

Towards Resilient Future of Dhaka Metropolitan Area: Building Urban-Rural Partnership for Management of Wetland

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Dhaka at a glance

- The 11th largest mega city in the world (世界11番目の大都市)
- Population 19 million
 > 1300万人 (東京都) 370万人 (横浜市)
- Annual growth +5% (人口増加率)
- Density of Population apprx.
 49,407 person/km²(人口密度)
 - > 22,800人/km2 (豊島区) 8,500人/km2 (横浜市)



GDP - 37 billion US dollars (4兆円) < 12.6兆円 (横浜市)

Historical growth of urban area in Dhaka City



Land use change between 1989 and 2014 1989年から2014年の土地利用の変化



Urban-rural partnership for conservation of Belai beel (wetland)

<u>Belai Beel</u> is one of the largest wetlands, located in three upazilas (Kaliganj, Gazipur Sadar, Sreepur) of Gazipur District covering 5 UPs (Bokterpur, Jangalia, Prahladpur, Razabari, Baria) under Belai beel.

Socio-economic role: <u>source of livelihoods</u> <u>of more that 300000 people</u>. It supplies foods for both urban and rural people.

Environmental role: it protects Gazipur city from flood disaster, groundwater recharge zone, <u>home of more than 27 species of</u> <u>fish.</u>





IGES research activities in Belai Beel



Household survey

Women's participation in Household survey

Consultation with union parishad Chairmen



Collecting water samples



Spatial analysis of land use change



Multi-stakeholder workshop

Importance of Belai Beel: findings from household

survey



At least 80% of local people's livelihood directly or indirectly depend on the Belai Beel Significantly contributes to food security in neighbouring urban areas Belai beel protect local people from flood hazard

Challenges of sustainability of of Belai beel (wetland



	Observed Value (average) mg/L	DOE Standard mg/L
DO	1.9	5
COD	20.6	4

Gosinga N Land filling site Dhaka Divisio Kayaltia Chandpur Pubail Tumulia Belai Beel (2018) Belai Beel (1990) Union boundaries

Pollution from industries and Gazipur Municipality

Wetland area decreased by 30% in the last 3 decades

Potential risk of change of environment of the Belai beel on rural and urban

Impact	Rural	Urban
Economic risk	\bigcirc	\bigtriangleup
Flood risk	•	\bigcirc
Food security	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Health risk	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Job risk	0	$\boldsymbol{\bigtriangleup}$
Unplanned migration	$\boldsymbol{\bigtriangleup}$	\bigcirc

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Mapping of stakeholders for management of Belai Beel

Local Govt.

- 1. District Commission Office
- 2. Gazipur City Corporation
- 3. Jila Parishod
- 4. Union parishds (3)

Production system

- 1. CBO
- 2. Agri. Extension Dept.
- 3. Fisheries Extension Dept.

National Govt.

- 1. MOEFCC (Dept. of Env.)
- 2. MOWR
- 3. MOHPW



Source of pollution

- 1. Association of Indistries
- 2. Gazipur Municipal wastewater and solid waste

Urban planning and development

- 1. RAJUK
- 2. Private real state
 - business Association

Knowledge generation

- 1. BSMRAU
- 2. University of Dhaka
- 3. BARI
- 4. BRRI
- 5. BFRI

Environmental activists

- 1. BAPA
- 2. Environmental Journalists

Key stakeholders for urban-rural partnership on Belai beel conservation



Proposed Belai Beel Conservation Committee to realize urban-rural partnership



Conclusions and way forward

- ✓ Belai beel (wetland) provides multiple ecosystem services. However, water pollution and unplanned urbanization challenge sustainability of this important wetland
- ✓ Disposal of untreated industrial wastewater and Gazipur municipal wastewater and wastes from in are main causes of pollution. In addition, area of Beali beel decreased due to unplanned urbanization
- ✓ Environmental degradation of Belai beel increase economic risk, food insecurity, health risk and disaster risk.
- ✓ Strengthening urban-rural partnership is crucial for conservation of Belai beel. Establishment of multistakeholder committee on Belai conservation is a great milestone to build-up effective partnership for Belai beel conservation
- Need to provide supports to the newly established committee to prepare action program on Belai beel ¹³conservation and implement the action program







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Thank you for your attention.

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