ABOUT US

The Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) is one of the oldest natural history societies in the world. We are a membership-driven organization dedicated to the conservation of the biodiversity in India.
Started in 1883, we have grown leaps and bounds to cover every nook and corner of the country, effecting significant changes especially for threatened species and their habitats. A number of regions across India have been declared protected areas, thanks to the concerted efforts of our dedicated scientists.

We are a research-based organization with a deep commitment to conservation advocacy based on sound science. We focus on:
• Studying and conserving threatened and lesser-known species and their habitats.
• Promoting sustainable livelihood
• Bringing nature closer to the public

The study of threatened and lesser-known species such as Great Indian bustard, Bengal florican, Asian elephant, giant clams, freshwater fishes and bush frogs, and of landscapes and seascapes covering the length and breadth of the country are just a few steps in our conservation efforts. The Vulture Programme, spanning over two decades, is a model to be emulated.

BNHS operates from several centres and field stations across India, playing a crucial role as a facilitator between government bodies and local communities.

Our Mission
Conservation of nature, primarily biological diversity, through action based on research, education and public awareness.

Our Vision
Premier independent scientific organization with a broad based constituency, excelling in the conservation of threatened species and habitats.

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