

Project Update: May 2014

1. Roll out of Wildlife Damage Relief Support Guidelines, 2012

Fifty-six local people (Annex-1) of Laharepauwa village development committee, Rasuwa were made aware on policy provisions of Wildlife Damage Relief Support Guidelines, 2012 from 27th to 28th April 2014. Laharepauwa village of Langtang National Park falls inside buffer zone area and therefore is being highly affected by wild animals. A resource person, Assistant Warden from Langtang National Park Mr Ram Dev Chaudari, rolled out the guidelines, facilitated the interactive discussion and answered the queries and questions of participants.

Mr Chaudari informed that in mountain areas, the policy covers the damage and loss by bears, snow leopard, wild boars and common leopard. The guidelines include human wildlife conflict ranging from human casualties/injuries, crop damage, livestock depredation, livestock shed damage to food grain damage. The current coverage is respectively NPR. 300,000; NPR. 50,000; NPR. 10,000; and NPR. 10,000 for human casualty, serious injury, livestock damage and crop damage. In terms of claim procedures, the affected household/victim needs to submit an application along with recommendation of respective Buffer Zone Chair, recommendation of Village Development Committee, valuation sheet from District Agriculture/Livestock office and land ownership certificate. In case of PAs, warden is the authority to provide relief while in case of community forests; District forest office is the appropriate authority. In addition, Mr Chaudari also highlighted the salient features of Buffer Zone Management Regulations and Directives.

Figure 1: Assistant Warden facilitating session **Figure 2:** Participants at workshop



Participatory mapping was prepared during the roll out session. It is learned that categorically wild boar, Asiatic black bears, barking deer and rats are the most damaging wild animals. Maize, potatoes and wheat are the most affected agricultural crops. On the other hand, common leopard are the most problematic wild animal with majority of loss to goat sheep and calves of buffaloes/cows. Due to the restriction on pastureland inside core areas, the number of livestock herders for sheep has been decreasing. On contrary, the number of famers rearing goats has been increasing.

Figure 3 and 4: Participants at a group photo session



Figure 5 and 6: Ranking of wild animals causing crop damage and livestock depredation



2. Household visit for livestock shed support

Household was visited in order to observe the existing condition of livestock sheds. The conditions of majority of livestock sheds are found to be very poor- not able to protect from common leopard and black bear. Discussion was made to provide support to improve condition of livestock shed in case farmers are interested. 5-6 farmers' livestock was observed. The final list of interested farmers will be prepared and submitted by Syaubari CF User's Group. Photographic illustration of sample livestock sheds are given below.

Figure 7 and 8: Existing livestock shed and its interior



Figure 9: Open cow shed of single woman



Figure 10: Poorly constructed livestock shed



Figure 11: livestock shed needs small repair



Figure 12: Traditional mitigation measures



3. Proposed field sits for Game Proof Fencing

Site visit was made to have an idea on the location of game proof fencing followed by HWC orientation. The information on the field activities from Rufford project was shared to all participants including working committee of Syaubari CFUG. Proposed sites for game proof fencing are chosen at the location (N 28⁰⁰.909'; E 85⁰12.777') below Syaubari essential oil plant. The alignment, as indicated by white line goes along with boundary of community forests, which demarcates crop fields. Once Syaubari CFUG will provide the estimates, I will make a field visit for construction works.

