

# Eol Reviews by TRC

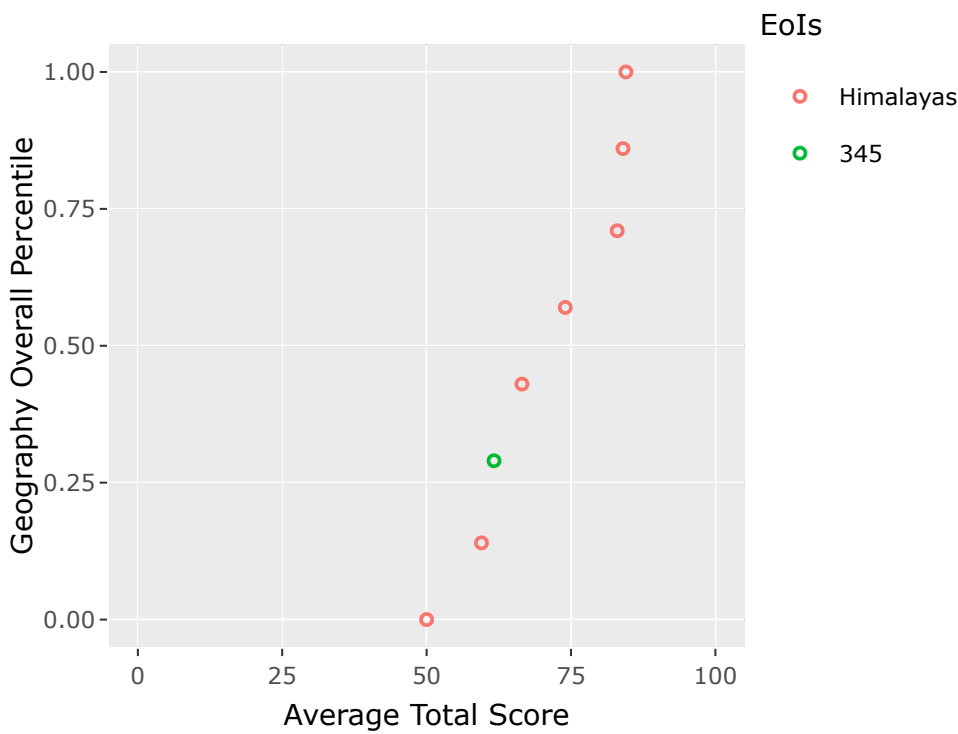
## Assessment of Eol: 345

Organization: National Indigenous Women’s Federation(NIWF)

### Eol Metadata

Eol	Geography	state	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Total
345	Himalayas	Nepal	20	30	15	65
345	Himalayas	Nepal	14	21	18	53
345	Himalayas	Philippines	20	26	21	67

### Performance of Eol 345 in Himalayas - Percentile by Average Score



## Section 1 - Experience & strengths relevant to the proposed Indigenous territory, landscape/seascape (Total Points: 30)

### A) Importance of the landscape/seascape/indigenous territory for biodiversity, with additional consideration to climate benefits.

1. Is the proposed territory/landscape/seascape a globally important area for biodiversity?

Scoring:

- Not significant;
- Low Significance;
- Moderate Significance;
- Medium-high Significance;
- High Significance;
- Exceptional Significance

*Reviewer A: 4/5 Reviewer B: 3/5 Reviewer C: 4/5*

**Average: 3.67/5**

*Evidence A:* The proposed locations are Bardiya National Park and Karnali River Basin. Both areas contain high size of species rarity and key biodiversity. Geospatial data indicates that the proposed areas are less covered by intact forest landscape

*Evidence B:* KBA areas overlap

*Evidence C:* NA

2. Is the area important for climate mitigation?

Scoring:

- >50 t/ha - Low;
- 50 - 100 t/ha - Moderate;
- >100 t/ha - High

*Reviewer A: 1/2 Reviewer B: 1/2 Reviewer C: 1/2*

**Average: 1/2**

*Evidence A:* The applicant does not describe potential carbon stock of the proposed location, but the geospatial data indicated that the proposed locations have an average 50 - 100 t/ha carbon density

