

Project Update: July 2010

In June and July 2010, the following activities were done.

- 1. Interaction with World Environment Day Celebration:** To establish network and make interaction with schools, an interschool speech competition "Role of Students in Rhino Conservation" was organised on the occasion of World Environment Day by targeting most sensitive areas. Four schools of Chitwan National Park Buffer Zone Patihani User Committee areas were chosen for the competition because four rhinos were shot by poachers 2 months before in this area. The competition was carried out in the coordination of Environment Conservation Teachers' Forum, Chitwan.
- 2. Radio Programme:** Radio programme is being run smoothly. In these 2 months' episodes, issues were mostly based on the rhino conservation. Programme highlighted environmental and biodiversity conservation issues. Programmes had also covered the activities conducted by several conservation-based organisations in order to celebrate world environment day. Programme highlighted the issue of flooding problems to globally threatened wildlife. In this monsoon, it was reported that Narayani River has flooded 2 rhino calves.

Radio Jockey Sangita and grantee Suman Bhattarai had developed program for these two months also.

- 3. School Visits:** As per our major activities, five schools were visited, and school teaching activities were made for the conservation networking and library establishment. During this period, five classes were taken in different schools of buffer zone and disseminate the networking mechanism and importance of library and conservation article.



- 4. Alternative Income Generation Activity for Livelihood:** To change traditional destruction-based income generation activities, conservation activities were designed. The Buffer Zone Saving Credit Cooperative Limited was interacted in order to implement these activities at local level. The main aim of interaction is to handover responsibility after the project completion.
- 5. Support to Co-workers:** Due to the excessive use of chemical pesticides, farmland bird species are in huge risk. So that Miss Deepa Paudel organized wetland management training with expert consultation in the coordination of local community based organisation. This RSG rhino conservation project provided its project coordinator as resource person for the training.
- 6. Regular Field Visit:** Same as past in these two months, five visits were made to collect the local views and their interest.

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