

Unwelcome home for migratory birds

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Although flocks of birds could be seen roaming around the watchtower of Baikka Beel once upon a time, presently, the numbers have drastically reduced.

Experts say the count has been declining for the past 20 years, and it will continue to decline, thanks to pollution and other man-made problems.

Baikka beel fish sanctuary is a wetland in Sreemangal. In 2003, the land ministry declared it a protected wetland. Last year, 10,618 waterfowls were recorded in the census. However, it has come down to 3,230, informed ornithologist Enam Ul Haque, Bangladesh Bird Club founder.

Enam, who led the survey, said, "Road and house construction and fish farming have drastically increased around the beel. Fish and insect habitats are getting destroyed and birds are being deprived of food."

Minnat Ali, Bara Gangina Resource Management Organisation's secretary, said due to illegal settlement around the beel, birds pass through but don't stay.

Contacted, DFO Rezaul Karim Chowdhury said, "I was present during the census. The number is indeed lower. This may be due to the temperature being higher."



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No country for ELEPHANTS

**MOSTAFA YOUSUF, back from Cox's Bazar**

As if it wasn't hard enough for elephants to survive in this country, in a tragic development, it was discovered that they are not just dying by electrocution. Shooting down the animals straight up has become seemingly rampant to protect encroached forest lands.

In Cox's Bazar, 18 elephants were shot down in the span of three years, from 2019 to 2021. The Daily Star found this grim picture after piecing together the three years' data. During this time, nine elephants were also killed by electrocution.

In the last 20 years, at least 153 elephants have died in the country, according to forest department's data and records by this newspaper. Experts say that forest encroachers' adoption of this lethal technique threatens to wipe out the gentle giants across the Cox's Bazar and Chattogram ranges within a generation.

Elephants were categorised as critically endangered by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) two decades ago, when its population in the country was assumed to be around 400.

By 2016, the number came down to just 268, according to IUCN's last study. The situation is particularly worrisome for Cox's Bazar and Chattogram ranges, where half of the country's elephant species live.

In these regions, power lines running through forests to power forest-adjacent villages as well as electric fences set up using these lines have led to the demise of numerous elephants, all to protect forest land that grabbers have encroached for agricultural purposes.

Cox's Bazar alone has a total of 28,542 forest encroachers, while

THE SCENARIO

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FOREST ENCROACHERS

Cox's Bazar: 28,542  
Chattogram: 10,288



MAJOR REASONS BEHIND KILLINGS

- Grabbing
- Destruction of elephant corridors
- Electrocution
- 8 elephants, the highest, shot down in forest under Eidghar range office from 2018 to 2021
- 70 elephants died of electrocution in 20 yrs

HOTSPOTS OF DEATH

In Cox's Bazar: Bhumuriyaghona, Punnoogram, Rajghat, Fulchari, Khutakhali, Ghonarpara, Fasiakhali, Khuniyapalong, South Mitachara, Palongkhali, Kaissaghona, Hnila  
In Chattogram: Borohatiya of Lohagara upazila, Boilchari of Banshkhali upazila

Chattogram has 10,288, according to the department's list of land grabbers.

Mohammad Abdul Aziz, professor of Jahangirnagar University's zoology department and member of Asian Elephant Specialist Group of South Asia, said lower-level officials are helpless in protecting elephants from the threat of forest grabbers. "Freeing the forest from grabbers, eliminating power lines running through the forest and stopping agricultural activities on encroached land require strong action from high-ups of the department. Without a sincere aim to conserve elephants, all efforts will fall flat."

In 2019, the forest department formed a four-member committee to investigate dead elephants found lying on paddy fields belonging to villagers, known as forest villagers, along the corridors of Cox's Bazar, which are used by elephant herds.

The committee found that many of the villagers were found killing elephants and encroaching the forest. As a solution, the committee recommended freeing the forest's corridors from these grabbers.

The "forest villagers system" was introduced in 1930. Villagers were supposed to help forest officials protect the greeneries and enjoy a minimum of 25 and maximum of 200 decimals of forest land in exchange for their cooperation.

But over the years, the protectors became detractors themselves, as the original forest villagers' progeny are the ones who are behind the rampant land-grabbing at the forests, found the committee.

The committee's chief, Jahir Uddin Akon, director (wildlife crime control unit) of the forest department, said, "We found three main reasons behind the elephant killings: grabbing, destruction

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Despite ban, crab hunting goes unabated

**DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna**

Unauthorised fishing of mother crabs, especially during the ongoing breeding season in different rivers and canals in the coastal areas adjacent to the Sundarbans has been going on unabated.

Generally, crabs lay eggs near the Sundarbans region on a large scale during January and March but they end up as preys to fishermen before they release the eggs.

During a recent visit to the areas, including Nalian, Kalabogi, Sutorkhali, Banishanta, Laudob, Joimonirghol, Angthihara, Bedkashi, this correspondent found hundreds of fishers catching crabs and shrimps with nets and traps.

