

Project Update: April 2017

Poster Distribution:

Posters have been distributed in 16 villages from Chonnup, Choser, Charang, Surkhang and Ghami VDC of Upper Mustang to make local people aware about snow leopard and human-snow leopard conflict.



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Awareness to the herders:

A mini workshop was carried out to a group of seven herders of Lomangthang area in their yak shed area of which are also called as nomads about snow leopard and compensation scheme procedure. Posters were also distributed to the herders.



Karuna giving information to the herders. Herders camp. ©Biraj Chaudhary
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Yak in its pasture where snow leopard depredation is very high. ©Biraj Chaudhary

Focus Group Discussion:

Focus group discussion has been carried out in six VDCs of the study area to know about the situation of human-snow leopard conflict, the collective actions the local people have been taking to protect their livestock and their perception towards snow leopard and its conservation.



Focus Group discussion at Gara. ©Biraj Chaudhary FGD at Marang. ©Biraj Chaudhary Chaudhary

Social survey: So far, we have done interview survey with the livestock owners in two out of remaining three VDCs of Mustang District and conducted a questionnaire survey, semi-structured interviews and a group discussion with local herders and pastoral communities to identify the extent and nature of livestock losses due to snow leopard and their perception towards snow leopard conservation in Surkhang and Ghami VDC. A total of 60 respondents were interviewed.



Data collection. ©Biraj Chaudhary

Kill site GPS point collection:

Kill site GPS points were collected from the Ghami and Surkhang VDC. 21 Kill sites GPS point have been collected. All together data have been collected from 6 VDC of study area.



Kill site shed within village. ©Biraj Chaudhary



Injured goat by snow leopard attack. ©Biraj Chaudhary