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Community Based Himalayan Black Bears Conservation

Summary of activities

- ➤ Working with 148 local farmers for the development of community based crop damage compensation scheme.
- ➤ Selection of 20 school for bear conservation education.
- Writing handbook on bear conservation.





Challenges

- > Highly damaging crops (maize) by bears.
- Lacking fund for handbook publication.
- Replication of crop damage compensation scheme.



Lesson learned

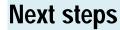
- ➤ Local communities involve for bear conservation if conflicts can minimize.
- Project success depends on active involvement of many stakeholders.
- ➤ Bear based eco-tourism is next option for sustainable bear conservation.











- ➤ Finalization of community based crop damage compensation scheme.
- > Publication of handbook.
- Organize Eco teacher workshop.
- School awareness program for behavior change conservation campaign.
- Preparation of Himalayan black bear conservation action plan.

