

Focal Group Discussion with the Fish Farmers and Awareness

A Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) were conducted with fish farmers to raise awareness about the ecological importance of fishing cats as indicators of wetland health and to understand local perceptions and experiences. Through these FGDs, interested farmers were identified and encouraged to become “Fishing Cat Guardians”, taking on the role of local conservation stewards and advocates for coexistence within their communities.



Conflict mitigation and Coexistence

To promote harmonious coexistence between fish farmers and fishing cats, five fishponds were supported with protective nets designed to prevent fishing cat predation. These interventions will reduce the economic losses faced by farmers and, importantly, helped decrease incidents of retaliation killing against fishing cats. This was conducted through the fund generated from The Rufford Foudation and Fishing Cat Conservation Alliance (FCCA) collaboratively.



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