

**Project title:** Conservation of Asian Golden Cat in Community Forests of Taplejung District, Nepal

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The project has officially commenced, and some initial activities have been completed. Priority areas within selected community forests have been identified, and 15 trail camera installations have begun to monitor the presence and activity of the Asian golden cat and other co-occurring small wild cats. Five conservation information boards have been installed at strategic locations to promote wildlife conservation and discourage illegal hunting and retaliatory killings.

Anti-poaching forest patrolling has begun with the active participation of Community Forest User Group members, strengthening local stewardship of wildlife. During these patrols, the team has successfully dismantled 50 snare and traps set for wildlife in the Asian golden cat habitat.

Additionally, as part of livelihood diversification and conflict mitigation efforts, we have signed a contract with the local government to support 60 households with greenhouses for year-round vegetable farming. This activity is being implemented as a matching fund initiative with the local government, complementing the project's conservation objectives.

I would also like to share a recent Mongabay feature highlighting Asian golden cat conservation efforts in Nepal, which includes coverage of my work in the project landscape: <https://news.mongabay.com/2025/11/asian-golden-cat-range-expands-but-declines-continue-amid-rising-threats/>

In the coming months, trail camera monitoring, anti-poaching patrols, and other project activities will continue, and I will keep you updated on project progress.