

Final Evaluation Report

Your Details	
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Project Title	Transforming Knowledge into Action: Strengthening management intervention for Clouded leopard (<i>Neofelis nebulosa</i>) conservation in Chitwan National Park, Nepal.
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1. Indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
To understand the status and distribution of Clouded leopard in Chitwan National Park are known				Need to develop new methodology for clouded leopard camera trapping alongside need of adequate camera trapping sets.
To enhance awareness community level about Clouded leopard.				Achieved successfully due to overwhelming participation of stakeholders.
Clouded leopard conservation knowledge-sharing network formation.				Stakeholders are very curious and inquisitive for clouded leopard conservation.
Clouded leopard conservation strategy for Chitwan National Park development.				Much needed guiding instrument for future conservation intervention.

2. Describe the three most important outcomes of your project.

- a). Enhanced awareness community level about clouded leopard.
- b). Clouded leopard conservation knowledge-sharing network formed.
- c). Clouded leopard conservation strategy for Chitwan National Park developed.

3. Explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled.

We found tracking the clouded leopard very tough. The existing methodology needs improvement. We need to develop new and clouded leopard specific methodology for clouded leopard camera trapping.

4. Describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefitted from the project.

Our project has overwhelming participation of local communities. They benefitted from our project activities, especially with two significant outcomes:

- Enhanced awareness community level about clouded leopard.
- Clouded leopard conservation knowledge-sharing network formed.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, we look forward to continuing our work as effectively as possible in future. Building on our project success, we will work on improving the methodology of our research part, especially on camera trapping techniques.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?

We are planning to publish a peer-reviewed article based on our project results. We have also shared our works with local communities and stakeholders in different forms.

7. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

1. Seek sustainable financing for clouded leopard conservation programme.
2. Improved research methods for clouded leopard.
3. Continuity to awareness and outreach programme.

8. Did you use The Rufford Foundation logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the Foundation receive any publicity during the course of your work?

Yes, throughout the project we used the Rufford Foundation logo. Interestingly, people of our project area highly appreciate The Rufford Foundation's contribution to biodiversity conservation in Nepal.

9. Provide a full list of all the members of your team and their role in the project.

Prashamsa Paudel: She worked as a Zoologist in our project.

Sujan Khanal: He contributed as a GIS specialist in our project.

Umesh Paudel: He helped us in public relations and awareness programs.

Jiwan Paudel: He conducted awareness outreach program.

Surajan Shrestha: He supported us in administration and outreach activities.

10. Any other comments?

We had a successful project with the great support from local communities.