

Project Update: January 2023

	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	COMPLETED ACTIVITIES
1.	Reduce the hunting intensity and trade of owl	
1.1	<p>Develop mobile application for enforcement agencies.</p> <p>1.1.1 Meeting with CIB, Nepal police and experts.</p> <p>1.1.2 Hiring of expert for content finalization. Drafting of contents, meeting allowance.</p> <p>1.1.3 Hiring of IT personnel.</p> <p>1.1.4 Launch ceremony.</p>	<p>1.1.1. The first round of meetings with CIB, wildlife crime section of DNPWC, few experts were conducted.</p> <p>1.1.2. Two companies/groups were finalising the application, but one team relocated to another country, and another stopped communicating after orally finalising the application contents. Searching for another team.</p> <p>1.1.3. Not done yet.</p>
1.2	<p>Conservation camp (school and public) at two international border points and four major trade routes.</p> <p>1.2.1 Hiring of multimedia.</p> <p>1.2.2 Transportation.</p> <p>1.2.3 Food and snacks for team.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation camps for university students at Rangbhang: two units (28). • Conservation camps for school students in Lamjung district one unit (40 students). • Conservation camps for the public in Lamjung district one unit (30). • District level stakeholder workshop at boarder of Mustang, one unit (27). • Conservation camp for public/youth (snake rescuer team) of the area, one unit (11). • Conservation camp in Pokhara Valley (street drama), one unit (50). • Conservation camp for the students, Pokhara four units (145). • Conservation camps for the students of Syangja, five units (150). • Conservation camps for the local public (including journalist) in Syangja, three camps (43).
2.	Stakeholder sensitisation and capacity building	
2.1	<p>Conservation materials develop and distribution.</p> <p>2.1.1 Conservation documentary</p> <p>2.1.1.1 Script finalization.</p> <p>2.1.1.2 Photo/video purchase.</p> <p>2.1.1.3 Hiring of expert.</p>	<p>2.1.1 Completed</p> <p>2.1.1.1 Completed.</p> <p>2.1.1.2 Completed.</p> <p>2.1.1.3 Completed.</p> <p>The documentary has been posted to the organisation's YouTube channel. Those interested in organising owl conservation camps could also request a digital copy. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lo8oE8pef4&t=57s</p>

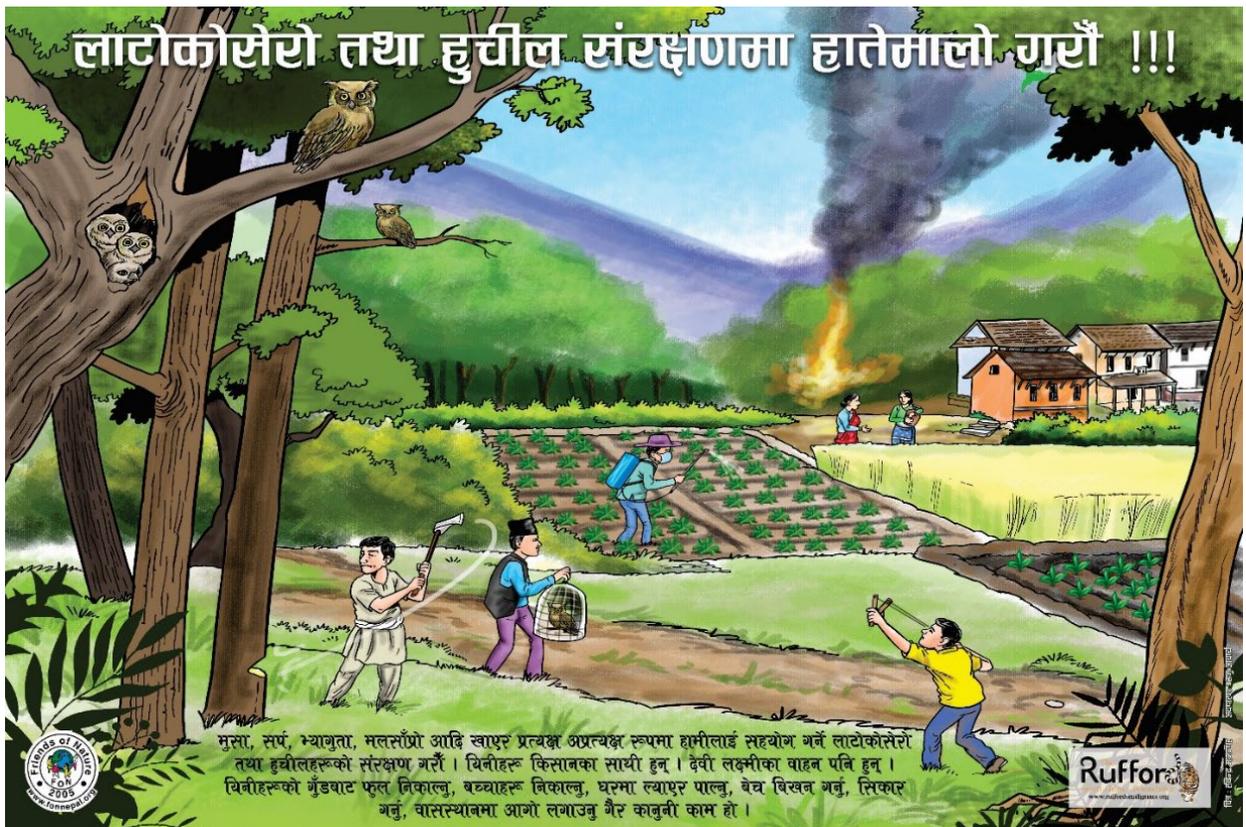
	<p>2.1.2 Owl book. 2.1.2.1 Hiring of translator and information collector. 2.1.2.2 Draft consultation with expert. 2.1.2.3 Expert hiring for design.</p> <p>2.1.3 Owl conservation posters.</p>	<p>2.1.2 Translation of older version is done, however information update is still in progress. 2.1.2.1 Done and still in progress. 2.1.2.2 Not completed. 2.1.2.3 Not completed.</p> <p>2.1.3 Owl conservation posters: design, printed and distribution is still in progress.</p>
2.2	Action Plan handover workshop.	The formal programme has not been completed, but individual handover is in progress. So far, 10 action plans have been distributed in five districts.