Huge quantities of mother crabs were seen at different markets, including Kalabogi, Nalian, Chalna Bazar, Batiaghata Bazar, Dumuria, Paikgachha, Koyra of Khulna, Joymonirghol, Chila Bazar, Foilarhat and Rampal, Mongla of Bagerhar and many other places in the region, despite a ban by the environment ministry.

Nilkanta Munda (53) of Uttar Bedkashi village of Koyra upazila, said, "I generally avoid catching crab during the ban period but sometimes I'm left with no other choice."

"Fishermen catch of 3-4kg crabs daily and each kg sells for Tk 200-500," he added.

Like Nilkanta, around 500 residents of Uttar and Dakkhin Bedkashi union depend on crab netting.

"I don't have other work besides crab and prawn fishing.

How can I feed my six-member family during these two months? I need extra money for educational expenses of my two school-going sons," said Sarati Mundar of the same village. "If we could get some incentive for these two months, we would've avoided crab fishing."

This correspondent met three forest staffers responsible for monitoring and conducting drives in different areas of the Sundarbans. They said due to lack of manpower, they cannot cover all the places for inspection. Seeking anonymity, one forest guard said it's impossible to keep locals from entering the Sundarbans.

Dilip Kumar Datta, professor of environmental sciences at Khulna University, said, "The majority of fishermen in the Sundarbans are crab fishermen. They should be encouraged not to catch the undersized crabs, required for conserving the ecology of Sundarbans."



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| 9      | 666691    | e-Tender/Nawab/Dhaka/UDF/2021-22/W-06 | 1. Construction of RCC Ghatia at 06 No. ward Harishkul (Manobendo Sir) Ichamoty at River Ghatia under Jantrai UP. 2. Construction of RCC Ghatia at Jantrai 1 No, ward Manik Bagary at Ichamoty River Ghatia under Jantrai UP.  | LTM                   | 27000.00                         | 20/03/2022 4:00:00pm                          | 180 days            |
| 10     | 666690    | e-Tender/Nawab/Dhaka/UDF/2021-22/W-05 | 1. Improvement of Modon Mohonpur Purtopara Graveyard road by Brick flat soling, Sholla UP. 2. Improvement of CC Road from Chorchoria Jama Mosque to Hof Moksad Road under Agla UP. 3. Improvement of Brick Flat Soling Road from Chorchoria Bridge to Betarpar Hof Road under Agla UP. 4. Improvement of Road from MIO Habib, Chorchoria to Hof Takuker road under Agla UP. 5. Improvement of Road from Hi of Habib, Chorchoria to Hof Takuker Road under Agla UP. | LTM                   | 36000.00                         | 20/03/2022 4:00:00pm                          | 180 days            |
| 11     | 666689    | e-Tender/Nawab/Dhaka/UDF/2021-22/W-04 | 1. Improvement from Sonahazra graveyard road by BFS at Galimpur UP. 2. Construction near Churan Bhuiyan Bari road by CC work at Churan UP. 3. Improvement from Churan Pali Biddul Office - Ho Abdullah Akanda by BFS at Churan UP. 4. Improvement of East Gopinpur Talpara Jama Mosque to GKD field road by CC work at Churan UP.  | LTM                   | 33000.00                         | 20/03/2022 4:00:00pm                          | 180 days            |
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| 13     | 666687    | e-Tender/Nawab/Dhaka/UDF/2021-22/W-02 | 1. Construction of Boundary wall on Shikarpara High School under Shikarpara UP. 2. Construction for Protective Work Near Bakshnagar Jama Mosque under Bakshnagar UP. 3. Construction Star of Agla Chowkighat, Jonomogol Near School Field under Barab U.P.   | LTM                   | 33000.00                         | 20/03/2022 4:00:00pm                          | 180 days            |
| 14     | 666686    | e-Tender/Nawab/Dhaka/UDF/2021-22/W-01 | 1. Improvement of Soling Road on Daudpur Mosque Road under Shikarpara UP. 2. Construction of RCC Ghatia on Gayen Bari Ghat House in front of Sujapur Echamoli River under Shikarpara UP. 3. Improvement of Ulaai mosque road by Brick flat soling, Sholla UP.  | LTM                   | 36000.00                         | 20/03/2022 4:00:00pm                          | 180 days            |
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| 16     | 664679    | INF-2019-20-302662-02                 | Construction of Drain for Jantrai Notun Bazar to Isamoti River (Part-01) at Nawabganj Upazila, Dist. Dhaka   | OTM                   | 115000.00                        | 20/03/2022 4:00:00pm                          | 180 days            |
| 17     | 664678    | INF-2019-20-302662-01                 | Construction of Girls Washroom and Hygienic Corner at Nawabganj Pilot School and College in Dist. Dhaka  | OTM                   | 42000.00                         | 20/03/2022 4:00:00pm                          | 180 days            |

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| 03    | Goods Procurement of OT Equipments for F.Y 2021-2022 | 661857    | Pkg.-7     | 03 APR-2022 12:00  | 03 APR-2022 14:00                   | OTM     |
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