

I have spent a week during the last summer driving along the river, from the Yarlung Tsangpo Grand Canyon to the Lhasa city. I was not only awed by the magnificent nature along the river, the beautiful starry sky in the night, I was also touched by the different stories and believes that I heard along the way, from the people who have lived with such nourishing water, mountains, trees and animals for decades. I was taught about the different burial styles of the Tibetan people, including the celestial burial, water burial and so forth. The idea that touched me the most was that, I was told, Tibetans do not eat that much fish and birds because they believe that their ancestors live within them. I texted this to my friends and my friend replied: I wonder if that embeds any traditional thoughts for biodiversity conservation! Yes, I wonder too.