

Wildlife road safety: Raising awareness about Roadkill in Banke National Park, Nepal.

Project Update: March, 2024

The first phase field work was carried out in March, 2024.

### Activity 1: Pre Questionnaire Survey

The survey to assess the knowledge, practices, and actions (KAP) of drivers in 3 bus parks, has been completed as part of phase one. A total of 300 drivers were randomly selected for the pre questionnaire from these locations: Lamahi Bus Park 35 (Exit of Banke National Park), Kohalpur Bus Park 120 (Entrance), and Nepalgunj Bus Park 145 (Hub). We have more questionnaire from Nepalgunj Buspark because there are numbers of vehicles and motorists there (waiting for their turn to drive) as compare to others. Each drivers took part by completing 31 questions about their driving habits, adherence to rules, and safety procedures. The KAP assessment provided valuable insights into drivers' behaviors and attitudes, serving as a basis for identifying areas for improvement and implementing targeted interventions to enhance Human-Wildlife Road Safety.

*(Changes in field: Nepalgunj Bus Park was added in the field as that one is hub for the vehicles that flow the vehicles day and night which passes Banke National Park)*

Some pictures from the Pre-Questionnaire Survey:



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*Note: We ensured that the survey respects the rights and privacy of participants so we took permission to capture the picture and also the survey.*

### **Obtained Results:**

As the questionnaire is done in the local language (Nepali), we translated and data entry the questionnaire in excel sheets. Some of the results were analyzed to find out the gap to conduct the awareness program and some are still need to be analyzed.

### **Next Steps: Post-Questionnaire Survey**

We will conduct a similar survey after a certain period of awareness programs to measure any changes in KAP. After that we will analyze the data collected and prepare a report highlighting key findings and recommendations.