*Evidence B:* in higher altitudes, significant and very high, lower altitude medium, average moderate

*Evidence C:* NA

### B) Geographical focus in an area under IPLC governance.

### 3. Is the area held and managed by IPLC under community-based governance systems?

Scoring:

- IPLC governance (rights and institutions) not evident;
- Project areas are marginally under IPLC governance (spatially or politically);
- Project areas are partially under IPLC systems of governance (spatially or politically);
- Project areas are largely under IPLC governance, but IPLC rights and/or institutions face significant constraints;
- Project areas are held and managed under IPLC governance systems, with some limitations;
- Project areas are held and managed under strong and active IPLC governance systems

*Reviewer A: 3/5 Reviewer B: 1/5 Reviewer C: 1/2*

**Average: 2.67/5**

*Evidence A:* The proposed areas are maintained by IPLCs with significant constraints due to modernization and climate change, natural disaster and unfavorable government policies.

*Evidence B:* Most of the areas are under government protected status, will some marginal allowance for indigenous management, areas outside of the parks have much higher rights recognised, but not contiguous due to parks

*Evidence C:* NA

### 4. Does the proposal explain the unique cultural significance of the area to IPLCs?

Scoring:

- No explanation given of unique significance to IPLCs;
- Significance of site(s) vaguely described;
- Unique significance of project site(s) clearly explained

*Reviewer A: 2/2 Reviewer B: 1/2 Reviewer C: 2/2*

**Average: 1.67/2**

*Evidence A:* The applicant described the proposed areas are culturally relevant for the IPLCs including for religious practice and livelihoods.

*Evidence B:* Not clear descriptions except traditional agriculture and livelihoods. cultural significance is less expressed.

*Evidence C:* NA

### C) Vulnerability of the proposed IPLCs as well as their lands/waters/natural resources to threats.

#### 5. Is the area vulnerable to threats/current risk of negative impacts to IPLC and biodiversity without action?

Scoring:

- No evident threats;
- Low threats;
- Moderate threats;
- Medium-high threats;
- High threats;
- Requires urgent action

*Reviewer A: 3/5 Reviewer B: 4/5 Reviewer C: 3/5*

**Average: 3.33/5**

*Evidence A:* The proposed locations encounter medium threat due to natural disaster, environmental pollution, geological condition, and restriction from the government agencies. Geospatial data does not indicate that the proposed locations face serious development pressures, forest change nor large-scale land acquisition.

*Evidence B:* Migration and human pressures from other communities

*Evidence C:* NA

D) Opportunities for ICI results - including enabling policy conditions, positive government support and presence of successful IPLC-led conservation initiatives that could be scaled up.

6. Are enabling policy conditions in place for IPLC-led conservation in the proposed area?

*Scoring:*

- Legal and policy frameworks in project areas undermine IPLC governance (either actively or through absence);
- Legal and policy frameworks recognize limited rights for IPLCs over their lands and/or resources;
- Legal and policy frameworks recognize rights over lands and resources but with constraints (e.g., lack implementing regulations);
- Legal and policy frameworks actively promote the recognition of IPLC governance

*Reviewer A: 3/3 Reviewer B: 1/3 Reviewer C: 1/3*

**Average: 2/3**

*Evidence A:* Legal and policy frameworks actively promote conservation and indigenous peoples' rights include the adoption of UNDRIP, Land Act, Forest Act, and National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act.

*Evidence B:* Despite well described and active indigenous networks and organisations, legal opening or policy opportunities to increase recognition of conservation roles remain very limited. high-level conventions and international laws are ratified, national laws are in conflict.

*Evidence C:* NA

7. Is there active government support for IPLC-led conservation in the proposed country/area?

*Scoring:*

- National or sub-national governments are actively opposed to IPLC-led conservation;
- National or sub-national governments have recognized the importance of IPLC-led conservation;

- National or sub-national governments have implemented some support for IPLC-led conservation;
- National or sub-national governments are actively engaged in the promotion of IPLC rights and IPLC-led conservation

*Reviewer A: 2/3 Reviewer B: 1/3 Reviewer C: 1/3*

**Average: 1.33/3**

*Evidence A:* The national government have implemented some supports for IPL-led conservation

*Evidence B:* Recognise in some policies, but conflicting laws, and conservation / protected areas viewed as government responsibility (and source of tourism revenue)

*Evidence C:* NA

## 8. Are there successful IPLC-led conservation initiatives in the proposed area that provide a foundation for scaling up?

