

# **Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan**

**Gangetic Plains**



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## **Actions Required**

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### **9.1 PAS, TERRESTRIAL, AQUATIC & AGRO-ECOSYSTEMS**

#### **Action 1: Build partnerships for biodiversity conservation**

- Constitute “PA Management Committees” to strengthen PA-people relationships. Local communities can be involved in management and decision-making processes of PAs, and also for developing an understanding about the value of such an exercise. The PA managers can act as member secretaries of such committees.
- Allow local people limited access to resource utilization, without giving any kind of control. However, as there are very few examples of community-led conservation initiatives, the access and control of resources, at least within PAs, should not be considered unless success models are available.
- Multiple use areas are the best for involving local communities in resource conservation, management and decision-making with an eye on gender equities and women empowerment. These multiple use areas (such as marshes