

Project Update: October 2014

Objective:

The main objective of the project has been to assess the people's perception, attitude and belief toward the newly establish Banke National Park.

Location: Buffer Zone of Banke and Chitwan National Park

Updates from the field:

- First round of field visit completed in Banke Buffer Zone in between December 2013 and January 2014.
- Project description was finalised based on the initial discussion with the Chitwan National Park staffs, project staff and buffer zone council members.
- We finalized Mirga Kunja buffer zone user committee in Chitwan National Park to be our sampling units for the questionnaire surveys.
- Second round of field survey was conducted in Chitwan Buffer Zone in between April- May 2014.
- A total of 200 households were surveyed in the buffer zone of Banke National Park.
- We finalised and prepared the campaign material for "Hug the Tree Campaign".
- We conducted in the Bagh Bahadur: Hug the Tree Campaign" in buffer zone of Banke National Park targeting local entrepreneurs, hotel owners, schools, and local buffer zone residents.

Next steps:

- Data compilation and analysis
- Final Report

Description	Timeline
Compilation and Analysis	October-December 2014
Final Report	January 2014