

Project Update: August 2023

Published the Musk Deer book



After conducting the school awareness program about the musk deer, school children wrote poems, stories, and essays about the musk deer and its conservation. Then, their contents were collected and revised for proof reading. 1000 copies of colorful book was published with all the contents of students, including drawings, stories, essays, and poems about the musk deer. The musk deer drawings of children from the first Rufford Grant programme were also used. The children of different schools in the

Gorkha district created all the book's contents. The book was named '**Mriga ra Kasturiharu**'.

We also obtained the ISBN from the Central Library of Tribhuvan University to establish a record of the book in the database. Two hard copies of the book was also handed over to the Central Library.

School program in Kathmandu valley

After publishing the book about musk deer, we conducted a school awareness program about musk deer in some of the schools (Viswa Niketan Higher Secondary School and The Times International College) of Kathmandu Valley. We showed them the musk deer video during the school awareness programme and explained the PowerPoint slides. We also used the recently published book 'Mriga ra Kasturiharu' and previously published poster and brochure of musk deer.

After the awareness programme, we asked some students to independently say a few things about musk deer, which they learned from the awareness programme. We also gave prizes to those students who said some sentences about the musk deer.

The theme of conducting the musk deer awareness programme outside the project area was to let the children of different regions know about the musk deer and its current situation and make them aware of the species' conservation.

We also provided the school with tokens of love and some 'Mriga ra Kasturiharu' books to place in their library for easy access for every student.



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Printed information board

The two-information board, which was installed in the first Rufford Grant project faded out. With planning to replace the previous flex of the board, UV print in the vinyl sticker was done. The vinyl sticker will be placed on the information board in our next visit to MCA. The UV print have a long life and will remained for around a decade.



Prize distribution to the content writer

In August 2023, we conducted a prize distribution program in three schools (Modern English Secondary School, Shree Shakti Secondary School, and Shree Mahendra Jyoti Secondary School) of Gorkha Bazaar. We distributed the prize, including stationery items, token of love and a book of musk deer, to each content writer as an encouragement for their first step in biodiversity conservation. We also distributed some 'Mriga ra Kasturiharu' books to the library of those schools and a token of love for their positive support and time in conducting the school awareness programme.



Musk deer book distribution

We distributed 'Mriga ra Kasturiharu' books to a total of seven schools (Modern English Secondary School, Shree Shakti Secondary School, Shree Mahendra Jyoti Secondary School, Shree Bal Mandir Secondary School, The Old Capital Secondary School, Shree Nava Jyoti Secondary School, and Shree Manakamana Deaf Residential Secondary School) of Gorkha, to place the books in their library. The students can learn about the musk deer from the 'Mriga ra Kasturiharu' books in their leisure time.

Besides that, we also distributed the 'Mriga ra Kasturiharu' books to the hotels of Gorkha from where the customers may learn about the musk deer. We also distributed

this book to the different individuals who were interested in the musk deer and the biodiversity conservation.

