Facts about Nepalese buffaloes

- Buffaloes are considered as the “black gold” among the Nepalese farmers.
- There are about 5.17 million heads of buffaloes in Nepal that contributes greatly in national economy and Animal Source Food supply system.
- Buffalo contributes about 67.7% and 57.4% to the total milk and meat production in the country, respectively.
- There are 3 indigenous breeds of buffaloes in Nepal: Lime, Parkote and Gaddi in the hills, whereas, Terai and inner Terai region is dominated by Murrah & their crossbred population.
- Because of the increasing trend of meat consumption in the country and great demand of buffalo meat, the slaughtering rate of buffalo is rapidly increasing as compared to the herd replacement rate causing a danger of depleting buffalo number in the country.
- Thus, immediate attention for conserving the buffalo population and its productivity is important.

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- **Nepalese Nationalities**: Institutional: NRs. 5000, Individual NRs. 4,000 (40 USD)
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- **Symposium dates**: November 15 - 18, 2017
- **Post conference tour (Chitwan National Park)**: November 18, 2017 (morning)