

Project ID: 40960-1

Project Title: Ecology and Conservation of Gaur (*Bos gaurus*)

Progress Report (2)

Project update: August 2024- January 2025

1) Preliminary Survey

A preliminary survey was conducted in the Triyuga forest of Udayapur district during the first week of December 2024. The major objective of preliminary survey was to understand the status of Gaur and to identify the potential areas for their suitable habitat. For this purpose, our team visited the Division Forest Offices of Udayapur district in Katari and Gaighat. Similarly, a Key Informant Interview (KII) was also conducted with the government officers and foresters of Sub-Division Forest Officials in Triyuga, Chaudandi and Belaka municipality of Udayapur district. Similarly, a KII was also carried out with the Community Forest User Committee members, local people and herders. Informal discussions were also done with the community people to better understand their status. Through this consultation, we identified the potential areas of Gaur's presence of past and present in the periphery of Triyuga forest patches. We collected the name list of few community forests with the probability of Gaur's presence.



KII with the Division Forest Officer of Katari (L) ,President of Khaijanpur CFUG (R) and President of Ambika CFUG (down)

2) Promotional materials and questionnaire preparation

All necessary promotional materials like brochures, leaflets, posters and t-shirts were distributed during the outreach programs. Some new design poster was also prepared before visiting the field. The brochures and pamphlets were also posted in the public places with the purpose of spreading the awareness. The sample of the poster and brochure is attached below.



Poster of Gaur (*Bos gaurus*) for conservation awareness





Photos: Sample of t-shirts, posters and brochures ready to be dispatched

3) Field Survey:

After the information collected from KII, the potential habitat of Gaur within the study area was identified and survey was conducted accordingly. Only the areas identified as suitable Gaur habitat were surveyed to ensure focused and efficient data collection. To ensure accurate data collection, our team was accompanied and guided by the members of the community forests and local people.



Data collection during field survey

4) Conservation outreach programs:

For the conservation outreach programs, we firstly consulted with the officers and rangers of the Division Forest Office and Sub Division Forest Office in Udayapur and designated the areas for conservation outreach programs. The conservation outreach programs were specially targeted towards the Community Forestry User Committee and the school kids. In order to carry out the outreach programs, the CFUCs were selected within the community forests that lie inside the Trigya forest patches. Altogether, we selected 20 community forests and its users committee from Triyuga, Chaudandigadhi and Belaka municipality to spread the awareness program focusing Gaur. The main reason behind selecting these areas was the historical appearance and record of Gaur in this area.

- Conservation Awareness Program: The conservation awareness presentation was delivered to the students of Janata Madhyamik Bidhyalaya, Shripur of Triyuga municipality-5, Udayapur by emphasizing on the importance of Gaur and its habitat conservation.

Similarly, members of 16 CFUG committees were provided with the conservation awareness on Gaur through discussions, informal meetings, presentations, poster and brochures distribution. The discussions, meetings and presentations mainly focused on the identification, present status, distribution, conservation threats and the ecological importance of Gaur. Species identification was conducted before and after the awareness program to assess participants' knowledge and understanding of the species. Around 100 posters and 200 brochures and 100 t-shirts were distributed to school students, teachers, members of the CFUCs, local people and government officials in the periphery of Triyuga Forest. The CFUGs are as follows:

- i. Saraswati Community Forestry User Group
- ii. Ambika Community Forestry User Group
- iii. Shivashakti Community Forestry User Group, Secretariat of ward no.5
- iv. Janajyoti Jorpokhari Forestry User Group
- v. Kang Community Forestry User Group
- vi. Ramjanaki Community Forestry User Group
- vii. Amaha Community Forestry User Group
- viii. Jagriti Mahila Community Forestry User Group
- ix. Lakshmi Community Forestry User Group
- x. Nawaprabhat Community Forestry User Group
- xi. Khaijanpur Community Forestry User Group
- xii. Motiyahi Community Forestry User Group
- xiii. Baunna Community Forestry User Group
- xiv. Belaka Janashakti Community Forestry User Group
- xv. Belaka Namuna Community Forestry User Group
- xvi. Amarjyoti Community Forestry User Group

- **Conservation Awareness Workshop:** Two conservation awareness workshop was carried out with the esteemed members of various community forests in Triyuga municipality. The session was facilitated through a presentation followed by group interaction regarding the habitat, ecology, conservation status in global and in national level, their role in the ecosystem, threats and conservation measures. Altogether, 25 participants were present in the workshops which comprised the representatives from the local level government, school's committee, and committee members from various CFUGs (Annex-1).



