

## Project Update: December 2009

To strengthen relation, we use to organize some activities as project continuity with the monitoring activities.

- 1. Publication:** Self Help Environment Awareness Camp (SHEAC/Nepal) has published its annual journal "The Greenery: Volume-7". We have been supporting SHEAC to publish issue of this Biodiversity and Environment journal through RSG project since 2007. That is why we have supported SHEAC/Nepal this time also as project continuity though RSG project has been already completed. To create awareness and share the conservation information, an article of rhino conservation is also published in the journal. Farmers (beneficiaries of RSG project through livelihood) also provided some financial assistance from their income for the publication. SHEAC/Nepal is a student organization related with Natural Resource Management.
- 2. Livelihood Programme:** Farmers to whom RSG project has funded to adopt conservation-based income generation activities started to take the membership of local cooperative programme. Now, they are saving 100 NRs in cooperative office monthly and they can get the loan for income generation activities in nominal interest if they want to do something in future.
- 3. Radio Programme:** The radio programme "Conservation Campaign" is still running. Due to the hot issue and COP-15 (Denmark), radio programme highlighted climate change, its impact to wildlife and biodiversity, human health and rural life. One interview was organized with Suman Bhattarai to share the reason, consequence and possible adapting measure.
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- 5. Poster:** In the support of some organization, two posters having the conservation theme related with rhino have been designed. Posters have showed major cause of rhino declining and the consequences of rhino poaching. Due to the financial dearth, these posters are not printed yet. These posters will be printed and distributed to concerned areas if financial support is made from anywhere.
- 6. Student Programme:** A conservation rally with the open toilet free zone declaration programme was organized in Rastriya Lower Secondary School. Partnership for Rhino Conservation supported 5 poor households to build toilet. Due to working relationship at the time of RSG project, organizer has invited RSG grantee (team leader). RSG grantee participated and gave a conservation speech.

- 7. Regular Field Visit:** To monitor our project impact, we visit project site two times per months. In November, we interacted with buffer zone people and forest user groups and wetland dependent groups.

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