

Project Update: December 2018

Activities undertaken:

1. Literature Reviews

Literature related to human-snow leopard conflict and mitigation measures was reviewed and baseline information was collected before heading to the field.

2. Research Permission

Research permission was applied and granted from the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Government of Nepal for my proposed project in Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve.

3. Project Inception Workshop

Before starting the project activities in the study site, project inception workshop was conducted in the Dhorpatan valley, the headquarters of Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve. Park wardens, officers, rangers, game scouts, Nepal Army, local herders and local people were participated in the workshop.

4. Interviews

Interview surveys were conducted using semi-structured questionnaires with 110 household owners and local herders in the study site by December, 2018. The interviews were taken with household leader and herder wherever possible. Before starting the interviews, respondents were clarified about the purpose of the interview survey and requested for voluntary participation for this interview. The interviews were conducted in Nepali language and lasted for 20-30 minutes for each interview. The interviews were taken one by one to ensure the independence of the data. The interview questions were divided into the following categories: a) Background information of the respondents b) Perceptions of the respondents towards snow leopard and its conservation c) Patterns and dynamics of livestock depredation by snow leopard and other large carnivores in the study site d) Attitudes of the locals towards park authorities and activities.



Left: Interviewing with local herder. Right: Group photo after project inception workshop.



Herders Identifying Wildlife.