Workshop on owl conservation in the Mustang district, which borders China. The workshop was attended by all local politicians, law enforcement agencies, and stakeholders.



Annapurna Conservation Area Project receives the owl conservation action plan (left: principal researcher Mr. Raju Acharya and right: Head of ACAP, Mustang)



Owl conservation poster attempting to spread the message of the importance of owls in the local economy.

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for 'Friends of Nature FON' (@rajubird2003FON) with 950 subscribers. The channel is categorized under 'VIDEOS'. Three video thumbnails are visible:

- Recently uploaded:** 'वन क्याम्पस पोखराको प्रस्तुति लाटोकोसेरो संरक्षण नाटक' (5:19). Description: 'लाटोकोसेरो संरक्षण नाटक। वन क्याम्पस पोखरा। लाटोकोसेरो उत्सव'.
- Popular:** 'THE KING OF THE NIGHT : रातको राजा' (7:23). Description: '153 views • 1 month ago'.
- King Cobra II Conservation II Documentary II Nepal II English Subtitle** (8:31).

The browser's address bar shows 'youtube.com/@rajubird2003FON/videos'. The taskbar at the bottom indicates a temperature of 77°F and a time of 2:06 PM on 2/24/2023.

The documentary 'King of the Night' has been completed and uploaded to YouTube. This is written in the local language and would be useful while running an owl conservation camp for students and the general public.

The screenshot shows a news article on the website 'कान्तिपुर' (Kantipur). The article title is 'पोखराका 'उल्लु सर' ले पाए रुफर्डका सबै परियोजना' (Pokhara's 'Ullu Sar' gets all the Ruford projects). The author is 'श्याम श्रेष्ठ, Reporter' and the publication is 'कान्तिपुर संवाददाता'.

The article text reads: 'काठमाडौं — पोखरामा रहेर अनुसन्धान-संरक्षण तथा लेखनमा सक्रिय राजु आचार्य बेलायती संस्था 'रुफर्ड स्मल ग्रान्ट'का परियोजनाका लागि छनोट भएका छन्। सबै प्रजातिका वन्यजन्तुको अनुसन्धानमा काम गरेका भए पनि लाटोकोसेरोमा विशेष रुचि रहेकाले उनलाई युवा पुस्ताले 'उल्लु सर' भनेर चिन्छन्।'

Below the text is a photo of a man in a green shirt and cap, likely Raju Acharya. To the right of the article is a sidebar with advertisements for 'Nepatop', 'MIDEA Air Fryer' (Rs. 6,590), 'Titan Sparkle Blue Dial Analog Watch' (Rs. 8,792), and 'Polished Wooden Pen Stand Holder' (Rs. 1,249).

The browser's address bar shows 'ekantipur.com/news/2021/07/28/162745267170698162.html?author=1'. The taskbar at the bottom indicates a temperature of 71°F and a time of 12:33 PM on 2/28/2023.

Mr. Raju Acharya's 'Project Competition Grants' were highlighted in national and local media.