

Project Update: October 2018

The live traps and camera traps were installed at previous locations (first phase) for small mammals survey. Unlike the first phase, we were successful in recording red giant flying squirrel twice through roost survey. 400 households, affiliated with different community forests and forest user groups were surveyed (using semi structured questionnaire).

Amongst 10 citizen scientists who participated in the training on small mammal survey and monitoring techniques, three were recruited for regular field survey as they seemed highly interested and committed towards conservation.

1000 copies of posters and 500 stickers including information about need of small mammal conservation and current threats to them were printed for awareness programme. Posters and stickers were distributed to district forest office, sector office, Ilaka forest office, Ghodaghodi Area Conservation and Public Awareness Forum (the local NGO), schools and local tea shops where number of people gather for discussions. Information about importance of wetlands, status of small mammal status in Ghodaghodi Lake Complex (GLC) and need of conservation was disseminated through PowerPoint presentation to different schools and communities of Ghodaghodi municipality.

List of schools outreached for small mammals conservation awareness

S.N	Name of Schools	Location(Within Ghodaghodi municipality)	Grade
1	Zenium Academy	Pahalmanpur	8,9 and10
2	Kanti Rajya Laxmi Madhyamik Vidyalaya	Pahalmanpur	10
3	Gyan Jyoti Madhyamik Vidyalaya	Pahalmanpur	8 and 10
4	Chadi Madyamik Vidyamandir	Belar	9 and 10
5	Melghatti Madyamik Vidyalaya	Deepnagar	9 and 10
6	Peace Moonlight Boarding School	Sukhad	8, 9 and 10
7	Rastriya Madyamik Vidyalaya	Sukhad	9 and 10
8	Shree Children Garden Lower Secondary School	Bhaluphanta	7 and 8
9	Jan Jyoti Nimnah Madyamik Vidyalaya	Simtari	8 and 9
10	Sirjana Pragati Nimnah Madhyamik Vidyalaya	Nakhrodi	7 and 8

Work in progress

- Species Identification and data analysis.
- Media consultation.
- Information/findings dissemination workshops.
- Final report writing.



Left: A wild rat trapped for measurement. Right: Mongoose captured by Camera trap



Left: Local lady collecting fodder near wetlands. Right: Cattles foraging in forest area within GLC.



Left: Local women fishing illegally in lake area. Right: Red giant flying squirrel hunted for food.



Left: Traps used by locals to kill rats. Right: Rats killed for food by Tharu ethnic group.



Presentation on Importance of wetlands and small mammal's conservation to school students

Staff of Ghodaghodi Area Conservation and Public Awareness Forum, holding posters in the Forum's Information and Ticketing Centre near Ghodaghodi Lake.

