

## **Project Update: August 2012**

### **1. Develop and disseminate snow leopard conservation education materials**

Snow leopard conservation education materials have been developed and distributed in different part of the countries. Poster published during the first phase of the project was reprinted and distributed in the local communities of snow leopard range. This was jointly published in collaboration with National Trust for Nature Conservation and Snow Leopard Conservancy, Friends for Change and Coins for Change.

#### **a. Snow leopard conservation book in Nepali for school students and local people**

Awareness is an important and effective tool for the conservation of snow leopard. In order to aware school students and local people, an education kit in local language will be published and distributed to the targeted community. Manuscript of the kit has almost been completed and is under the process of publication.

#### **b. Develop materials for keeping records of livestock insurance scheme and provide to the unit**

Register has been developed with format to keep record of livestock depredation and distributed to livestock insurance scheme of Shey Phoksundo National Park. This will help to maintain the database of livestock predation by snow leopard, and later on analyze the situation for planning activities to mitigate human snow leopard conflict in the coming days.

### **2. Management and record keeping training for livestock insurance scheme**

These types of trainings are very important to impart knowledge on community workers. A three days long training event was organized in Phoksundo Village Development Committee, where participants were also from Vijer and Saldang village development committee. All together, 15 participants benefited from the training. This will help to efficiently carry out livestock insurance scheme activities in the area.

### **3. Providing furniture and additional materials to snow leopard information centre at Shey Phoksundo National Park**

Snow leopard related publication, three large sized book keeping cupboards and other accessories has been purchased and placed in the snow leopard information centre at Shey Phoksundo National Park. In addition to providing knowledge and creating awareness at the local level for snow leopard conservation, this will also attract tourists in the area, which will ultimately link snow leopard conservation to livelihood improvement of the local community.

### **4. Training law enforcement staffs on CITES and trade of wildlife and its part Nepal police, post office staff, anti poaching units, community management council, local youths)**

A two days training covering anti poaching operations, law enforcement to control illegal wildlife trade, CITES implementation, wildlife crime investigation procedure etc was conducted in Lomangthang area of Annapurna Conservation Area. It was first kind of such training conducted in the area, and was very effective. It was conducted in collaboration with national nongovernmental organizations Annapurna Conservation Area Project, Biodiversity Conservation and Research Form and Green Governance Nepal. Thirty participants from different organizations benefited from the training. Similarly another event was organized in

Langtang National Park in similar topics. It was also very effective, since these both locations are considered to be the main point of snow leopard poaching and illegal trade.

## 5. Field visit and coordination

We visited different parts of Annapurna Conservation Area to observe the ongoing activities adopted by Annapurna conservation Area Project to mitigate human wildlife conflict. Construction of predator proof corrals seems very important to mitigate conflict with snow leopard in the region.

All activities have been conducted in close coordination with other organizations and individuals working in the respective field.

