

Project Update: January 2015

Project update summary

The research permission from Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation of Government of Nepal was received in July 2014. After getting permission, we headed to the field in August 2014 with our remote cameras and other field equipments. After interviewing, discussing and visiting the field, we installed 31 remote cameras in Ngyshang valley of Annapurna Conservation Area. The camera trap locations were selected based on the signs, prey availability and habitat features. In September 2014, we were able to capture the Pallas's cat movie for the first time in Nepal (video footage attached) and in the daytime. This is the Pallas's cat movie captured at the highest elevation (4,825 m asl) in the world. In the same time, we also captured the snow leopard movie in Pallas's cat habitat in daytime. Then in December 2014, we captured the daytime photographs of Pallas's cat and snow leopard (photos attached). Besides, Pallas's cat and snow leopard, we also photographed many sympatric animals which shares Pallas's cat habitat such as golden jackal, musk deer, yellow-throated martin, golden eagle, red fox, large-eared pika etc. Our Pallas's cat research has been featured in famous national newspapers.

Please put these news links about Pallas's cat research published in reputed national newspapers in my Rufford project page:

News 1

<http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2014/12/11/nation/study-on-rare-pallas-cat-begins/270730.html>

News 2

<http://nepalitimes.com/article/Nepali-Times-Buzz/nepal-pallas-cat,1934>



Left: Golden Jackal photographed during Pallas's cat survey (Photo - Tashi R. Ghale, Global Primate Network - Nepal). Right: Pallas's cat recently captured in remote cameras in Annapurna Conservation Area, Nepal (Photo - Tashi R. Ghale, Global Primate Network-Nepal)



Left: Pallas's cat research team in the field after setting camera (Photo Tashi R. Ghale Global Primate Network-Nepal). Right: Principal Investigator cleaning snow from camera. Photo Tashi r. Ghale- Global Primate Network Nepal.



Left: Principal Investigator during sign survey in Pallas's cat habitat. Photo Tashi R. Ghale_ Global Primate Network Nepal. Right: Principal Investigator in a snow track survey. Photo Tashi R. Ghale-Global Primate Network Nepal.



Snow leopard photographed during Pallas's cat survey (Photo- Tashi R. Ghale, Global Primate Network - Nepal)

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