

## Project Update: September 2016

**Household Survey:** A nearly 2 months long household survey using questionnaires was carried out with nine Suklaphanta Buffer Zone User Committees covering six VDCs and four municipalities of Kanchanpur District, starting from first week of June up to first week of August 2016. The studied BZUCs were namely Sagarmatha, Himalaya, Suklaphanta, Trisakti, Betkot, Sundeveji, Kalikich, Bagesori and Shovatal covering an area of 243 km<sup>2</sup> around the reserve. The researcher used a structured self-administered questionnaire. The questionnaire survey was carried out in time with the help of three local level field assistances who were able to understand both the Tharu and Nepali languages and had graduated in sociology. The three field assistants were trained before they started the work and jointly participated with me during pilot surveys. Before initiating the questionnaire survey, pilot surveys were taken with the Suklaphanta BZUGs, 15 households were selected randomly for the pilot survey, after which necessary improvements were made in the questionnaire. Altogether 225 households were selected for household survey. The respondent's response regarding the nature, intensity and trend of human wildlife conflicts, causes of land use land cover change and local people adopted mitigation measures and their tolerance level as well as perception towards wildlife conservation were noted through household survey for quantitative and qualitative analysis.

## Consultation Meeting with Buffer Zone Community.

