

# World Ranger Day July 31 ,2026



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*“Rangers: Guardians of a changing planet”*

# What is world Ranger Day?

## Established

Founded in 1992 by the International Ranger Federation to honor rangers killed in the line of duty.

## Observed

Celebrated every July 31st annually across the globe.

## Purpose

Recognize the vital role of rangers in protecting the world's natural heritage.

## Global Reach

Celebrates over 500,000 rangers worldwide working in protected areas and forests.





# Who Are Rangers? Roles and Responsibilities



## **Protectors & Enforcers**

Patrol and monitor protected areas, forests, and wildlife habitats. Combat poaching, illegal logging, and wildlife trafficking.



## **Educators & Researchers**

Engage communities in conservation awareness and collect critical data on wildlife populations and ecosystem health.



## **First Responders**

Manage emergencies, natural disasters, and human-wildlife conflicts on the front lines.



## **Community Liaisons**

Build lasting relationships between conservation authorities and local populations for sustainable coexistence.

# World Ranger Congress

Held every 3 years . Brings together rangers from around the world to share knowledge and strengthen conservation.

1995 – Poland

1997 – Costa Rica

2000 – South Africa

2003 – Australia

2006 – Scotland

2009 – Bolivia

2012 – Tanzania

2016 – USA

2019 – Chitwan, Nepal

2024 – France

2027 – Argentina

- Venue: Sauraha , Chitwan , Nepal
- Dates: 10–14 November 2019
- Host country: Nepal
- Organizer: International Ranger Federation in partnership with Nepal's protected area authorities and conservation organizations. International Ranger Federation
- Participants: More than 500 rangers and conservation professionals from over 70 countries attended

Nepal became the **first Asian nation to host the World Ranger Congress**. It highlighted Nepal's conservation success, especially in rhino and tiger conservation in Chitwan National Park. It **increased global recognition of Nepalese rangers and their contribution to biodiversity conservation**.

# Why Rangers Matter

Rangers are essential because they:

- Protect and cultural biodiversity Conserve forests and ecosystems
- Reduce illegal logging and poaching
- Help combat climate change by safeguarding carbon-rich forests
- Support local livelihoods and eco-tourism Protect natural ral heritage for future generations

# Rangers' Contributions to Global Conservation



## **Biodiversity Protection**

Safeguard **80%** of Earth's remaining biodiversity in protected areas.

## **Forest Management**

Maintain forest health, prevent illegal logging, and support reforestation efforts.

## **Climate Action**

Protect carbon-storing forests and support climate resilience for future generations.

## **Community Empowerment**

Empower local communities as active conservation partners and stewards.

# Global Ranger Statistics

500K+

Rangers Worldwide

Protecting 17% of Earth's land surface

230K+

Protected Areas

Conservation zones managed globally

80%

Terrestrial Species

Found within protected areas

\$600B+

Annual Value

Ecosystem services generated yearly

⚠️ 70% of ranger programs face underfunding, inadequate training, and limited resources — urgent action is needed.



# Major Challenges Faced by Rangers Worldwide

## ⚠️ Safety Risks

Over **1,000 rangers killed** in the line of duty since 2010.

## 💰 Underfunding

Insufficient budgets for equipment, training, and field operations.

## 🌿 Poaching Pressure

Organized trafficking networks armed with advanced weapons.

## 🌡️ Climate Change

Shifting habitats and extreme weather events complicate conservation work.

## 🔧 Limited Resources

Inadequate vehicles, communication tools, and protective gear in the field.

## 👁️ Low Recognition

Insufficient public awareness of ranger contributions and sacrifices.



# Forest Rangers in Nepal

## Nepal's Ranger Network

Under the **Department of Forests and Soil Conservation**, Nepal's rangers are the backbone of one of Asia's most celebrated conservation systems.

- Manage **21 protected areas** covering 34,419 .75km<sup>2</sup>
- Support **22,000+ community forest** user groups nationwide
- Protect endangered species: tigers, rhinos, and snow leopards
- Assist in flood, landslide, and forest fire disaster response
- Facilitate sustainable livelihoods in local communities





# Success Stories of Nepali Rangers

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## **Tiger Recovery**

Population grew from **121 (2009)** to **429+ (2026)** through ranger-led anti-poaching efforts.

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## **Rhino Protection**

Greater one-horned rhino in Chitwan grew from **544 (2000)** to **752+ (2021)**.

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## **Community Forests**

Rangers helped establish 22,000+ community forests, benefiting 2.5+ million people.

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## **Red Panda Conservation**

Successful breeding and habitat protection programs established in eastern Nepal.



# International Cooperation in Conservation



## Nepal at the Heart of Regional Conservation

Nepal's rangers do not work in isolation. Through robust international partnerships, **Nepal has become a model for transboundary conservation in South Asia.**

- Collaboration with India and China on tiger and snow leopard corridors
- Active participation in South Asian ranger networks
- International grants and technical assistance strengthen ranger programs
- Leadership in regional conservation agreements and climate initiatives

# Why Rangers Matter for Future Generations

## Biodiversity Legacy

Rangers ensure wildlife and ecosystems survive for our children and grandchildren.

## Climate Resilience

Protected forests store carbon and buffer communities against climate impacts.

## Economic Security

Conservation supports sustainable tourism, agriculture, and local livelihoods.

## Cultural Heritage

Rangers protect sacred forests and indigenous knowledge systems for posterity.

## Peaceful Coexistence

Rangers foster harmony between humans and wildlife for a truly sustainable future.





# Key Messages: Honoring Our Rangers

## Recognition

Rangers are unsung heroes dedicating their lives to conservation – they deserve our deepest respect.

## Support & Safety

Adequate funding, training, and equipment are essential.  
Ranger safety must be a priority.

## Community Partnership

Rangers and communities working together achieve greater conservation success for all.

## Nepal's Commitment

Nepal remains committed to strengthening its ranger workforce and protected areas for generations to come.

## "Protecting Nature, Protecting Our Future"

We honor the sacrifice and dedication of rangers worldwide. 🌿



THANK YOU