

Project Update: May 2013

The first phase of field work has been complete after intensive footprint image collection. Days were alternated between east and west of Sauraha to cover the whole study site. Elephants were used to travel short distances, while jeeps were hired to cover the large distance on the western region all the way to Tiger Tops. When a rhino or tiger footprint was found, the technician and I tracked the trail to find more footprints. We tracked in the front, behind and around the print that we saw so that we do not miss anything. After covering the whole study site, areas where footprints were repeatedly found were revisited to get more footprint images of the same animal. An identified rhino was also tracked to get its footprints for validation, and more were taken of an injured rhino calf that is being treated at the National Trust for Nature Conservation.

