

## Project Update: April 2023

### 1. Project inception meeting and Consultation

The project inception meeting and consultation were done to gather preliminary ideas and methodology to be applied for the field survey for which representatives from Sarkegad Rural municipality, members from community forest users' group, researchers and locals from Humla who were available in the Kathmandu and Surkhet were consulted.

### 2. Workshops

Workshops were conducted at eight major settlements/wards within Sarkegad Rural Municipality with the active participation of herders, locals, and community forest user groups which focused on major wildlife in the region, types and nature of human-wildlife conflict, nature of wildfire and conservation initiatives in the region. This was crucial for collecting basic information about the biodiversity and wildlife information in Lower Humla. The major findings from the workshop are presented in table 1.

*Table 1; Major species and nature of conflicts observed at different settlements of Sarkegard Rural Municipality*

SN	Ward	Settlements	Workshop output (Major Species and Nature of Conflicts)
1	1	Jaira and Tumcha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black bear =&gt; Crop damage, human casualties</li><li>• Porcupine =&gt; Crop damage</li><li>• Jackal =&gt; Livestock predation</li><li>• Monkeys =&gt; Crop Damage</li></ul>
2	2	Ripa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black bear =&gt; Crop damage, human casualties</li><li>• Common leopard =&gt; Livestock predation, human casualties</li><li>• Porcupine =&gt; Crop damage</li><li>• Jackal =&gt; Livestock predation</li><li>• Snow leopard =&gt; Livestock predation</li></ul>
3	3	Unapani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black bear =&gt; Crop damage, human casualties</li><li>• Porcupine =&gt; Crop damage</li><li>• Jackal =&gt; Livestock predation</li><li>• Common leopard =&gt; Livestock predation, human casualties</li></ul>
4	4	Saya, Dulli, and Mundi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jackal =&gt; Livestock predation</li><li>• Black bear =&gt; Crop damage, human casualties</li></ul>
5	5	Gothi, Bhuwa, and Kallas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Snow leopard =&gt; Livestock predation</li><li>• Jackal =&gt; Livestock predation</li><li>• Porcupine =&gt; Crop damage</li></ul>
6	6	Barai, Gusi, and Chyangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wolf =&gt; Livestock predation</li><li>• Jackal =&gt; Livestock predation</li><li>• Porcupine =&gt; Crop damage</li></ul>

7	7	Panimul, Thula Gaun, Karki Bada, Rodikot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wolf =&gt; Livestock predation</li> <li>• Jackal =&gt; Livestock predation</li> <li>• Porcupine =&gt; Crop damage</li> </ul>
8	8	Rhadev and Fucha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wolf =&gt; Livestock predation</li> <li>• Jackal =&gt; Livestock predation</li> </ul>



Figure 1: Vidyaman Thapa (PI), interacting with the participants during the workshop held at ward no. 2 Ripa Village, Humla



Figure 2: Conducting workshop on biodiversity & wildlife conservation with the locals.



Figure 3: Saya Group working together during the workshop held at Sarkegad.



Figure 4: One of the Participants from Fucha village presenting his map during the workshop.



Figure 5: Participants introducing each other during the workshop held at Sarkegard.



*Figure 6: One of the participants from Rodikot village interacting with other locals for collecting the information.*

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