


# Community-based Nature Preserves in Tibet: From Mount Everest to the Four Great Rivers presented by Daniel Taylor



How did Tibet recover from being nearly deforested to having over 40% of its land area protected under conservation management—and achieve this under the limitations within which it operates? Daniel Taylor has helped to design and implement community-based conservation projects in India, Nepal, and China since the early 1980s. In 1989 the Everest Nature Preserve, which was designed with the support of Hu Jintao (now President of China, then the governor of Tibet province) became the first major protected area in the world managed without wardens and relying on the stewardship of local people. It was recognized in 1999 by the United Nations as one of the world's most successful examples of sustainable development, and in 2004 it was included in UNESCO's Man and Biosphere network. In addition, Taylor has designed twelve other nature preserves in the Himalayan region including the Four Great Rivers Ecosystems Management Plan (40 million acres) that protects the headwaters of the Yangtze, Mekong, Salween, and Brahmaputra Rivers. He has traveled extensively throughout the greater Himalayan region, giving him near unrivaled knowledge of local conditions. His presentation will be supported by spectacular slides of the Himalayan region.

Daniel Taylor has an Ed.D. in Development Planning from Harvard University. He is the founder of Future Generations and a Senior Associate at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. For his conservation work, he was knighted by the King of Nepal and presented by the Order of the Golden Ark by HRH Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands. In October 2011 his latest book will be published by Oxford University Press. *Empowerment on an Unstable Planet: Seeds of Human Energy within a Scale of Global Change* describes the SEED-SCALE process of social change developed with UNICEF in 1992 and implemented in his projects.

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