

Project Update: August 2022

Reconnaissance survey

Field site (Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve and Dhanusa dham) was visited in March and April of 2022 for reconnaissance survey. With the consultation of park authorities, forest officials, buffer zone leaders and local organisation; most affected areas from elephant conflict in the periphery of the Koshi Tappu and Dhanusa dham area has been identified.

Student selection for questionnaire survey

Consulting with the professor of Tribhuvan University, an MSc student from Central Department of Zoology is supported from this project for doing her master's thesis. She is planning to start her fieldwork soon in the project site. She will be guided by the project leader as co-supervisor throughout her thesis journey starting from the time of fieldwork to publications.

Radio jingles broadcasting

To minimise the human-elephant conflict through awareness, radio jingles were developed in local language and being broadcasted from two different FM stations (namely: Saptakoshi FM, Itahari, Sunsari and Mithilanchal FM, Janakpur Dham). These FM stations cover the entire project area and have a large audience base.

I have also uploaded the jingle in soundcloud which can be accessed via link below.
<https://soundcloud.com/rama-mishra-674848661/human-elephant-coexistence-koshi-2022>

Publication of training manual, poster, brochure and other toolkit

We have re-printed the HECx training manual book for the trainings which we are planning to conduct in September and November 2022 in Koshi Tappu and Dhanusha Dham respectively.

Brochures and posters are reproduced from our previous projects with basic modifications which later will be distributed to the participants during the ToT and HECx training to locals in Koshi Tappu and Dhanusha area.



Figure 1: Project team participated in Earth Day program in Dhanusa Dham during project reconnaissance survey.





Figure 2: Project leader with newly printed t-shirt, poster, brochure and manual.

We plan to conduct the HECx TOT and refresher training after the monsoon from mid-September 2022.



Figure 3: Wild bull frequently observed in surrounding areas of Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve.