

## **KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA INVENTORY ON THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**Name of the Element:** Dronka : A horn made out of markhor antlers, played during festivals, rituals and at times of wars to alert the community.

**Brief Description:** Dronka is a sound instrument played during the festivals of the Kalasha community and at times of war or disasters to alert the community. The instrument is made out from the antlers of a Markhor.

During the festivals for some specific events and rituals, the male and females are separated. In order to address the large crowd, the dronka was played to aware the people about that ritual.

During wars, specific people were assigned to look out for invaders. All the villages had people assigned with the job but mostly the first and the last village of valley played a superior role. If invaded, the people from the villages would blow the Dronka in order to alert the rest of the villages. It was used similarly during natural disasters.