

Project Update: March 2010

In February and March 2010, following activities were done.

- 1. Public Interaction and Coordination:** To run the project effectively, four other grantees were consulted. Two meetings were conducted with local youth clubs and the forest user committee. We have made an understanding with a newly formed NGO named 'Center for Biodiversity Conservation' to work jointly in conservation activities.
- 2. Radio Programme:** The radio programme is being run smoothly. In the last episode, Suman Bhattarai highlighted the past and present project activities of the booster grant the and implementation strategy. Suman appealed to local people and institutions to join hands for biodiversity and environmental conservation. The radio programme has been broadcasting the report of completed activities and highlighting the coming activities in order to inform local people.



- 3. Magazine Publication:** A new update of magazine entitled 'Samrakshan' (conservation in English) was published and displayed on 10 conservation notice boards which were established in schools, the buffer zone user group office, and forest user group office by our previous projects.
- 4. Poster Distribution:** Posters with the message and picture of 'Consequence of Involving Poaching' were produced and distributed in several Buffer Zone User Committees and local NGOs. Some of them were hung on the wall of highly peoples' movement zone.
- 5. Drama:** With the cycle rally, dramas were played, and songs were sung in three user committee areas of the buffer zone of Chitwan National Park. More than 2000 people including young/primary school level to old age people enjoyed the programme. Foreigners also enjoyed the drama while visiting the tourist area named Sauraha.
- 6. Documentary Show:** Two documentary show programmes were organized to create awareness by targeting local women groups and youths. More than 250 people enjoyed the programme in the hall of the buffer zone office of Piple area.
- 7. Cycle Rally:** A conservation cycle rally was organized as a joint venture with different organizations in order to create awareness for biodiversity conservation and sensitize people about the punishment for poaching and being involved in poaching and destruction activities. People in the rally cycled more than 30 km and influenced more than 5,000 people throughout the programme.
- 8. Regular Field Visit:** To monitor our project impact at a local level, we visited the project site twice a month. In February and March 2010, we kept 3 meetings with local partners.

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