

Project Update- 1

Project name: Guardians of the Himalayas: Conservation of snow leopards and Himalayan wolves in their Alpine home

Our project was delayed due to the record-breaking rainfall causing flood and landslides all over Nepal during September – October of 2024. We applied for our permits to Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC), Kathmandu and Shey-Phoksundo National Park (SPNP), Dolpa, Nepal only after that period. We got all our required permits in late November 2024.

Before getting our permits, we started preparing the questionnaires for surveys, which were then pre-tested and had to undergo several revisions before going to the fieldwork. We conducted our questionnaire survey in Dho village starting from 15th January 2025. Until 21st March 2025, we have completed 207 surveys from Dho, Tokkyue, and Bhijer villages, inside SPNP (Figure 1).



Picture 1: Tashi Tsomo Gurung taking surveys in SPNP.



Picture 2: Tashi Tsono Gurung taking surveys in SPNP.

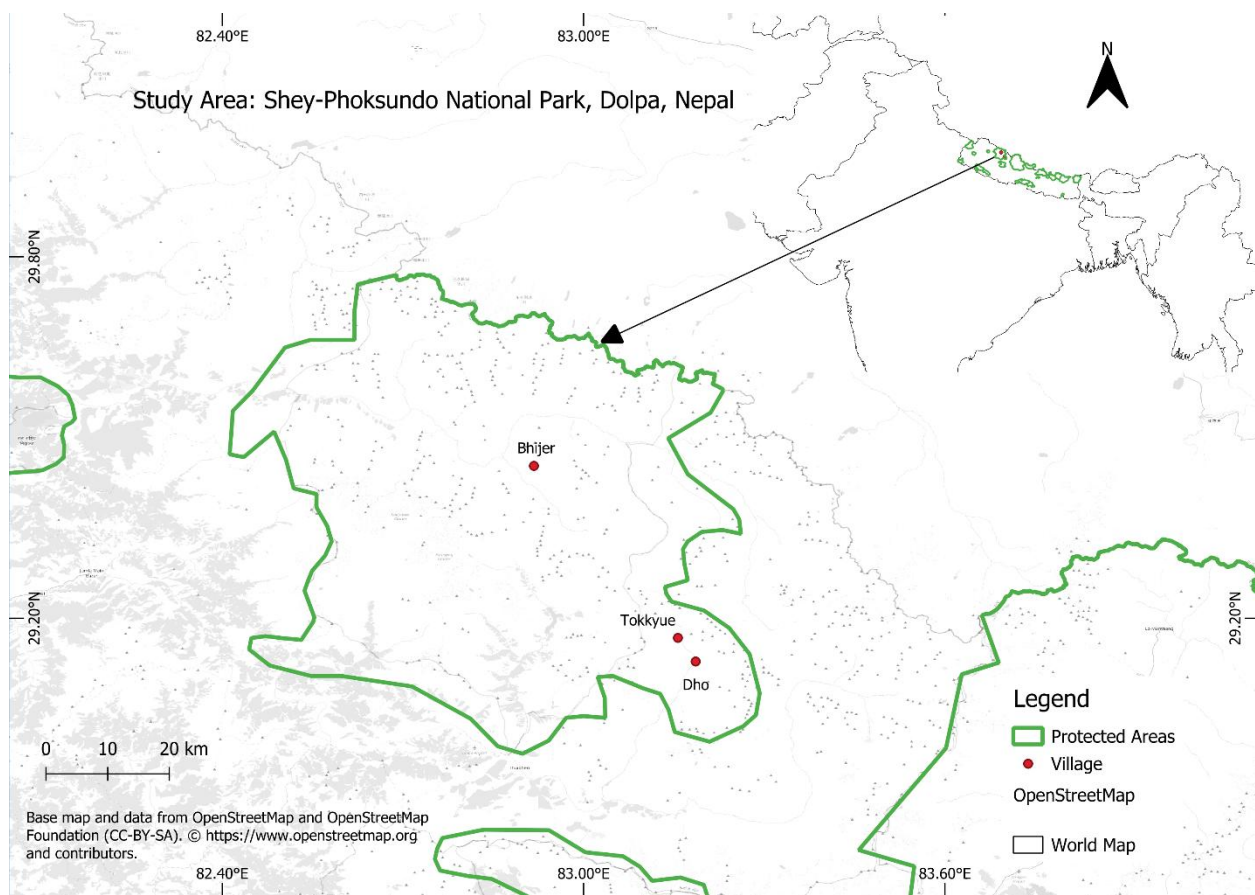


Figure 1: Map showing villages showing where we have completed our questionnaire surveys inside Shey-Phoksundo National Park, Nepal.