

Project Update: May 2017

We have completed first phase of camera trapping programme, collection of GPS location and conducting the conservation awareness programmes. Camera trapping programme was conducted in the Mahottari- Sarlahi Forest complex. Conservation outreach materials were distributed in the Rautahat, Sarlahi and Mahottari districts. Five schools were selected in the Mahottari district for the conservation classes. Our conservation awareness programmes relating to striped hyaena and its prey species conservation also focused to the edge of Sindhuli and Sarlahi Forests. Group discussion programmes were completed in Mahottari (Maisthan and Banke Forest Users), Sarlahi (Phuljoor and Sagarnath Forest Users) and Rautahat (Paurahi and Toribari Forest Users). We organised programmes among the District Forest Officer, local development officer, Community Forest Committee members, students, and local people and shared the hyena's ecological role to maintain the forest and grassland ecosystem.

In this season, forest fire was a major problem to install the camera traps and collect scat of the striped hyena in some research sites.

Looking ahead: Camera Trapping, scat collection, radio programs, village youth club establishment and conservation outreach programs.

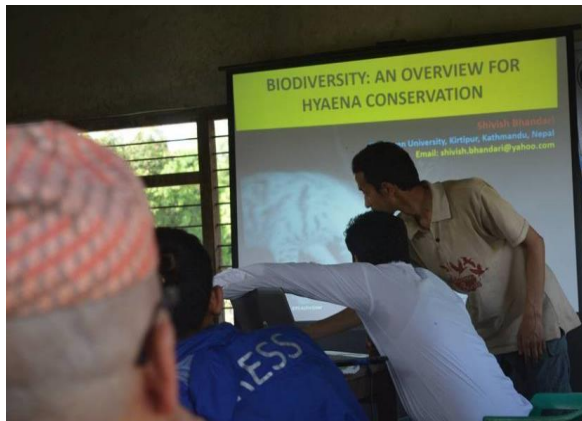


Photo 1: Presentation at local level



Photo 2: Installing camera trap



Photo 3: Nilgai at Phuljoor forest



Photo 4: Wild Boar in camera trap



Photo 5: Barking Deer in camera trap



Photo 6: Striped hyaena in camera trap



Photo 7: Rhesus Macaque in camera trap



Photo 8: Large Indian Civet in camera trap



Photo 9: Golden Jackal in camera trap



Photo 10: Interaction with local peoples



Photo 11: Forest fire (Deependra Community Forest at Sarlahi district)



Photo 12: Forest Fire (Mahottari-Sarlahi Forest Complex)