

Project Update: July 2011

Since February 2011, at least 40 dhole scats have been collected during surveys throughout the core zone of the Nam Et-Phou Louey (NEPL) National Protected Area. Surveys for dhole scats were conducted during 1 to 3-week field trips in six sub-areas of the core zone. Dhole scats were found in four of the six areas. Additionally, dholes were recorded in camera traps in three of the sub-areas, indicating that dholes are present in at least five of the six sub-areas. During field trips, students and park staff were trained in survey methods for identifying dhole sign.

For the remainder of the study period, surveys for dholes will be continue in the core and buffer zones of NEPL. Additionally, surveys for prey species will be conducted in both zones. Emphasis will be placed on documenting and preventing livestock predation by dholes in the buffer zones.

