

Project Update: April 2013

I have recently completed my field work in Parsa Wildlife Reserve and Buffer Zone, central Nepal. I conducted household interview in two Buffer Zone Village Development Committees (VDCs). A total of 58 structured questionnaire surveys (house to house interview) were conducted in the Buffer Zone of Parsa Wildlife Reserve. Two districts and two Buffer Zone communities were covered for the study. Amlekhgunj Buffer Zone Community Forest User group in Amlekhgunj V.D.C. ward number 3,4,5,6 was chosen in Bara district and Nirmal Basti V.D.C. ward 6 was chosen in Parsa district.

The main source of primary data was a questionnaire survey among the households in the study area of buffer zone. The survey instruments contained closed and open ended questions aiming to explore the answers of the research questions/objectives that were addressed in this research. Information was sought on economic losses, conflict issues, resource uses, conservation attitude and conservation intervention. A key informant survey and focus group discussion was also performed in both VDC.

Next week, I will move to Annapurna Conservation Area to carry out field study. And if possible, I am planning to cover another Buffer Zone VDC of Parsa Wildlife Reserve in Makwanpur district.

