

Project Update: May 2010

In April and May 2010, following activities were done.

- 1. Public Interaction:** During these 2 months, two interaction programmes were conducted in order to motivate poor farmers whose livelihoods are mostly depended on natural resources i.e. fishing, firewood selling, etc. Farmers showed keen interest to change existing income generating practices, but they do not have any ideas how they can shift their existing practices. During this interaction programme, project members shared ideas of conservation based on income generation activities i.e. home gardening, fishery, pig rearing, etc.
- 2. Radio Programme:** Radio programme is being run smoothly. In these 2 months' episodes, issues were mostly based on the rhino conservation. Programme highlighted the importance of rhino conservation from tourism, ecological, economical, community development, and opportunities to future generation aspects. Programmes had also covered the activities conducted by several conservation-based organization in order to celebrate the earth day, biodiversity day and wildlife week (Nepalese programme).

Radio Jokey Sangita and grantee Suman Bhattarai had developed programme for these two months.

- 3. Publication:** As per regular programme, the third issue of conservation magazine entitled "*Our Environment*" was published this time also. Published magazines were displayed on 10 conservation notice boards which were established in schools, the buffer zone user group office, and forest user group office by the previous project.



- 4. Poster Distribution:** This time also, rhino conservation posters were distributed to Chitwan National Park Headquarter, National Trust for Nature Conservation, buffer zone user groups, forest user groups, college and other areas.
- 5. Material Collection:** To establish the conservation based small library, some related organizations were visited to gain the information concerned publications.
- 6. Participation:** Our project members joined three celebrity days i.e. earth day, biodiversity day and wildlife week in order to create awareness about the wildlife conservation amongst local people.

Similarly, we encouraged wetland dependant local people to participate fishery training. We had provided the resource person support and transportation. Altogether 20 households participated the training.

7. Regular Field Visit: Same as past in these two months, 6 visits were made to collect the local views and their interest.

For more information: www.rhinonepal.org/past.php