*Scoring:*

- No IPLC-led conservation initiatives have been implemented;
- Few IPLC-led conservation projects have been implemented in pilot stages only;
- Some IPLC-led conservation projects have been implemented beyond pilot stages;
- Relevant IPLC-led conservation projects have been well established for many years

*Reviewer A: 1/3 Reviewer B: 1/3 Reviewer C: 2/3*

**Average: 1.33/3**

*Evidence A:* The applicant describes some policy intervention, but it was not clear that the applicant working at the grassroots level to empower IPLC-led conservation. It seems that the proposed project is intended to build a pilot project.

*Evidence B:* Few projects described, and not specific to conservation initiatives, or where conservation is an aim, not indigenous led.

*Evidence C:* NA

## E) Synergies with existing investments.

### 9. Are there other initiatives (relevant projects) that provide complementary support for IPLC-led conservation in the geography?

*Scoring:*

- Few to no complementary projects/investment;
- Complementary projects/investments are small, or are tangentially related to project goals;
- Complementary Projects/investments align strongly with project goals and investments are substantial

*Reviewer A: 1/2 Reviewer B: 1/3 Reviewer C: 1/3*

**Average: 1/2**

*Evidence A:* The applicant has been implementing some project for securing IPLCs' land rights and adaptation to climate change.

*Evidence B:*Small.

*Evidence C:*NA

Section 1:

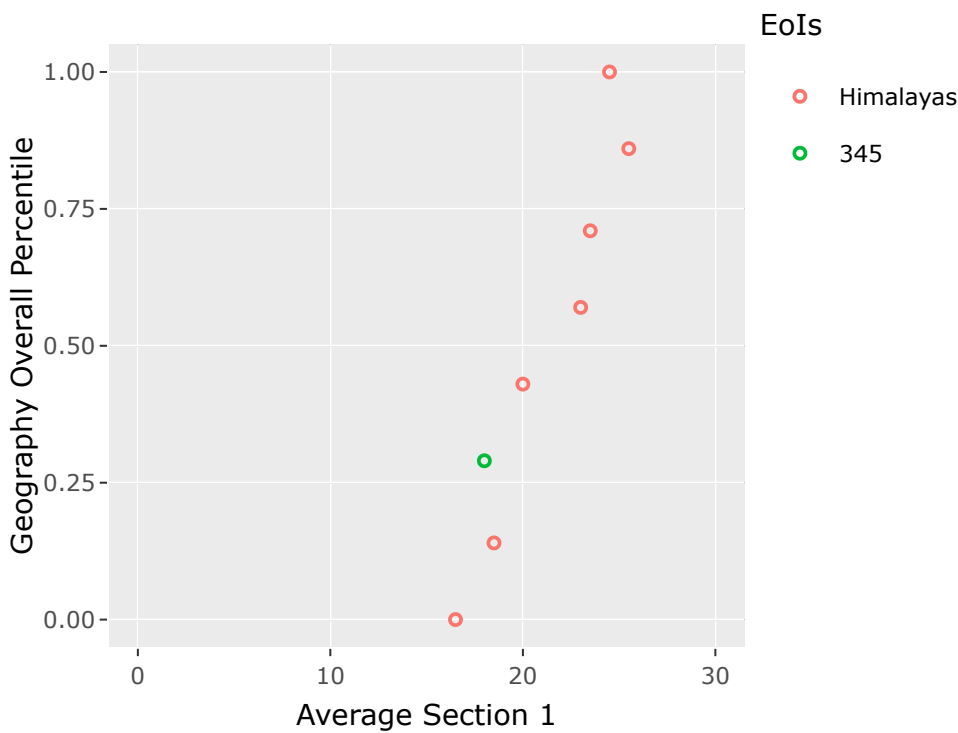
Reviewer A Total Score: 20/30

Reviewer B Total Score: 14/30

Reviewer C Total Score: 20/30

Average Total Score: 18/30

Performance of Eol 345 in Himalayas - Percentile by Average Score (Section 1)



## Section 2 - Quality and ability of the proposed approach and interventions to achieve transformational impact that generate the global environmental benefits (Total Points: 40)

### A) Quality of proposed approach and ability to support traditional structures, knowledge and community practices in the delivery of global environmental benefits.

