

Project Update: December 2018

Summary of the project activities

The first phase of the project activities was successfully carried out in September and October, 2018.

A. Questionnaire survey

The total of 196 people were interviewed including local people (171), park staff (three), teachers (four), students (15) and buffer zone user committee (three) of Khaptad Chhanna rural municipality of Bajhang district. The questionnaire survey was carried out to identify the potential habitat/poaching site and perception of local people towards Musk Deer.

B. Field survey

The field survey was carried out on the basis of questionnaire survey. We visited the possible site of Khaptad National Park within the altitudinal ranges from 2300 to 3300 m asl which are as follows:

- I. Sahasralinga.
- II. Dhauledhunga.
- III. Triveni.
- IV. Seleko lek.

C. Formation of Musk Deer Information Center (MDIC) in Chhanna and Khaptad of Khaptad National Park

i. Chhanna Musk Deer Information Center (CMDIC)

- Coordinator- Rames Khadka (+977-9866103548).
- Hirendra Rawal (BufferZone User Committee, ward no. 3, chairman).

ii. Khaptad Musk Deer Information Center (KMDIC)

- Coordinator- Bir Bahadur Rawal (977-9866514824).
- Lal Bahadur Rawal (game scout of park).

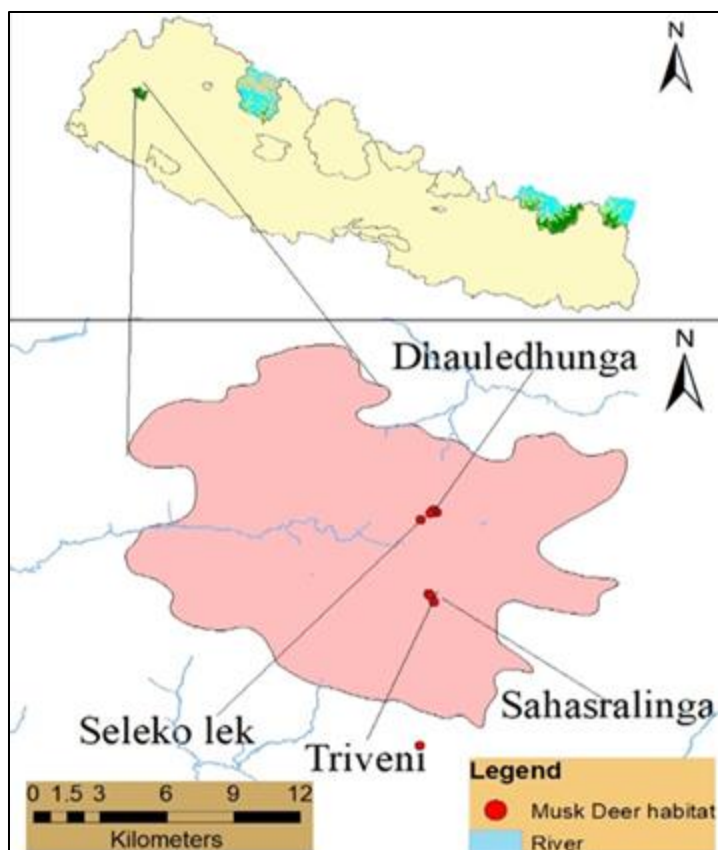


Figure 1. Musk Deer habitat of Khaptad National Park



Left: Researcher with Rames Khadka (CMDIC Co-ordinator). Right: Researcher with Bir Bahadur Rawal (KMDIC Co-ordinator).



Left: Questionnaire survey with Parks' staff and local people. Right: Observation of pellet (Musk Deer).



Left: Musk Deer defecation site. Right: Poaching site (The place made for wire snare).



Study Area.



Survey team (MDIC, Park staff and local people).

The conservation and awareness program, distribution of the outreach materials, radio program and drawing competition within the school level students will be conducted in the second phase of the project.