

Project Update: July 2014

I have completed 95% of research work on "Geospatial modelling to assess Asian Elephants (*Elephas maximus*) habitat suitability, migratory routes and human elephant interface in eastern Nepal" funded by Rufford Small Grants Programme. My report writing is in last stage and I will send you final report soon.

Major work completed.

1. Field work for habitat suitability and human elephant inter face study was completed.
2. GIS work on habitat suitability study and migratory routes assessment was completed.
3. Conservation awareness programme - three Elephant Conservation Committees formed, posters and calendar with elephant conservation message published and distributed. Twelve episodes of radio program on "Save our Nature and Wild elephants" were prepared and broadcasted by local Popular FM Inaruwa, Sunsari and it was a best elephant conservation radio programme and liked by local people.
4. I have attached here some photographs of my study.



Tusker's preparation for entry to settlement.

Male tuskers tried their best to enter into the settlement and waiting nearby solar fence erected by Koshi Tappu Wildlife reserve Sunsari.

Elephant killed by local community in Haripur, Sunsari as Retaliatory killing and electrocuted in the agriculture land.



Tusker in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve, Natural Habitat.