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School based owl conservation awareness camps:

School level owl conservation awareness camps have been limited in Salyan and Surkhet districts of western Nepal. Students from seven different schools actively participated in the camp. Till now, 22 camps have been completed which included 884 students. Students basically got the introduction about owls, their ecology, threats to owl conservation in Nepal, importance of owl conservation and students' role in owl conservation. Information about the captive owls kept in the area was collected from students. They were also motivated to contribute towards owl conservation locally. Rest of the camps will be conducted shortly.



Public based owl conservation awareness camps:

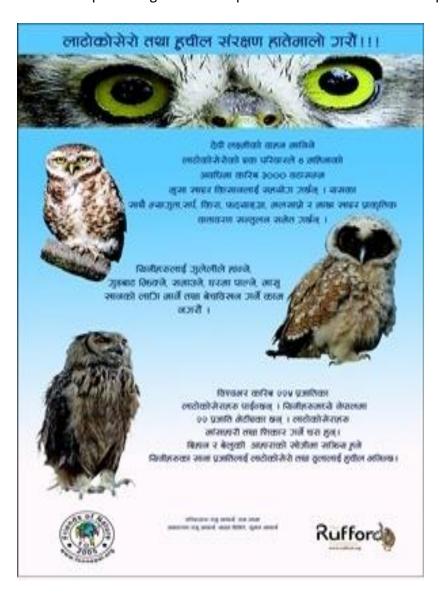
Public conservation camps (five camps) were also conducted in different parts of Salyan and Surkhet districts of western Nepal which included 128 stakeholders. The same information shared with students was provided to the general public. Information on local trade of owls in western Nepal was collected. Efforts were made to motivate the general public to contribute towards owl conservation. Similar conservation actions will be carried on I different districts of western Nepal in the coming days.

Radio programme:

Radio programmes with 11 episodes have already recorded that covers information about different species of owls found in Nepal, conservation issues of owls in Nepal and interviews with different conservationists and experts. Some part of the previous episodes were copied too as the owl related issues are same to this year as well. Radio programs will be played very soon by different FM stations in different districts of western Nepal including one live episode.

Owl conservation poster:

A poster conveying owl conservation message was drafted and has been sent for exert consultation. A total of 500 posters will be printed and distributed in different districts of western Nepal during the second phase of the conservation camps.



Owl conservation brochure:

Brochures (500 pcs) containing information about the importance of owl and ways to conserve owls have been prepared. These brochures (50 pcs) were distributed during the last conservation camps and other will be distributed among students and publics in various districts of western Nepal in the next phase.



Conservation workshop:

Conservation workshops are in the process of preparation. Conservation workshops will be done in Jajarkot and Achham districts of western Nepal in next month.