

Project Update

Activities:

Project Inception Workshop

We conducted a project inception workshop in Buddhabhumi Municipality, Kapilvastu, to establish a Fish Bank by forming a Fishing Cat Conservation Committee. In the Barkalpur area of Kapilvastu, the seven-member Hariyali Fishing Cat Conservation Committee was formed, consisting entirely of Tharu indigenous women. During this workshop, we emphasized the importance of fishing cats to our environment and their significance to the local area. The workshop was facilitated with the assistance of a retired soldier, now serving as an armed forest guard.



Fish Hatchling Support

To operate the fish bank as per our agreement, we will initially provide 20,000 fish hatchlings as seed support. The fish bank operates with the following mechanism: when a member of the community loses any fish due to fishing cats, they will be compensated from the fish bank. This encourages the community to avoid harming the fishing cats and supports a healthy environment for them to roam freely. The remaining fish, after compensations are made, will be sold in the market. The revenue generated from these sales will be used to sustainably maintain the fish bank.



Instant Co-existence Created

When Shakuntala lost one of her goats to a wild cat, our Fishing Cat Conservation Committee members quickly stepped in to assist her. They provided her with a new goat and helped repair and maintain her old chicken coop.



Celebration of Fishing Cat February 2024

"Cast your care for fishing cats: 15 days, 15 places, 15 people from 15th of February"

For Fishing Cat February 2024, we organized a conservation campaign for the fishing cat in western Nepal. Over 15 days, we ran an awareness campaign, meeting with 15 people in 15 different locations each day. This effort sparked a lot of interest and enthusiasm for protecting fishing cats, making a strong impact on communities throughout western Nepal.