1. Is the proposed approach well aligned with the overall objective of the ICI to: Enhance Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' (IPLCs) efforts to steward land, waters and natural resources to deliver global environmental benefits?

Scoring:

- Weakly aligned;
- Partially aligned;
- Well aligned;
- Exceptionally well aligned

*Reviewer A: 3/3 Reviewer B: 1/3 Reviewer C: 2/3*

**Average: 2/3**

*Evidence A:* The proposed activities are exceptionally well aligned with the overall objective of the ICI to enhance IPLCs effort to steward land and natural resources to deliver global environmental benefits.

*Evidence B:* Partially aligned, small scale, and focused on livelihoods rather than stewardship.

*Evidence C:* NA

2. Does the EoI present a clear and convincing set of activities and results?

Scoring:

- The objectives and approach for this project lack clarity and cohesion, and/or do not appear to be realistic for the context;
- Activities & results defined but logic (Theory of Change) is incomplete;
- Activities and results are well-defined and cohesive but some aspects require clarification;
- The project has clear objectives and a cohesive approach with relevant activities for the context and timeline

*Reviewer A: 6/6 Reviewer B: 4/6 Reviewer C: 4/6*

**Average: 4.67/6**

*Evidence A:* The proposed activities are clearly described with specific outcomes.

*Evidence B:* Well defined, and logical activity links, capacity building of indigenous organisations would be a core outcome. Political dialogues well conceived.

*Evidence C:* It would be good to clarify the ratio between 'national engagement' and 'on the ground activities' as it would seem that the bulk of the activities are concentrated on advocacy at the national level. The construction of somewhat diverse activities under the two outcomes would also need a diversity of specializations to manage them. If the proposal were to go further, it would need an analysis of how the activities logically complement each other and whether the resources are available either in the organization or within a national pool of consultants to coordinate and provide technical oversight.



### 3. Will the project (objectives and activities) contribute to overcoming identified threats and putting in place necessary enabling opportunities for IPLC-led conservation?

Scoring:

- Objectives and activities do not clearly address identified threats and opportunities;
- Contributions to addressing the threats and opportunities are low;
- Contributions to addressing threats and enabling conditions are slightly over-ambitious;
- The impact on threats and enabling conditions can be realistically accomplished and are sufficiently ambitious for the projects' context

*Reviewer A: 2/3 Reviewer B: 2/3 Reviewer C: 2/3*

**Average: 2/3**

*Evidence A:* The proposed activities are partly relevant to overcome some threats, but the natural disaster as one of the important threats would be beyond applicant intervention.

*Evidence B:* Core issue of migration from outside mentioned above, not mentioned here. Other contributions (to legal reform, local livelihood support, conservation participation) are stronger.

*Evidence C:* NA

### 4. Are the activities achievable within a \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 USD budget range in a period of 5 years of project execution?

Scoring:

- Activities/results not aligned with Eol range of investment;
- Activities/results Partially aligned with Eol range of investment ;
- Activities/results Well aligned with Eol range of investment ;
- Activities/results Exceptionally well aligned with Eol range of investment

*Reviewer A: 3/3 Reviewer B: 2/3 Reviewer C: 3/3*

**Average: 2.67/3**

*Evidence A:* The proposed activities are exceptionally well aligned with range of investment.

*Evidence B:* appropriate to the scale of activities planned

*Evidence C:* NA

### 5. Does the Eol include significant and concrete sources of co-financing?

Scoring:

- None;
- Small;

- Moderate;
- Significant

*Reviewer A: 1/3 Reviewer B: 1/3 Reviewer C: 2/3*

**Average: 1.33/3**

*Evidence A:* The applicant does not convincingly describe potential resource mobilisation to support the implementation of the proposed project. But the applicant expect share budget from other NGOs and local governments.

*Evidence B:*NA

*Evidence C:*Will need to be clarified and confirmed before proceeding

**B) Potential of the proposed activities to achieve IPLC-led transformational impact that generate global environmental benefits.**

**6. Are the estimated Global Environmental Benefits (GEF core indicators) substantial and realistic?**

*Scoring:*

- Not provided;
- Very Low (below 10,000 Ha);
- Moderate (between 100,000 - 500,000 Ha);
- High (between 500,000 - 1,000,000 Ha);
- Very high above 1,000,000 Ha

*Reviewer A: 2/5 Reviewer B: 2/5 Reviewer C: 3/5*

**Average: 2.33/5**

*Evidence A:* The proposed locations are 105.741 hectares

*Evidence B:*Just at 100k ha

*Evidence C:*NA

**7. Are the additional cultural and livelihoods results contributing to project objectives?**

*Scoring:*

- No provided cultural or livelihood indicators for the project;
- Indicators proposed but are not clearly aligned with project goals;
- Indicators proposed and are moderately aligned with project goals;
- Additional cultural and/or livelihood indicators clearly derive from project goals

*Reviewer A: 2/3 Reviewer B: 2/3 Reviewer C: NA/3*

**Average: 2/3**

*Evidence A:* Some livelihoods indicators are listed such as empowering rural economy through tourism and improving young IPLC members become entrepreneurs.

*Evidence B:* Livelihood focused, aligned with the project as conceived and designed

*Evidence C:* NA

## 8. Does the EoI provide a clear and robust vision for long-term sustainability?

*Scoring:*

- Vision for long-term sustainability not provided;
- This project does not seem to have a clear long-term impact;
- This project will create medium-term benefits for biodiversity and IPLC governance, which future funding will hopefully build upon;
- This project will ensure long-term benefits to biodiversity and IPLC systems of governance

*Reviewer A:* 2/3 *Reviewer B:* 2/3 *Reviewer C:* 3/3

**Average: 2.33/3**

*Evidence A:* The proposed activities expect to build long-term sustainability by creating institutions and policy to support IPLCs economic activities include creating an Indigenous Knowledge Fair.

*Evidence B:* benefits are sustained through higher capacities - a capacity development argument which is solid, but will require further funding

*Evidence C:* NA

## C) IPLC-led conservation that advances national and global environmental priorities.

### 9. Does the EoI build on and contribute to national priorities as defined in NBSAPs and/or NDCs?

*Scoring:*

- Contributions not provided;
- The project is weakly related to either national priorities;
- The project appears to be tangentially related to national priorities;
- The proposal reflects an understanding of the national policy priorities and clearly positions the project in relation to those priorities

*Reviewer A:* 2/3 *Reviewer B:* 1/3 *Reviewer C:* NA/3

**Average: 1.5/3**

*Evidence A:* The proposed project tangentially related to national priorities

*Evidence B:* National priorities for biodiversity not well described

*Evidence C:* NA

D) Demonstrated gender mainstreaming in all activities.

10. Does the EoI provide a clear and robust approach to gender mainstreaming?

Scoring:

- Gender mainstreaming approach is absent;
- Gender mainstreaming approach is weak;
- Gender mainstreaming approach is moderately thought through (if there are a few activities as 'add ons');
- Significant and well-thought through approach to gender mainstreaming

*Reviewer A: 3/3 Reviewer B: 3/3 Reviewer C: 3/3*

**Average: 3/3**

*Evidence A:* The applicant focuses on women participation in IPLC-led conservation and would introduce Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI) strategy in implementing the project

*Evidence B:* excellent analysis of a difficult gender context, well conceived ways of addressing it.

*Evidence C:* Probably the best understanding of gender mainstreaming in this set of proposals.

E) Innovation and potential to scale up.

