

Project Update: November 2017

As soon as the grant was awarded, permission to conduct field works and conservation programmes in study area was received from Department of Forest, Kathmandu Nepal.

1. Preliminary Survey

In the mid-June 2017 we did a preliminary survey to collect information on the presence of dens in the study area. Also, discussion was done with local community, forest user groups, forest guards and stakeholders of study area about this project.

2. Field Work and Camera Trapping:

A previously recorded den was monitored and was found to be active so camera traps were set up to record the activity and behaviour of hyaenas in and around the den. Regular monitoring of camera traps will be done throughout the project period.



Figure 1. Setting up camera traps



Figure 2 Rare image of striped hyaena captured in camera traps: Mother hyaena feeding her cubs

3. Project leader was invited for oral presentation at the 11th International Conference on Behaviour, Physiology and Genetics of Wildlife 4th -7th Oct. 2017 in Berlin, Germany to present striped hyaena research.



Figure 3 Presenting hyaena research of Nepal in 11th International conference in Berlin, Germany

4. Interview on Television and F.M. Radio

Interview with the project leader was aired on FM radio and also on television (Rapti Darpan). Both interviews were focused about ongoing research project and current wildlife scenario of country.

