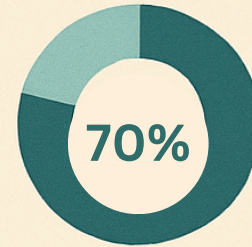


Youth for Meghna (Y4M)

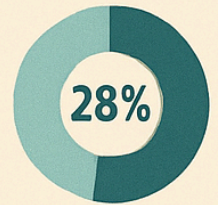
Divided by border, connected through Basin



Youth Potential in the Barak-Meghna basin



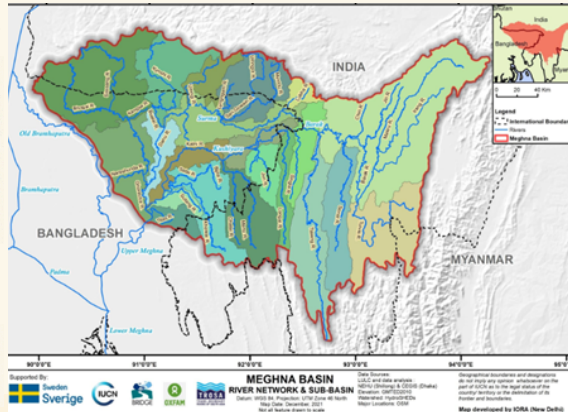
Over 70% (2.7 million) under 35 in Meghalaya, India



28% under 29 in Bangladesh

The Barak-Meghna River Basin

A lifeline for approximately 50 million people, including indigenous and rural communities: The basin provides a variety of ecosystem services, such as fisheries, forestry, and agriculture, that sustain the livelihoods of majority of the people living in the basin.



Meghna Water Futures Program (2023-2026)

By 2030 youth in the Meghna basin are empowered to take conservation action and participate meaningfully in decision-making on the management and sustainable development of the basin, through better networking, capacity building, and improved data and information on the basin's health.

PURPOSE



Address challenges in the Barak-Meghna Basin, focusing on climate change, resource governance, and environmental threats



Collaborate for environmental protection and community empowerment, respecting local cultures, traditions, and indigenous knowledge

Y4M Journey

- 1 IUCN Initiates Collaboration Meeting
- 2 Institutions Engaged
- 4 Youth Initiatives Mapped
- 4 Call for Youth Participation – June 2023
- 5 150+ Applications Received
- 6 18th Youth Leaders Selected
- 8 Diverse Background and Regional Representation
- 9 3-day Design Workshop (November 2023)
- 10 30+ Participants (Youth, Partners, Mentors)
- 11 Input on WFP (2024–2030)
- 12 Formation of youth for Meghna (Y4M) network



Completed Projects



Knowledge Sharing

- Conference participation
- Presentations at RRF & NbS Expert Committee meetings



Field Engagement

- Field visits in IND and BD
- Community engagements
- Key person interviews
- Community Awareness Sessions:
 - Water Quality (Youth-specific)
 - NbS Awareness in Schools (BD)



Ongoing Projects



Reporting

- Draft field reports (IND and BD)
- Water quality report preparation



Analytical Work

- SWOT analysis of selected districts for NbS opportunities (IND and BD)



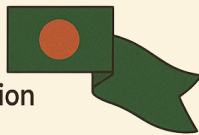
Fellowship Process

- Selection & vetting of fellowship candidates



Who Are Y4M?

Youth for Meghna – A Cross-Border Cohort for Conservation



Master's Students
30%



Private Sector
15%



Government
15%



International Agency
20%



Internacity Agency
20%



Civil Society
20%

Media Coverage about Y4M



Y4M in Action: A Snapshot of Progress



Y4M Poster Presentation in RCF Bangkok



Nbs Expert Group Consultation (India)



Nbs Field Visit (India)



UNECE Side Event in 7th Water and Peace Summit



RCF Bangkok Youth Forum Team

“United by rivers, we advance resilience, equity, and sustainability across Meghna’s vibrant transboundary landscapes.”- Y4M

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