"Gaur Conservation Awareness Workshop to the CFUCs" of Triyuga municipality

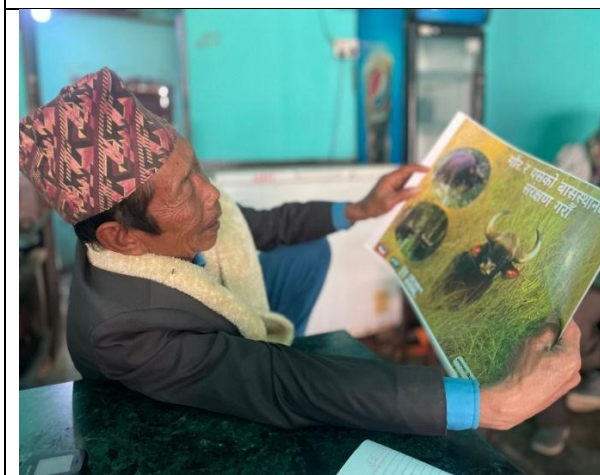


Some photos of conservation posters in the public area (Right and left)

Conservation Awareness program in different Community Forest User Committees:



Some photos of poster, pamphlets and t-shirt distribution to the students, local people:





Annex-1

Participants of the Gaur Awareness Workshop

S.no	Name of the participants	CFUG/Organization	Position	Address
1	Radharaman Khatiwada	Janata Madhyamik Bidhyalaya, Shripur	President	Triyuga-5, Udayapur
2	Khadga Bahadur Thapa	Saraswati CFUG	Secretariat	Triyuga-5, Udayapur
3	Keshav Thulun Rai	Saraswati CFUG	Member	Triyuga-5, Udayapur
4	Krit Narayan Chaudhary	Shree Jana Jyoti Jorakhari CFUG	Co-secretariat	Triyuga-4, Udayapur
5	Prakash Kumar Katuwal	Shree Jana Jyoti Jorakhari CFUG	President	Triyuga-4, Udayapur
6	Dhanbir Karki	Saraswati CFUG	Member	Triyuga-5, Udayapur
7	Tularam Dahal	Shivalaya Tole Bikash Samiti	Member	Triyuga-5, Udayapur

8	Bishnu Bahadur Budathoki	Jyoti Tole Bikash Samiti	President	Triyuga-5, Udayapur
9	Tilmaya Pariyar	Shivashakti CFUG/ Ward-4	Ward member	Triyuga-4, Udayapur
10	Ganga Pokhrel	Shivashakti CFUG	Secretariat	Triyuga-4, Udayapur
11	Deepak Kumar Bantawa	Saraswati CFUG	President	Triyuga-5, Udayapur
12	Keshav Prasad Acharya	Saraswati CFUG	Member	Triyuga-5, Udayapur
13	Indra Kumari Rai	Saraswati CFUG	Vice-president	Triyuga-5, Udayapur
14	Halilal Chaudhary	Shree Nawaprabhat CFUG	President	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
15	Ratan Chaudhary	Shree Nawaprabhat CFUG	Vice president	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
16	Shisu Kumari Chaudhary	Shree Nawaprabhat CFUG	Secretariat	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
17	Saraswati Chaudhary	Shree Nawaprabhat CFUG	Co-secretariat	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
18	Gyanendra Chaudhary	Shree Nawaprabhat CFUG	Treasurer	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
19	Dana Devi Chaudhary	Shree Nawaprabhat CFUG	Member	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
20	Devi Prasad Lamsal	Lakshmi CFUG	President	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
21	Sitaram Chaudhary	Shree Ramjanaki CFUG	President	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
22	Prakash Chaulagain	Shree Ramjanaki CFUG	Secretariat	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
23	Sharmila Acharya	Shree Ramjanaki CFUG	Treasurer	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
24	Bhagwani Prasad Chaudhary	Lakshmi CFUG	Member	Triyuga-1, Udayapur
25	Saraswati Devi Chaudhary	Lakshmi CFUG	Member	Triyuga-1, Udayapur