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Consent was received from Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC)-Nepal Government to work in Chitwan National Park (CNP). The activities of the project were shared with concerned authorities of CNP and working modality was developed. The study team requested to use the camera trap data regarding sloth bear taken for the tiger monitoring by DNPWC, WWF-Nepal and National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC), Nepal. Our request was approved from NTNC. Camera trap data were analysed to assess bear's distribution by the occupancy method where NTNC conservation officer supported us for analysing the data. Broadcasting materials were prepared for 3 months for disseminating the message through FM radio. Data collection was completed with the involvement of seven enumerators including students of Institute of Forestry, Nepal.

