

Project Update: June 2018



Completion of Field survey (first phase):

Field survey for installation of camera trap has been completed. Although 30 cameras were planned to install randomly, we were only able to set up 25. Worse weather with continuous rainfall and hailstones was a major limitation for our access to five of the randomly selected grids. Installed cameras will be retrieved after the end of monsoon as some areas will be completely cut off from access to human during the monsoon.



Left: Bidhan Adhikary installing camera trap for Asiatic black bear survey. Right: Setting up Moultrie trail camera for black bear survey.



Bushnell aggressor trail camera preparing for installation.

Completion of conservation camps:

Camps on conservation of black bear were successfully completed among the community dependent on forest. Camps were organised in permanent corrals like Dhoda and Hugu of the area. Discussion on need for conservation of black bear and their importance was done during the camp. Conservation posters were distributed to the participants of the conservation camps. Posters were also handed to community school where conservation camp was conducted during previous project.



Left: Participants of Asiatic Black bear conservation camps in Dhoda. Right: Discussion with principal of Himalayan Milan Secondary school on Asiatic black bear conservation.



Delivering the message of Asiatic Black bear conservation to the local herder.

Installation of Black bear safety information board:

Ten information boards with safety tips on sudden encounter with black bear were installed in the Sikles-Tangting periphery. All the information boards were installed in the major trail used by the villagers as well as the tourists.



Left: Information board on safety tips for encounter with black bear placed on the trail to Tapro. Right: Information board on the way to Kori.



Left: Information board on the way to Khapuche Glacial Lake. Right: Information Board on Karpu Danda.



Left: Information board in Nauja. Right: Installing information board on tea shop at bus park of Sikles.