

BHUTAN

GTRP Monitoring
Hanoi, Vietnam
August 2, 2011

Priority Activities 2011

◎ Policy & Institutional

- Adopt:
 - (i) Forest Policy by the Cabinet
 - (ii) Forests & Nature Conservation Act and
 - (iii) Wildlife & Protected Area Bill adopted by the National Assembly

◎ Controlling Prey & Tiger Poaching

- Set up intelligence network with database for poachers, monitoring illegal wildlife trade and trafficking, specifically:
 - Develop a concept and 5-year strategic plan;
 - Collate initial information on trade routes and hotspots.

Priority Activities 2011

◎ Institutional Strengthening & Capacity Building

- Develop links with Customs, Police, Armed Forces, Judiciary and BAFRA:
- Initiate a joint meeting to discuss threats and plan for collaboration;
- Designate focal points and develop a communication protocol between the agencies.
- Strengthen conservation capacity, specifically:
- Conduct training on smart patrolling and training of trainers for conservation practitioners;
- Procure transport and equipment (two motor bikes and field gears, 4 wheel drive vehicle and wildlife rescue ambulance).

Priority Activities 2011

- ◎ **Tiger Human Conflict & Community Engagement**
 - Replenish community-based livestock insurance scheme and extend coverage over additional four villages
 - Complete Eco-tourism Strategy and start up community-based eco tourism in Royal Manas National Park and Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary locations within tiger landscape
- ◎ **Scientific Monitoring, Surveys, Research**
 - Pilot MIST-based smart Patrolling System and M-Strip in Trongsa and Royal Manas National Park locations
 - -Ecological tiger survey at RMNP, TNP and BWS

Implemented so far

● Policy & Institutional

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● Controlling Prey & Tiger Poaching

- Set up intelligence network with database for poachers, monitoring illegal wildlife trade and trafficking- **BhuFED** (Bhutan Forest and Enforcement Database)
- Informants established in few hotspot areas.

Implemented so far

◎ Institutional Strengthening & Capacity Building

- June: Field Staff of TNP trained on conducting tiger survey using camera traps---Local experts invited for the same
- In July, in collaboration with IFAW & WTI, wildlife rescue and rehab training was conducted for the field staff
- In July, in collaboration with IFAW & WTI, staff from relevant enforcement agencies like Customs, Police, Armed Forces, NBC and BAFRA along with senior forest staff trained on illegal wildlife trade and on CITES:
- Discussed about way forward- nomination of focal points from line agencies.

Implemented so far

◎ **Tiger Human Conflict & Community Engagement**

- Human wildlife conflict management **endowment** fund established
- Eco tourism facilities in Royal Manas National Park and Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary almost under completion

◎ **Scientific Monitoring, Surveys, Research**

- Ecological survey for tigers at Royal Manas National Park completed.
- Ecological tiger survey at TNP initiated and BWS to start soon (end of august)

Getting Better?

- ◎ YES
- ◎ Signed a regional wildlife project with the world bank- through IDA funding
- ◎ International Tiger day
 - Participants from politicians to students
 - Governments-Corporations-Private-International agencies-NGOs



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**CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL
 TIGER DAY**

July 29, 2011



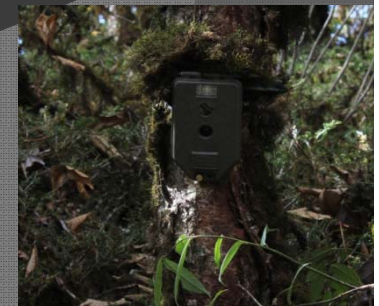
Saving tigers for our future



Threats to Habitats / TCLs

Monitoring Self-Assessment

1. **Methodology of monitoring of wild populations:** we are adopting the use of camera traps as well as sign/evidence based surveys
2. **Transparency of these methods, obtained data, and results:** Very good, used capture programs, but thinking of using MARK and Space CAP as well.



Monitoring Self-Assessment

1. Effectiveness of PA management:-

1. Good- TNP, SWS, WCP,JSWNP,JDNP, TSNR
2. Good but with difficulties- RMNP, PWS
3. Khaling Wildlife Sanctuary- not yet operationalized

Habitat management in Pas---Not much of habitat management only protection

2. Progress on general monitoring plan .

1. On species monitoring-doing fine-but with financial difficulty

National Monitoring System

Reflect on Resources –

Human- we have the numbers, but with low technical capacity.

Financial: Other than PA management, we hardly receive budget for species specific surveys and monitoring

Technical – Low technical capacity---In the process of building up through the external supports

THANK YOU