

### **Project Update: September 2009**

Some good news came from Bardiya. Police has arrested one notorious poacher, Puskar Shah from Badalpur VDC-9, in the district. Shah has been accused of killing two rhinos. Bardiya National Park has issued arrest warrants against 29 in rhino poaching out of which 11 were arrested. Recently, six persons were also arrested along with arms and meat of spotted deer.

Bardiya National Park now has 20 rhinos. During the rhino count on March 2008, 22 rhinos were found. Two rhinos were poached after the count. Rapid rhino monitoring on 2007, has counted 31 rhinos in Bardiya.