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Introduction

This bibliography on various issues related to environmental justice is intended to help researchers and policy planners identify various injustices occurring in Nepal. This process of identification would then help to devise various solutions. Accordingly, the ultimate objective of this bibliography is to help put an end to these injustices.

The concept of environmental justice has not been specifically used in studies in Nepal, even though they cover the issues related to injustices. As a result, except for some legal studies no literature has been found that deals with the conceptual issues on environmental justice. It is hoped that this bibliography will help define and conceptualize environmental justice in Nepal's context. This concept is also poorly defined even in industrialized countries. They have started creating environmental justice centers since only the early 1990s, and those have been limited to taking up cases for advocacy. This bibliography has collected various cases of injustices/justices in the environmental field to enable a perspective on the scope of this environmental justice.

The concept of environmental justice deals with disproportionate sharing of ecological benefits and hazards in society which adversely affects the livelihoods of people, particularly the marginalized. The unequal access not only to resources and healthy environment, but to decision-making, information and other civil rights comes under the preview of environmental justice. The lack of these rights causes and perpetuates environmental injustice. Various studies examining the access to resources, environmental benefits

and the process that influence people's livelihood are included in this bibliography.

This bibliography is divided into three main sections: forestry and natural resources management, urban issues and park-people interactions. The first section focuses on the rural sector on the use and management of various natural resources, including eco-tourism. The second section is concerned with various kinds of urban environmental issues and their discriminatory impact on society. The final section links both rural and urban issues.

Studies, reports and other published material in both English and Nepali have been collected. Nepali literature includes mainly newspapers reports. Most newspaper coverage reflects the day-to-day concerns of the people. Only those references which seemed specifically relevant to environmental justice have been summarized as abstracts.