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Perception of local people and concerned authority regarding poaching of wild animals in Nepal

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Abstract

The study is conducted with broad objective to know the anti-poaching activity that is prevailing in Nepal and its efficiency with its effect in tourism sector. Chitwan National Park was found to be renowned for its unique biodiversity and its outstanding natural beauty. But poaching was found to be its one of the biggest problem. The study was proposed to know the cause of poaching activities, resolving and identifying the trade roots, to know the weep holes in biodiversity conservation and contribute for biodiversity conservation. Data were collected from both primary and secondary sources from local peoples living in buffer zone of CNP and park concerned authority and the army. Data collected from the local people and concerned authority shows that the poaching problem was mainly due to high market value, lack of awareness, unemployment and insurgency. About 50% of revenue collected from tourism sector was found to be allocated for the development of buffer zone and sustaining biodiversity by effective anti-poaching program. For sustainability of the anti-poaching program, it is recommended to review and strengthen the security measures in all areas to minimize assess of poachers. High level anti-poaching unit is required whose components include the chief warder, District forest officer and regular game scouts since such anti-poaching unit would have provision of law informant outside the protected areas and national level committee is also necessary to form for the effective management.

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