

Project Update: June 2009

Rhino Conservation Interaction Programme: We organized an interaction programme amongst 15 community-based organizations (CBOs). Altogether there were 40 participants in the programme and they were the representative of CBOs. The programme was organized in the office of Jayahari Jana Chetana Bufferzone Community Forest User Group Office. Currently, poaching and illegal hunting are increasing in this area. Suman Bhattarai was the facilitator of the programme. The programme was organized as a joint venture of Terai Arc Land (TAL/WWF-Nepal), Bufferzone Saving and Credit Cooperative Limited, Partnership for Rhino Conservation (PARC/Nepal), Rufford Small Grants Foundation (RSG) and Nagao Natural Environment Foundation (NEF).

Teacher Interaction Programme: We organized conservation-based “Teacher Interaction Programme”. Representatives of all schools of Chitwan National Park Bufferzone Lother User Committee, Piple Chitwan actively took part and interacted on conservation issues of Chitwan National Park. Suman Bhattarai facilitated the programme and the chairman of Bufferzone User Committee highlighted the objective of programme. The programme was conducted in the training hall of Bufferzone User Committee and was a joint venture of Rufford Small Grants Foundation, Lother Bufferzone User Group, Partnership for Rhino Conservation and Nagao Natural Environment Foundation.

Training “Proposal Developing”: We conducted the proposal developing training for schoolteachers. The main target of this training is to strengthen the teacher capacity, to search for financial assistance and organize the conservation activities independently and autonomously. Suman Bhattarai was the resource person for the training.

School Oriented Activities: School oriented activities are running smoothly and interestingly. Our target schools are participating with high motivation. The project has designed activities according to level and age of the students.





Livelihood Activities: Almost our income generation activities are nearly complete. Most of our farmers have adopted our model/demonstration concept sincerely and they have started to share their learning and benefits with their neighbourhoods. Farmers are working according to contract and understanding made in initial stage.

Radio Programme: Our main advertising and disseminating media radio programme “Conservation Campaign” is also running continuously. We used to share all progress reports through radio programme and sometimes we use call conservation celebrities for interview and public.

Other Programme: Our general and regular activities are also running according to our project proposal. We re-paint all our old conservation boards which were placed in our first (RSG) project. We place 9 more boards in the project site.