Figure 13: Proposed sites for Game Proof Fencing

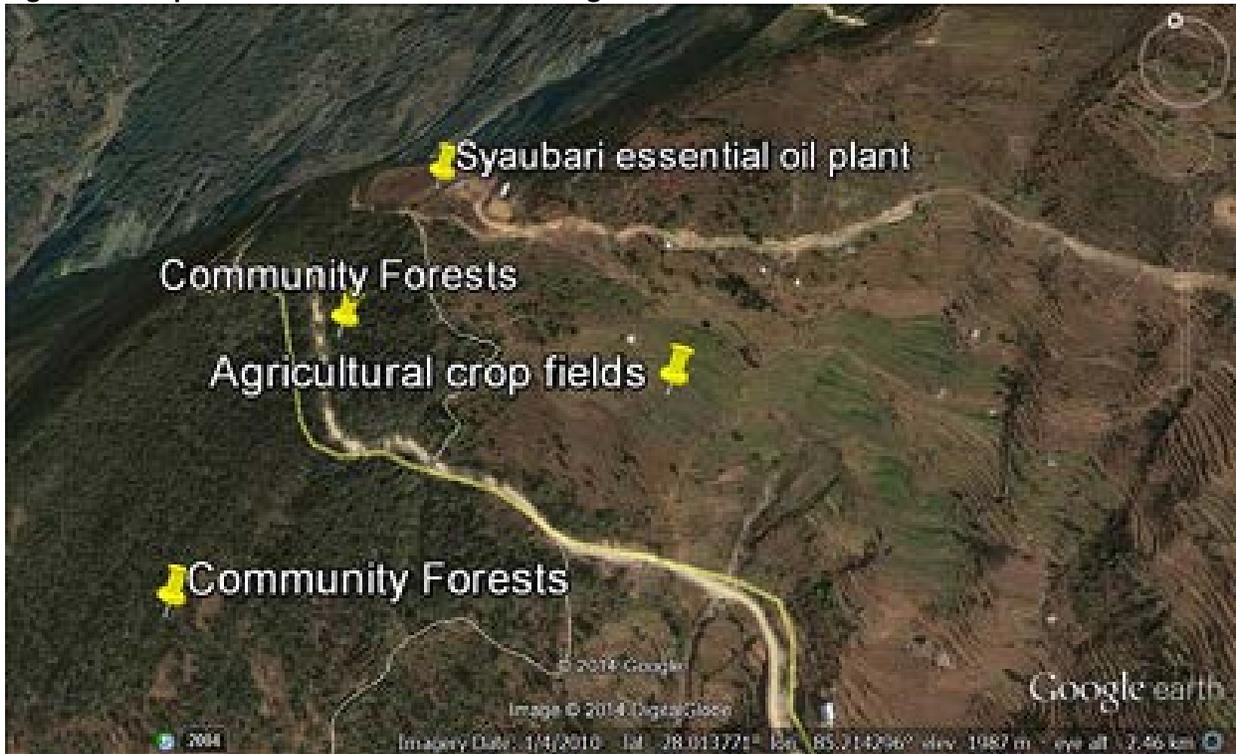


Figure 14: Crop field near forest



Figure 15: Stone wall needs restoration



Annex-1: Participant Name list of orientation workshop on Wildlife Damage Relief Support Guidelines, 2012

Day 1 (27 April, 2014)		
S.N	Name	Post, Institution
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2.	Jaman Singh Thokra	Chairperson, Syaubari BZCF User Group
3.	Pasang Tchering Lama	Treasurer, Syaubari BZCF User Group
4.	Minguer Lama	Member, Syaubari BZCF User Group
5.	Wangsingi Lopcha	Member, Syaubari BZCF User Group
6.	Phurpa Lama	Member, Syaubari BZCF User Group
7.	Phool Maya Thokra	Member, Syaubari BZCF User Group
8.	Yosang Lama	Member, Syaubari BZCF User Group
9.	Dawa Paldeng Syangba	User, Syaubari BZCF User Group
10.	Pemba Lopchan	User, Syaubari BZCF User Group
11.	Nemwangdi Lopchan	User, Syaubari BZCF User Group
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19.	Nima Buhi Titung	User, Syaubari BZCF User Group
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25.	Tchering Syangba	User, Syaubari BZCF User Group
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36.	Meena Shrestha	User, Syaubari BZCF User Group
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40.	Tek Bahadur Thing	User, Syaubari BZCF User Group

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52.	Bhutti Syangba	User, Syaubari BZCF User Group
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