

Project Report on
"Monitoring and Follow up of the Decisions of wildlife crimes"
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Background:

Despite great efforts put in place by the Governmental and non Governmental sectors in Nepal to curb wildlife crimes mainly poaching and illegal trade in wildlife parts and products, the trend of wildlife crimes still pose a great threat to the survival of endangered wildlife species of Nepal.

It is necessary to consider widening the works against wildlife crimes. The works should not be limited to the conventional methods and practice but also need to expand with new methods, approaches and non-conventional partners.

Among others, monitoring and following up of the cases of wildlife crimes and the decisions made on as well as the wildlife criminals who are warranted and freed after finishing their jail terms for punishment is one of the very important part if the wildlife crimes are to be controlled. It is also very important to monitor these activities continuously at local and national level. If these monitoring activities are constantly in place and reported, this will certainly help control wildlife crimes as well as support to develop a watch dog to monitor the wildlife crime cases as well as the judicial and quasi-judicial decisions of the wildlife crimes.

Realizing that there should be continuous and rigorous monitoring of wildlife crimes, criminals and decisions, Team for Nature and Wildlife (TNW) has come up with this project called "**Monitoring and Following up of the Decisions of wildlife crimes**".

Objectives:

The main objective of this project is to help monitor wildlife crime cases, wildlife criminals and decisions given by the concerned authorities on the wildlife cases.

Activities:

- Collection of legal documents related to wildlife crimes, criminals and decisions from National Parks, Appellate Courts and Supreme Court
- Comprehensive study of the documents
- Monitoring of the decisions given judicial and quasi-judicial authorities on wildlife crimes
- Dissemination of the relevant information to the wider public

Methodologies

In order to carry out this project the following methodologies will be applied

- Field visits, meetings with the concerned authorities
- Collection of data and relevant documents on wildlife crimes and judicial decisions
- Dissemination of the relevant information to the general public

Outputs:

The major output of this project has been the collection of legal documents regarding the decisions given by judicial and quasi judicial on wildlife crimes especially Hetauda, Chitwan and Kathmandu.

The other outputs are as follows:

- Close monitoring of wildlife crime cases and criminals as well as decisions of wildlife crimes
- Collection of the legal documents from Appellate Court of Hetauda, Office of Attorney General, Supreme Court
- Dissemination of information through article writing on National Daily(Nagarik) and press meet on wildlife crimes which has drawn the maximum attention of public and concerned bodies
- Maximum media coverage on wildlife crime cases raised by the project
- Judicial sector has be sensitized and discouraged to take anti-wildlife decisions
- Young people inspired and energized to strongly work against rhino poaching
- *National Youth Alliance for Rhino Conservation(NYARC)* which has been formed with the involvement of thousands of youth studying at several different colleges and universities
- Informed to all national conservation stakeholders on the issue by organizing stakeholders meeting at the office of IUCN Nepal
- Informed global community through social networking site (face book) and mass mailing on rhino issues