

Project Update: December 2020

Reconnaissance survey

An extensive field visit was done to find the inaccessible grids and the condition of roads. In order to make the grids representative in terms of geography, ruggedness, disturbed/ undisturbed, grasslands/ Sal forests, water proximity; we conducted group discussions with local people to better understand about the grids and the site.



Key informant survey

We consulted local park authorities, nature guides, birders and members of Buffer Zone User Groups and village leaders to select the grids for occupancy survey and to know the field scenarios, sightings of hornbills and threats to them. Also, group discussions with villagers, meetings with park authorities were conducted for knowing the possible threats to hornbills. We further discussed about the possible impactful methodology to adopt to make the outreach campaigns more promising.



Outreach campaigns

We organised school teaching programmes in the schools in Bardiya. For the increased effectiveness of the classes, we also included local teachers into the campaign. In addition to the teaching programme, we organised a painting competition in Great

Learner's Academy where more than 100 students crafted their drawings on the topic "Hornbills for Forests".

The major objective of this activity was to teach the school children about the species of hornbills found in Nepal, means of identification and significance in ecosystem.

Amidst COVID, we ensured that all the safety protocols were facilitated and ensured while conducting the outreach campaigns in the schools.