

## Project Update: July 2021

ONE- Development of Conservation ethos among local communities.

As planned and mentioned in the project proposal, a door-to-door awareness campaign was not possible due to the current pandemic situation. Local people use several social media apps like WeChat, WhatsApp, telegram, and Facebook. WeChat appeared to be the most popular and commonly used apps. The social group title “conservation of golden langur” written in national language Dzongkha was created in WeChat and around 188 local people residing within the langur's habitat were invited to join the group (Figure 1). Using this platform, approximately 200 local people were educated on langurs of Bhutan, the IUCN conservation status and extirpation risk for the endangered golden langur (See Annex 1).

TWO- Conservation Management Interventions to safeguard the endangered golden langur.

Electrocution, roadkill and retaliatory kill by frustrated people and domestic dogs has been reported as the main threats to survival of golden langur. Roadkill was rampant in some stretches of the Gelephu-Trongsa Highway (Figure 2).

Along the national highway, langur-vehicle collision hotspots areas were identified a signage that has message “Golden langur Road Crossing Area - Drive Slowly” was installed at six strategic locations (Figure 3 and Annexure II). The signage will caution motorists to limit the speed at certain stretch of roads.

THREE-Conservation-Education Programme at Baling Primary School

Coinciding with the World Environmental Day, 47 students, 10 school staffs, two local government staff and two foresters (Figure 4) attended the conservation education and learnt basic golden langur ecology and dissemination of conservation messages in rural Bhutan where literacy is relatively low.

The main component of the programme included the training on basic ecology of golden langur, wildlife species and bird watching. Students were taught on how to respond when they encounter golden langur, count the number, identify the gender and basic feeding ecology (Figure 5).



Figure 1. WeChat and number of group members participated.



Figure 2. Golden langur (Male) killed at Dangdung, Trongsa District. Figure 3. The signage along the highway to alert motorists.

## Annex 1





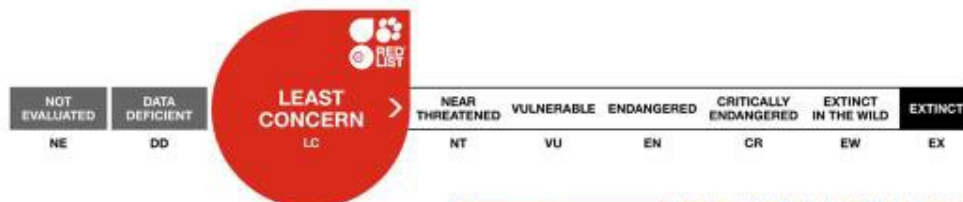
Nepal Gray Langur



Golden Langur



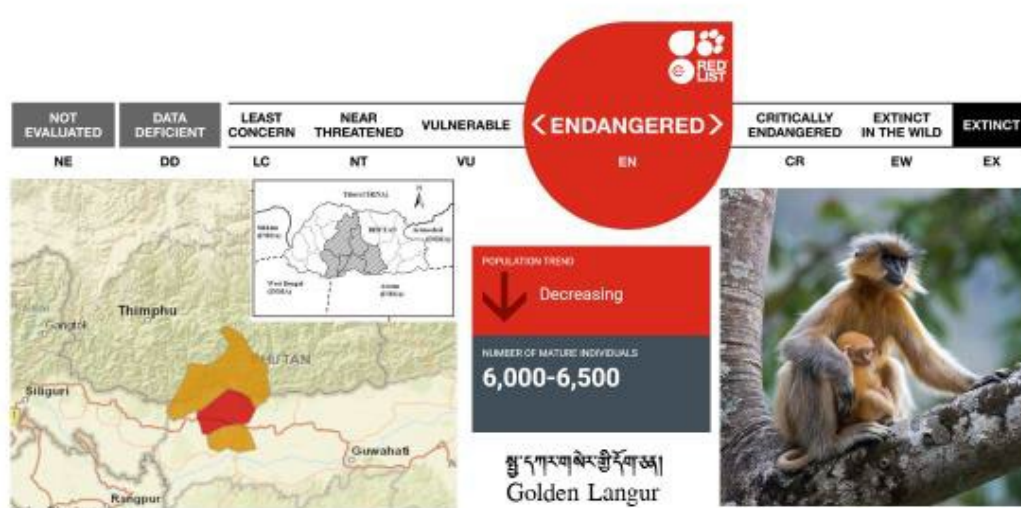
Capped Langur



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Nepal Gray Langur









## Annex 2

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**GOLDEN LANGURS ROAD CROSSING AREA**

**PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY**

