bhutaneses that already know how to fish, train and certify them as Senior Fishing Guides.
2. Have those certified Fishing Guides serve as trainers to train and train other Bhutaneses from the local area.
3. Have an annual review period to assess success.

KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL WATERS:



LOCAL NATURAL HISTORY:



SAFETY/FIRST AID:

