

# RED PANDA FOREST GUARDIANS



## ABOUT THE FOREST GUARDIANS

Project Punde Kundo launched in 2006, created by Red Panda Network, as the World's First Community-based Monitoring Program of Red Pandas and their habitats.

The program trains and employs people from local communities as "Forest Guardians" to monitor Red Panda populations and habitats throughout the year, reporting population information to biologists and field-staff, providing data to support the implementation of conservation programmes and aid in the evaluation of programme effectiveness. As a result of the community-based approach, the value of the forest as a long-term sustainable benefit which should be protected, rather than a source of immediate income, is seen by the community.

Safari Zoo are proud to Sponsor Red Panda Forest Guardian, Bishal Gurung, working on the ground in Ilam, Eastern Nepal.

Forest Guardians of Ilam, Eastern Nepal



## FOREST GUARDIAN; BISHAL GURUNG



AGE: 23

FOREST GUARDIAN  
FOR 2 YEARS

Following in the footsteps of his father, Bishal became a Guardian after sadly losing both his father and mother and becoming responsible for the care of his sisters.

As a Forest Guardian Bishal has learnt Red Panda monitoring and tracking, anti-poaching investigation, camera trap installation and carbon measurement skills.

Bishal educates fellow community members on the importance of Red Pandas to the Himalayan ecosystem and is instrumental in the success of community conservation programs in Ilam where he educates school children about red pandas, patrols forests for traps, snares and signs of poachers, and restores degraded water sources within red panda habitat.

Forest Guardian  
Sponsorship

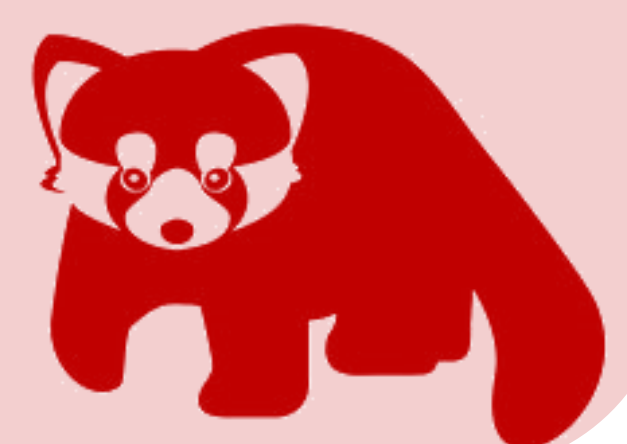
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OR

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