



Water Research Bhutan

Research for management & understanding Bhutan's freshwater ecosystems



Natural stream - Phobjikba

1. Mission

Water Research Bhutan is an informal scientific society focusing on promotion of research & management of water in Bhutan. The group was started in August 2021, & has current membership of scientists, managers, engineers, teachers & university students, as well as international members. The group strives to advance freshwater science through fostering interdisciplinary exchange of scientific information among professionals, practitioners and the public.

2. Expected Outcomes

- Publish a monthly technical article on issues related to freshwater & associated ecosystem, biodiversity, & hydrogeology
- Provide guidance to young researchers in the field of freshwater related studies & offer reviewing services
- Offer services in setting up linkages among freshwater researchers & scientists within and outside Bhutan

The group can be contacted via waterresearchbhutan@gmail.com

3. Terms of Reference for the members version 14.12.2021

3.1 Name

The name of the Society shall be the Water Research Bhutan hereafter 'WRB'

3.2 Objective

The objective of WRB is to advance freshwater science and its understanding through fostering the interdisciplinary exchange of scientific information among its membership, as well as more broadly to other professional societies, agencies, government and the general public. In formal communications this may be represented by the byline "*Research for management and understanding of Bhutan's freshwater ecosystems*".

3.3 Management

- The WRB shall be managed by an Executive Committee of the founding members consisting of the President, the Secretary, and the founding members.
- Any decision of the society shall made by voting by show of hands, with an affirmation by majority of Executive Committee members in attendance.
- The President and the Secretary shall be a rotational post, appointed and agreed by Executive Committee members for the term of one year.
- The President shall ensure the annual targets were met to fulfil the expected outcomes of the society.
- Annual General Meeting will be held for setting annual targets and review of the performance of the past year.



Paddy fields - Paro



Students queuing for water - Tsirang