

Project Update: January 2014

Questionnaire prepared: In order to carry out the proposed study, a questionnaire has been prepared for the herder's survey and key informants interview. In coordination with WWF Nepal and respective protected area managers and local communities, fieldwork has been scheduled for April 2014.

Predator proof demonstration corals designed: Predator proof demonstration corrals from locally available materials such as stone and gabion wire will be installed in April 2014. For this, local leaders of respective sites have been consulted. For this purpose, other stakeholders have been consulted for the sustainability of the corrals and herding system in the high Himalayas.

Poster presented in First Asia Parks Congress: A poster was presented in First Asia Parks Congress, entitled "Prey density and diet of snow leopard in Shey Phoksundo National Park". This congress was held in Sendai, Japan from November 13th to 17th 2013. This event was very effective in attracting attention of conservation workers from Asian countries in snow leopard conservation.

Coordination meeting held: In coordination with WWF Nepal and other individual researchers, an informal meeting was held in Pokhara to discuss the potential research works and control of illegal poaching and trade of snow leopards and its part in the trans-boundary of the country.