11. Do the proposed activities and results demonstrate innovation and potential for transformative results at scale?

Scoring:

- None demonstrated;
- Low demonstrated potential;
- Moderate demonstrated potential;
- Medium-high demonstrated potential;
- High demonstrated potential;
- Exceptional demonstrated potential

*Reviewer A: 4/5 Reviewer B: 1/5 Reviewer C: 4/5*

**Average: 3/5**

*Evidence A:* The proposed project highly potentially demonstrate innovative result based on women participation in the IPLC-led conservation.

*Evidence B:* Area covered is relatively moderate, and core threats are not addressed, main impact is capacity development, not clear how this will scale other than as an example

*Evidence C:* NA

Section 2:

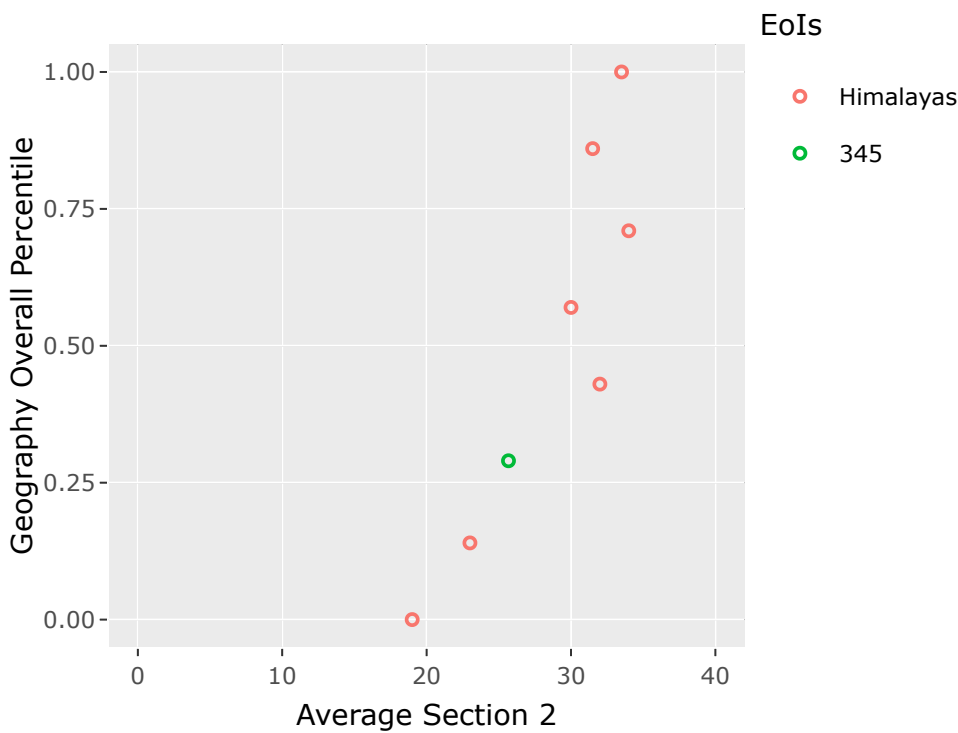
Reviewer A Total Score: 30/40

Reviewer B Total Score: 21/40

Reviewer C Total Score: 26/40

Average Total Score: 25.67/40

Performance of Eol 345 in Himalayas - Percentile by Average Score (Section 2)



## Section 3 - Qualifications and experience of the Organization (Total Points: 30)

### A) Indigenous Peoples or Local Community organization legally recognized under national laws.

1. Is the EoI led by an IPLC organization?

Scoring:

- IPLC appear to be beneficiaries only;
- Combination/partnership of IPLC organizations and NGOs, and plans to build IPLC capacity over the project term are clear;
- IPLC-led approach, NGOs in more limited, defined roles (such as fiduciary);
- Fully IPLC composed and led approach

*Reviewer A: 2/6 Reviewer B: 4/6 Reviewer C: 6/6*

**Average: 4/6**

*Evidence A:* The applicant is a woman NGO and project is designed to let IPLC obtain benefit from the project, but the IPLC involvement is not much explained in the EoI.

