

Project Update: July 2013

The last month has not been good for us. First of all, two of our clouded leopard traps have been seriously damaged by elephants. We are working in one of them and it will be fixed soon. But the other one is almost destroyed. Please find camera trap pictures attached. For that reason we have had to stop the trapping until the elephants are gone from the area where we are trapping.

Elephants, although they are amazing, represent a serious threat for our traps.

Another bad news is related to my samples. Because of an electric/power outage, I've lost between 15-17 samples of civets, leopard cats, and feral cats and dogs. This has been the hardest and toughest episode that I've lived here. Due to my fear of this situation happening, I kept some of the samples in other freezer in other area, so I haven't lost all of them. In the future I will keep the samples in two sites to avoid this nightmare.

On the other hand, during my visit to California to search for different lures, I could get more attractants for our wild cats. We have brought to the field deer scents, wild boar scents, catnip in spray and a decoy fawn. We are really excited to try them. I send you a picture with one of the new traps set with a "fake fawn". Hopefully, our clouded leopards will be curious about it.



