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introducing
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interactive exhibition & film show
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open to all



For all of you who were not able to attend the
first **Shushuk Mela or Dolphin Festival ...**

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The exhibition, organized by the Bangladesh Cetacean Diversity Project (BCDP), aims at introducing Bangladesh's cetacean (whales, dolphins and porpoise) diversity and ongoing conservation efforts. Through photographs, film shows, games, and models the organizers of this four day event hope to create a sense of pride and to foster support for the conservation of these unique aquatic animals.

Sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Society, the BCDP works to conserve cetacean diversity and abundance in Bangladesh with local communities and institutions.

Parallel to the exhibition a seminar series is being held focusing on research and conservation efforts carried out in Bangladesh so far. A proposed 'Protected Area Network for Cetacean Diversity' will be presented to the public, academic institutions, policy makers and conservation organizations.



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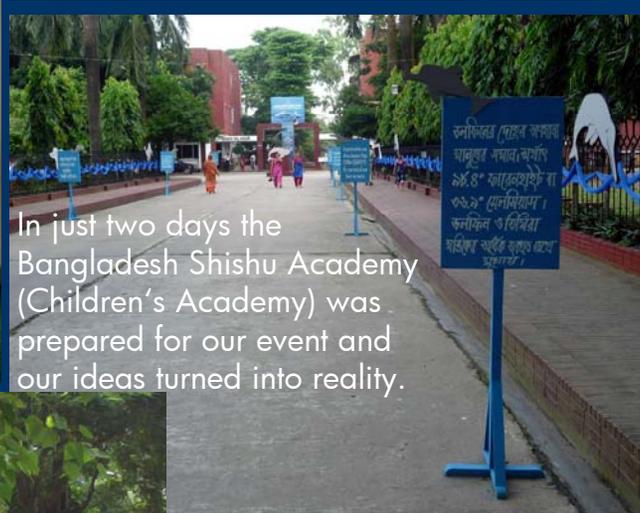
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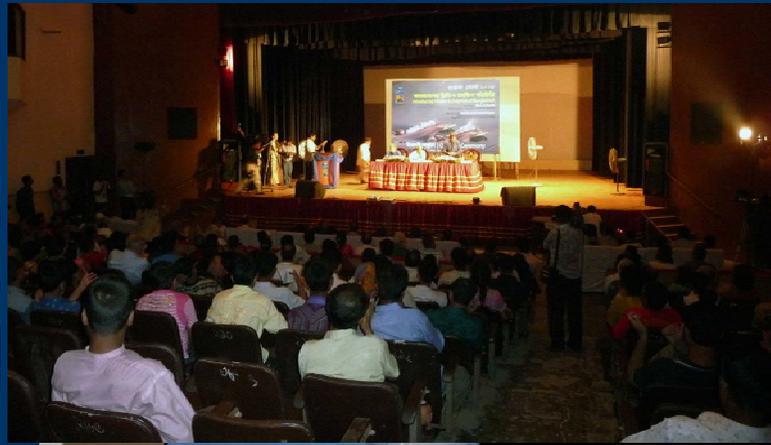


Through city-wide postering, the Shushuk-Van and a press conference the event received extensive coverage in the national and international media – articles in at least 12 Bengali newspapers, feature stories, interviews on several local radio and TV stations, Australian Broadcasting Corporation Radio and a television segment on BBC World.



In just two days the Bangladesh Shishu Academy (Children's Academy) was prepared for our event and our ideas turned into reality.





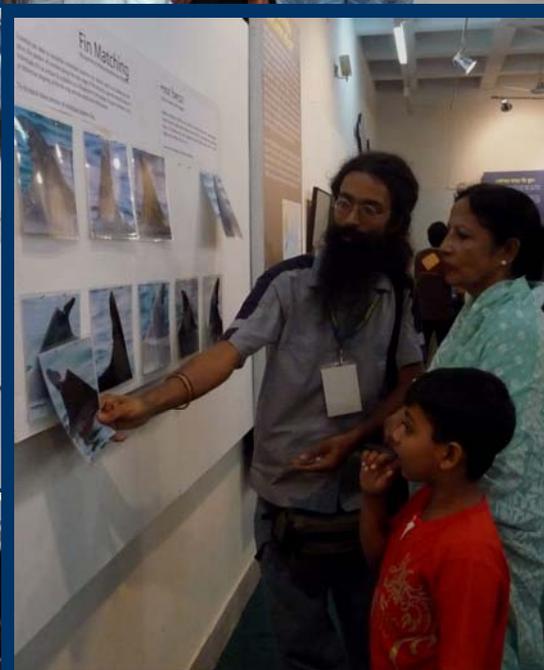
The official opening ceremony was a truly festive moment. Chief Guest, Dr. C.S. Karim, Chief Advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, obviously enjoyed the enthusiasm. Special Guest, Dr. Aminul Haque, the first Bangladeshi cetacean scientist, said in his opening speech that this was the “happiest day of my life.”

We premiered our two documentary films ‘Shushuk Our Rivers and Mankind’ and ‘Exploring Our Waters’ by our dear friend and filmmaker Tanjilur Rahman at the exhibit opening and showed the film 29 times during the next four days.



And people came –
over 8000 visitors
in four days!

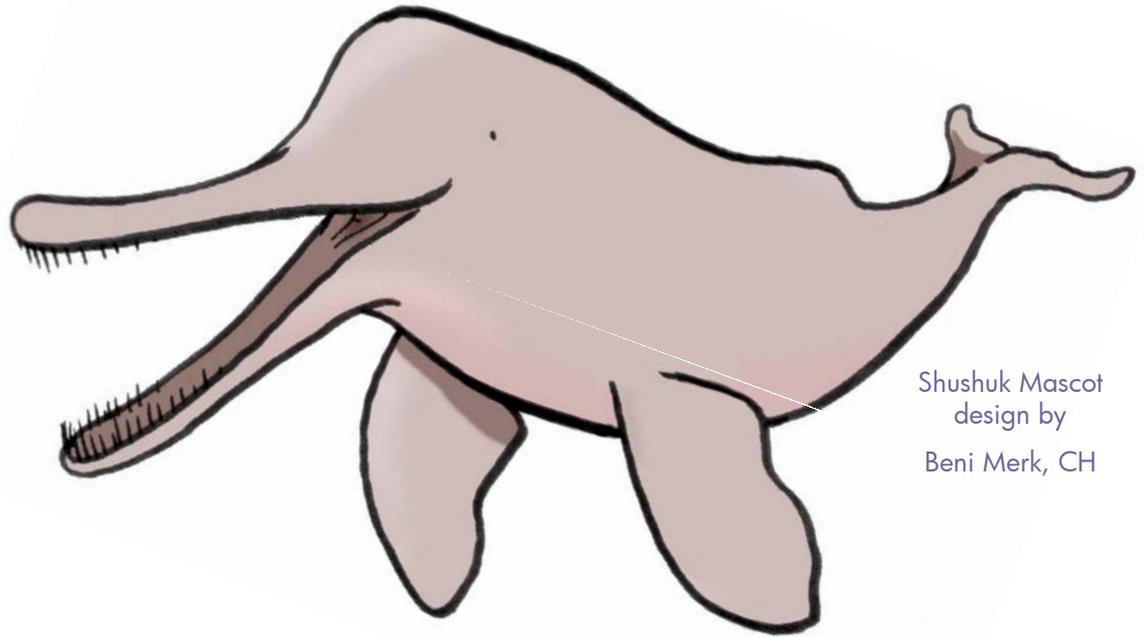








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