

Brahmaputra-Salween Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative

Exploring collective wisdom for conservation and development in a transboundary landscape



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Initiative Goal

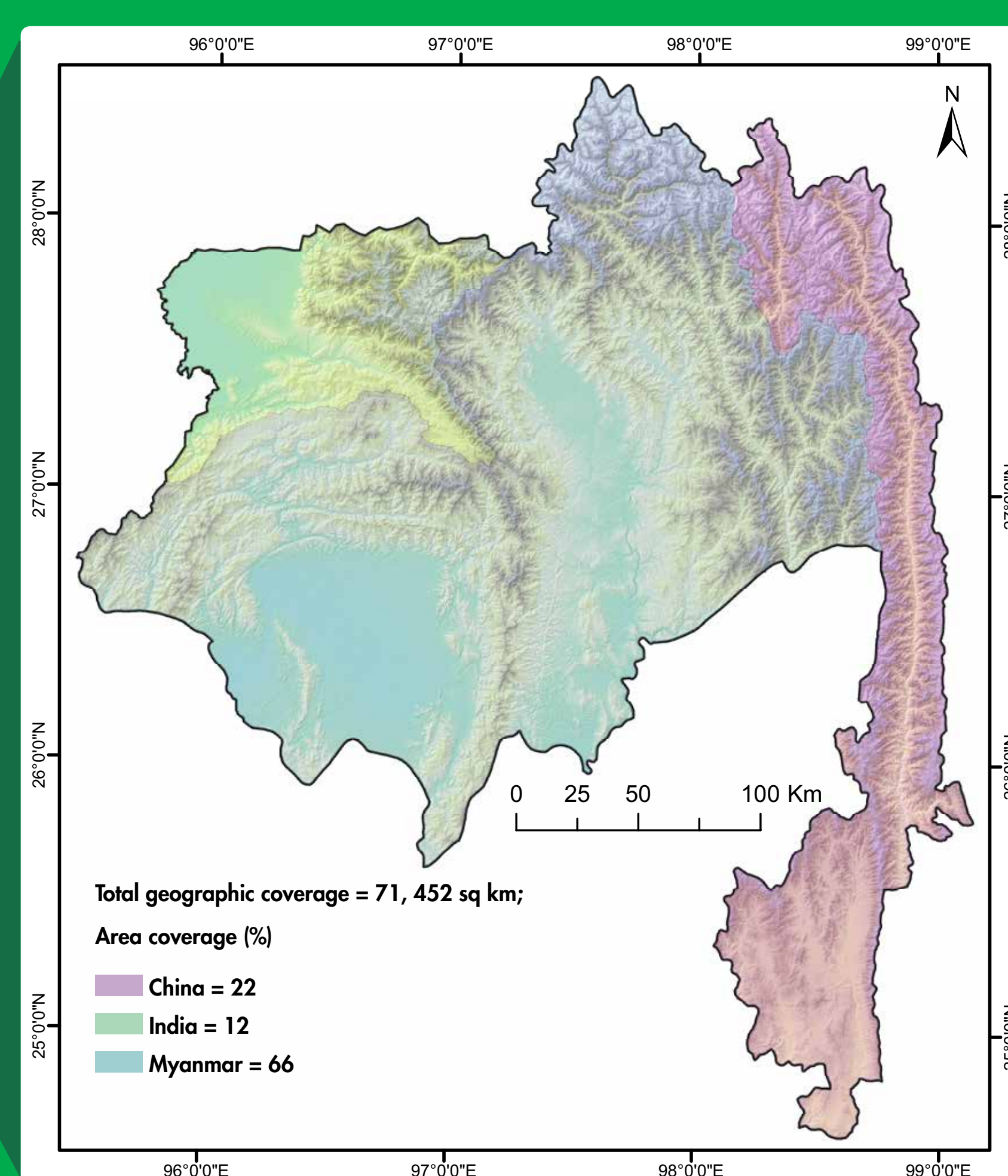
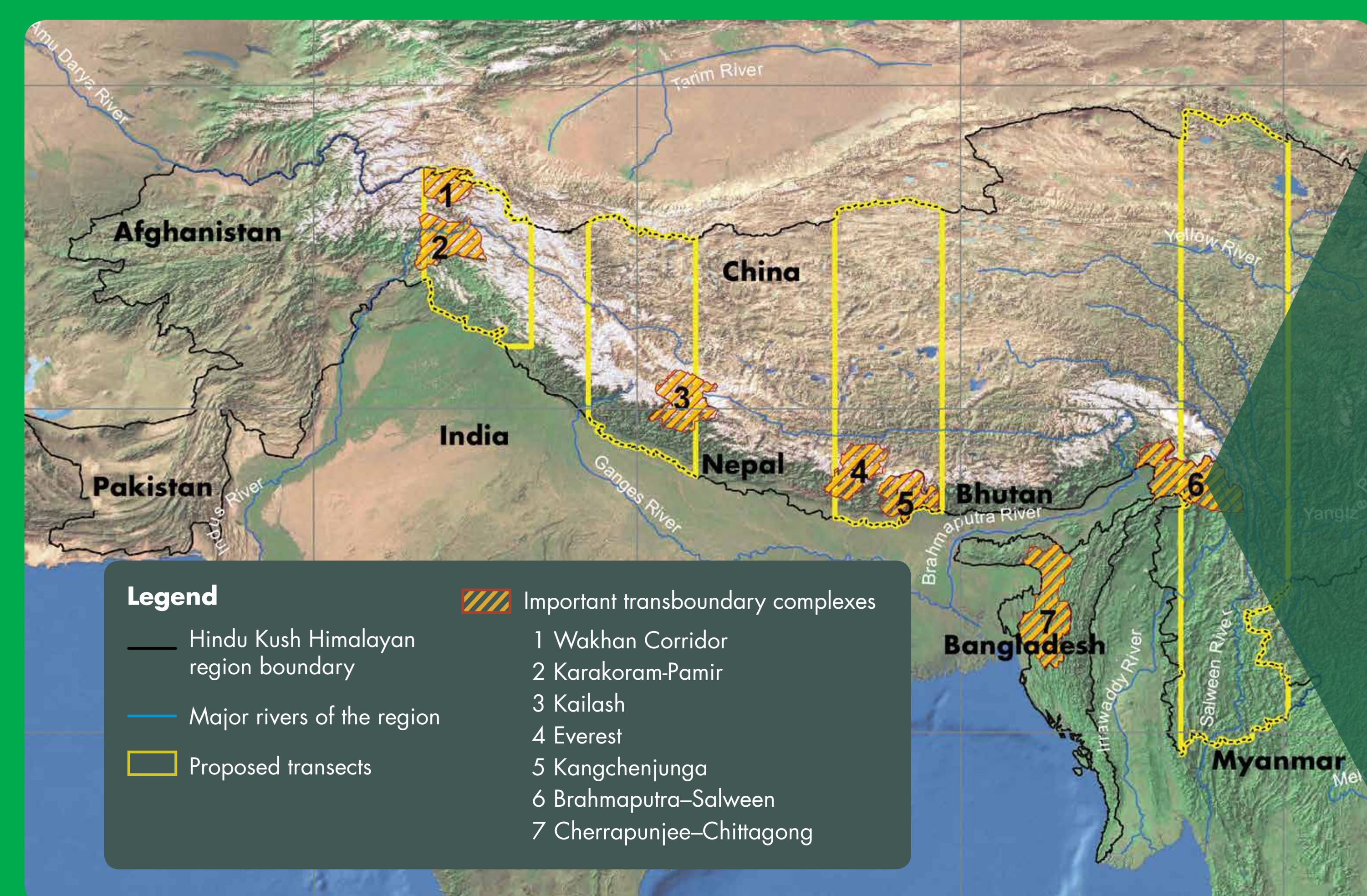
Developed within the framework of "Transboundary Landscapes Regional Programme", the initiative aims to effectively conserve and manage the unique biodiversity of the Landscape, sustain ecosystem goods and services for equitable livelihoods, and increase socio-cultural resilience to environmental changes

Objectives

- Foster regional partnerships and capacity for scientific and technical cooperation
- Scale up best practices and innovations for biodiversity conservation, ecosystem management, and livelihoods development
- Strengthen community-based approaches valuing traditional knowledge, skills, and practices



The Brahmaputra-Salween Landscape



- Comprises of portions of Western Yunnan, North eastern India, and Northern Myanmar
- The most biodiversity rich landscape in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region with high proportion of rare and endemic species
- Contains several areas of global conservation priorities including good networks of protected areas
- Abode of equally rich ethnic communities with unique culture and tradition who depend on ecosystem services
- Regional (joint) actions – indispensable for sustaining the 'ecosystem services'

Scope and Prospects

- Implementation of "Ecosystem Approach" of the Convention on Biological Diversity for integrated landscape management
- Several areas await scientific exploration-potential for discovery of new taxa
- Facilitation of "Regional Cooperation" for addressing conservation and development challenges common to the three countries
- Capitalization on networks of partners for regional exchange of expertise, experience, innovations, and learning
- Maximization of livelihoods and conservation co-benefits

