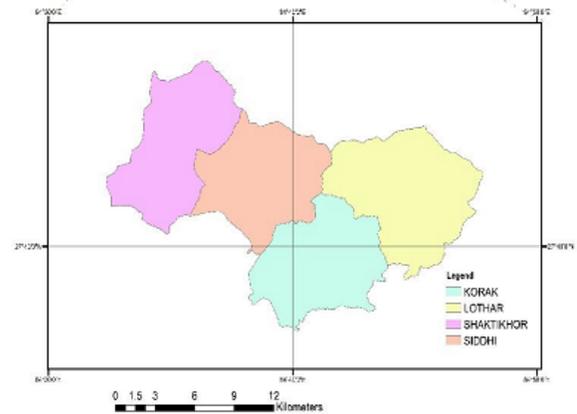


Project Update: January 2016

Summary

An ethno-zoological questionnaire survey was completed with 256 respondents based on different categories in which 69 questionnaires with local people, 136 with secondary and lower secondary school students and remaining 59 with a key informant (local leader, community forest user group committee, hunters, and medicinal healers) in four projected area mostly focus on Shaktikhor and Shiddi VDCs. Winter fruit bat survey and threat assessment (with identification hunting area) was also recorded by direct observation, roost survey and installation mist net and camera trapping near the Chiuri plant. Through this technique we collect the data of relationship between fruit bat and Chiuri plant. One new cave was recorded with the help of local people where a colony Rhinolophidae families recorded, detail inspection with other cave will be done in the summer field survey.

Four schools was selected for conservation raising activities with six more schools for conservation classes. Key informant meeting and group discussion were also organized to discuss the project aim and schedule for the target group meeting during the conservation awareness campaign. The first phase data will be analysed and result will be discussed with target group with other conservation awareness activities during the conservation campaign.



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Some threats recorded during the survey a) Chepang webbing mist-net to kill fruit bats b) Setting the locally prepared mist net to hunt fruit bats by the local people c) Killed bat studies by researcher and d) bat meat fried in the market before serving the customers.

Activities during the survey: a) captured fruit bat observed by research member before the morphometric measurement; b) installed mist net for fruit bat survey; c) cave exploration; d) installation of camera trap in the Chiuri plant e-g) during ethnozoological survey; h) key informant meeting with president of four community forest; and i) questionnaire survey with secondary school.