*Evidence B:* Led by indigenous organisation, NGOs and CSOs support

*Evidence C:* NA

### B) Demonstrated on the ground leadership related to Indigenous Peoples and/or Local Community Conservation.

2. Does the lead proponent demonstrate on-ground leadership relevant to the proposed work?

Scoring:

- None demonstrated;
- Limited demonstration of relevant on-ground leadership;
- Demonstrated on-ground leadership relevant to the proposed work;
- Exceptional and long-standing on-ground leadership relevant to the proposed work

*Reviewer A: 2/6 Reviewer B: 4/6 Reviewer C: 4/6*

**Average: 3.33/6**

*Evidence A:* The applicant has good leadership in policy advocacy, but it seems less information on the leadership of working with IPLCs

*Evidence B:* Strong leadership in indigenous rights, less in conservation initiatives

*Evidence C:* NA

### C) Proven relevant experience in working with IPLC networks, alliances and organizations/ strength of partnerships on the ground.

3. Does EoI demonstrate that the lead proponent has strong partnerships, particularly with other IPLC organizations, to carry out the work?

Scoring:

- No partners defined;
- No IPLC partners identified;
- IPLC organizations are listed as implementing partners but without clear scope (roles in project design or governance);
- IPLC organizations are listed as implementing partners with clear roles (in project design or governance);
- Strong IPLC partnerships that play a central role in design, governance, and implementation of the project;
- Strong IPLC partnerships have a central role in design, governance and implementation of the project and linkages with national or regional IPO networks

*Reviewer A: 2/5 Reviewer B: 4/5 Reviewer C: 4/5*

**Average: 3.33/5**

*Evidence A:* Most of partner organisations listed for implementation of the proposed activities are NGOs. None of IPLC name listed, but might me location for implementation of the project indicated the name of IPLC communities.

*Evidence B:*NA

*Evidence C:*NA

D) Technical expertise and capacity to address environmental problems, root causes and barriers.

4. Does EoI demonstrate technical capacity of lead proponent and partners to deliver the proposed results?

Scoring:

- No skills demonstrated;
- The skills and experiences outlined have little or no relation to the project activities;
- There is some lack of clarity or some gaps in the capacities necessary to implement the project;
- The activities clearly show how they plan to fill capacity gaps over the course of the project;
- They seem to have adequate skills and capacity for the project but do not have experience with GEF projects;
- The lead organization and project partners clearly communicate that they have all the skills and experience necessary to implement the project activities. Also, have past experience with GEF funded projects.

*Reviewer A: 4/5 Reviewer B: 2/5 Reviewer C: 4/5*

**Average: 3.33/5**

*Evidence A:* The applicant has adequate skills and capacity for the implementation of the project but does not have experience with GEF projects

*Evidence B:*Gaps in conservation initiatives, met to some extent by CSO partners

*Evidence C:*NA

## E) Project Management capacity.

5. Does the EoI demonstrate project & financial management capacity needed for scale of proposed effort?

Scoring:

- Very limited (no criteria met);
- Some capacity but would require support (1/3 criteria);
- Moderate capacity (2/3 criteria met);
- Very strong (all criteria met) with demonstrated past performance

*Reviewer A: 4/6 Reviewer B: 2/6 Reviewer C: 2/6*

**Average: 2.67/6**

*Evidence A:* the annual budget of the applicant is USD 151.063

*Evidence B:* Previous projects all smaller than this

*Evidence C:* There are no projects solely handled by the organization - the fact alone that they do not segregate the amount that has come to NIWF or specified whether they had an overarching coordinating role is proof enough that capacity would need to be built in this area.

6. Does lead organization have experience with safeguards and other standards required by GEF?

Scoring:

- Answered no;
- Answered yes but with weak or lacking explanation to the extent;
- Answered yes with clear explanation of the extent

*Reviewer A: 1/2 Reviewer B: 2/2 Reviewer C: 1/2*

**Average: 1.33/2**

*Evidence A:* The applicant runs the European Commission project on land rights

*Evidence B:* EC standards, being met in existing projects

*Evidence C:* NA



Section 3:

Reviewer A Total Score: 15/30

Reviewer B Total Score: 18/30

Reviewer C Total Score: 21/30

Average Total Score: 18/30

Performance of Eol 345 in Himalayas - Percentile by Average Score (Section 3)

