

Rescue/Relocation of Snakes and Spot Education

We have recorded 13 king cobras from Nawalpur district out of which two were spotted during their mating process and one was spotted floating in wetland in the Namuna Buffer Zone Community Forest (NBZCF) which remained undisturbed. Our local coordinator Mr. Prem Mahato from Nawalpur district was able to rescue king cobras from different areas of Nawalpur district like; Sandh, Amaltari, Dumkauli, Laugain, 16 number which were released into their natural habitat in the presence of forest officials whereas two king cobras were killed by locals, one from Gairi and another from Rajahar. Later our team went there and informed the people about our rescue and relocation work. We also have recorded nine king cobras from Kaski and its surrounding areas out of which two were spotted in its natural habitat with their nests and others were rescued from residential areas and released into their natural habitats by one of our team members Mr. Rohit Giri from Kaski. We also have recorded 10 king cobras from Kathmandu out of which one was juvenile crossing the road at Kavresthali near its natural habitat and others were rescued from Dakshinkali municipality with the help of one of local coordinator Mr. Subodh Acharya which later were released to its natural habitat in the presence of forest officials. Beside these king cobras, our team members have also rescued more than hundreds of snakes including venomous and non-venomous from different districts of Nepal.



Our team rescued some common cobras, monocled cobras, kraits, Russell's vipers, pit vipers among venomous snakes whereas pythons, trinket snakes, rat snakes, water snakes, etc. among non-venomous snakes. During these rescue and relocation process, our team members not only distributed promotional materials like brochures and posters

to the locals but also did a "spot education" by telling them about rescued snake's basic identification techniques, their behavior and also handling methods (in case of non-venomous snakes only). We found that locals were very interested to know about snakes and have asked about many myths and facts regarding snakes. During this work, we got very good responses from locals and from forest officials as well.



Rescued King Cobra from Dakshinkali, Kathmandu. Photo: Kamal Devkota.



Rescued King Cobra from Nawalpur. Photo: Prem Mahato.



Rescued King Cobra from Nawapur. Photo: Hem Mahato.





Some dead King Cobras from Nawalpur district.



Our local coordinator from Nawalpur, Mr. Prem Mahato, during the rescue of King

Cobra.



Demonstration of King Cobra rescue process in front of Dakshinkali Municipality Office premises.



Project Leader Mr. Kamal Devkota with local coordinator Mr. Subodh Acharya during

relocation



Project Leader Mr. Kamal Devkota relocating rescued King Cobra from Kathmandu.



Project Leader Mr. Kamal Devkota and local coordinator Mr. Subodh Acharya conducting a "Spot Education" in front of the Dakshinkali Municipality Office immediately after the rescue of King Cobra from Dakshinkali, Kathmandu.



Our team member Mr. Rohit Giri rescuing King Cobra from Kaski, Nepal.



Rescued Monocled Cobra.



Rescued Common Cobra



Our team rescued Green Pit Viper and educating locals about it.



Our team displaying rescued Python and educating locals about it.



Our team with DFO and other forest officials from Kawasoti, Nawalpur district just before releasing Python and Green Pit Viper to their natural habitats.



Our team with DFO and other forest officials from Nepaljung, Banke district just before releasing Common Sand Boa to its natural habitat.



Our team with forest officials from Dakshinkali, Kathmandu just before releasing King Cobra to its natural habitat.



Our team with various staff of National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) at Central Zoo, NTNC, Jawalakhel, Kathmandu just before releasing King Cobra to its natural habitat.



Our team with staff from Chitwan National Park at Nawalpur district during the release of rescued snake to its natural habitat.