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The village key persons from four blocks, viz. Umling, Tarithang, Chuudzagang and Ngangla, were involved in the social interview and awareness on conservation threats to hog deer. Besides that, two school dropout students from each block was trained on survey protocol and research objectives in four blocks separately. In total, 50% of the households from affected areas were randomly selected for sampling size - 75, 15, 55 and 30 households from Umling, Tarithang, Chuudzagang and Ngangla block were identified and questionnaire surveys were conducted on crop depredation by hog deer. Most of the questionnaires were collected by trained school dropout student and staff of Umling Park Range.

A minimum of 10 agriculture fields affected by hog deer were selected for data collection in four blocks. Moreover, habitat used by hog deer were also measured by the abundance of pellet group and track count along transects.

Three to five camera traps will be set up in key field during the summer season when cultivation starts.

Training on Survey protocol to Village key persons and school dropout student.

Interview with household of Tarithang block.

Interview with local people for Chuuzagang block.

Agriculture field selected for crop depredation Survey

Pallet of hog deer in nearby the agriculture field

Temporary shelter made on the tree for guarding the crops at night from Hog deer.