

Project Update: October 2009

We believe that project continuity and post project monitoring activities only prove the effectiveness of project. Therefore, we are still organizing some activities and monitoring the completed project. To strengthen the project and show project continuity, we use to conduct activities and update them with our supporting institutions. This is our post project progress report.

- 1. Radio Programme:** The radio programme entitled "Conservation Campaign" is still running. We had made an understanding that the radio station should continue for at least three months at the time budget deficit. As per that understanding, the RSG-funded Partnership for Rhino Conservation (PARC) provides the text, message, conservation news and public voices and the radio station broadcasts the programme. Now the station has changed our time schedule to 18.15 PM on Thursday.
- 2. Jitia Festival:** We had organized Jitia Festivals in the previous year, and we have done that this year also. PARC has supported the Jhamta Conservation Song Competition as project continuity.
- 3. Post Project Monitoring:** Being an inhabitant of Chitwan, it is easy for me to make frequent visits and conduct monitoring/evaluation of previously conducted activities and their impact/effectiveness. We visit the project site regularly.
- 4. Documentary Show:** A documentary show programme on rhino conservation was organized in the Siswar User Committee area.



- 5. Notice Board Preparation:** We always conduct all activities in coordination with forest user groups and buffer zone user committee. We collect financial support and local institution and groups manage locally available resources. To give the project continuity and extend the area, buffer zone user committee has provided us timber to prepare extra 10 information boards.
- 6. Coordination with Other RSG Grantee:** Now the RSG-funded rhino conservation project is over and we are applying for the booster grant. We do not have funds to conduct all programmes. So we coordinate and support other grantees to make their projects more worthy. Recently, we helped Dol Raj Thanet as training resource person to conduct "Biodiversity Conservation and Registration Training" in Nawaparasi.

7. **Coordination with Buffer Zone Committee:** We had made our presence on the Chairperson and Secretary (C/S) meeting and shared our future plan to run possible project and address the hot conservation issue of Lothar Buffer Zone, Chitwan National Park.
8. **Education Material Production and Distribution:** In the support of Biodiversity Conservation and Research Forum, we have reproduced exercise copy having rhino conservation message as project continuity of last project. Exercise copy production and distribution to poor students to encourage them for education/schooling.

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