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Message from President



It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the first Annual Report of Wildlife Conservation and Research Endeavour (WILD CARE) Nepal for FY 2023–24. This report marks the beginning of our journey as a newly established organization committed to conserving Nepal's rich biodiversity through research, community engagement, education, and collaborative action.

Every organization begins with a vision. WILD CARE was founded on the belief that effective conservation is achieved by combining sound science with meaningful partnerships and active community participation. While this was our first year of operation, it has been a year of learning, growth, and laying a strong foundation for the future.

During the year, we initiated research and conservation activities focused on threatened wildlife, engaged with local communities and schools to promote conservation awareness, and built valuable partnerships with government agencies, conservation organizations, academic institutions, and local stakeholders. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated team, volunteers, collaborators, funding partners, and well wishers whose encouragement and support have made this first year possible. I am equally grateful to the local communities who welcomed our initiatives and shared their knowledge, trust, and commitment to conserving Nepal's natural heritage.

As we move forward, WILD CARE remains committed to strengthening evidence based conservation, empowering local communities, nurturing young conservation leaders, and contributing meaningfully to the protection of Nepal's wildlife and ecosystems. We recognize that conservation is a long-term commitment, and this first year represents only the beginning of that journey.

Rama Mishra, PhD
President



About the organization



Wildlife Conservation and Research Endeavour Nepal (WILD CARE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to nature and biodiversity conservation in Nepal. It is a collaborative initiative of a passionate and dedicated group of individuals who were previously working individually on various species research and conservation.

Our ongoing initiatives encompass community-based research and conservation efforts targeting a range of wildlife species, including amphibians, turtles, fishing cats, sloth bears, and leopard cats. Additionally, we are empowering local communities with livelihood support tools to facilitate coexistence with wildlife, alongside equipping the younger generation with essential knowledge, skills, and resources.

Mission

To safeguard Nepal's rich biodiversity with a harmony between wildlife and humans.

Objective

We envision a safer world for both people and wildlife, and these objectives propel us forward:

- Advance species conservation through research
- Forge cross-sectoral collaboration
- Empower the younger generation
- Promote inclusivity and diversity in conservation
- Enhance climate resilience

Our Approach

- Species Research and Conservation
- Education and Empowerment
- Community Livelihoods

023/24 Impact at a Glance



Milestones

3

new projects secured

64

Schools engaged directly

9000+

Students reached through school outreach

Key figures drawn from this year's programs

6

Conservation programs & events delivered

27

Participants trained across two skills workshops

14

Terai districts reached through outreach

4

Conservation hoarding boards installed

2

Keynote presentations delivered nationally

2

Peer-reviewed articles published

5

Focal species groups: amphibians, turtles, fishing cats, sloth bears, leopard cats

Projects



1. Community-engaged research and conservation of the Himalayan salamander in eastern Nepal.

Location	Ilam District
Time frame	March 2024 - Feb 2025
Funders	The Foundation for the Conservation of Salamanders

The Himalayan salamander, endemic to south Asia and recorded only in Nepal, India, and Bhutan, is listed as vulnerable on the IUCN Red List. It faces a continues decline in the quality and extent of its habitat throughout its range. The situation is especially precarious in Nepal, where the species is only found in human-dominated landscapes outside protected areas, exposing it to heightened levels of threats. This project is an effort to address critical knowledge gaps and establish a foundation for Himalayan salamander conservation in Nepal through community participation.



2. Empowering communities for sloth bear conservation in East Nepal's Churia Hills

Location	Trijuga Forest, Udayapur district
Time frame	July 2024 - August 2025
Funders	Bears in Mind



“Only about 17% of the estimated 17,000 km² of the sloth bear’s remaining range area is effectively protected in Nepal, where they are a nationally endangered species. The unprotected sloth bear populations are mostly confined to the forests of Churia or Siwalik range, adjacent to the lowlands of Terai”



This project aims to:

- Conduct extensive awareness campaigns in local communities and schools to promote sloth bear conservation and human bear conflict mitigation.
- Sensitize local level decision makers on the importance of incorporating sloth bear ecology and threats into community forest management guidelines.
- Empower community members to monitor sloth bears through practical training and community led data collection.

3. Wild cats conservation initiatives in Central and Eastern Nepal

Location	Ilam & Dhanusha district
Time frame	Aug 2023 - July 2024
Funders	Panthera Small Cat Action Fund (SCAF)



1



420 camera-nights
(10 cameras, 14 locations, 30 days)

2



100 households surveyed

3



1000 posters distributed, 4 road signs, 1 hoarding board installed & 14 youths trained



Trainings



Nature Exploration & Basic Wildlife Survey Skills Training

16 January 2024 · Telpani Community Forest, Mechinagar Municipality-03, Jhapa

Wild Care co-hosted a one-day Nature Exploration and Basic Wildlife Survey Skills training in Jhapa district, southeast Nepal, in collaboration with the Amphibians and Reptiles Conservation Society of Nepal (ARCO-Nepal) and its associated wings, the Turtle Rescue and Conservation Centre (TRCC) and TRCC-Turtle's Club.

Thirteen enthusiastic participants representing different institutions and faculties took part. Topics covered basic GPS usage (marking coordinates, navigating, and locating waypoints), birdwatching techniques, sign surveys (traces, markings, burrows, and scats), herpetofauna survey methods, field data collection, field etiquette, and the ethical conduct of a researcher.



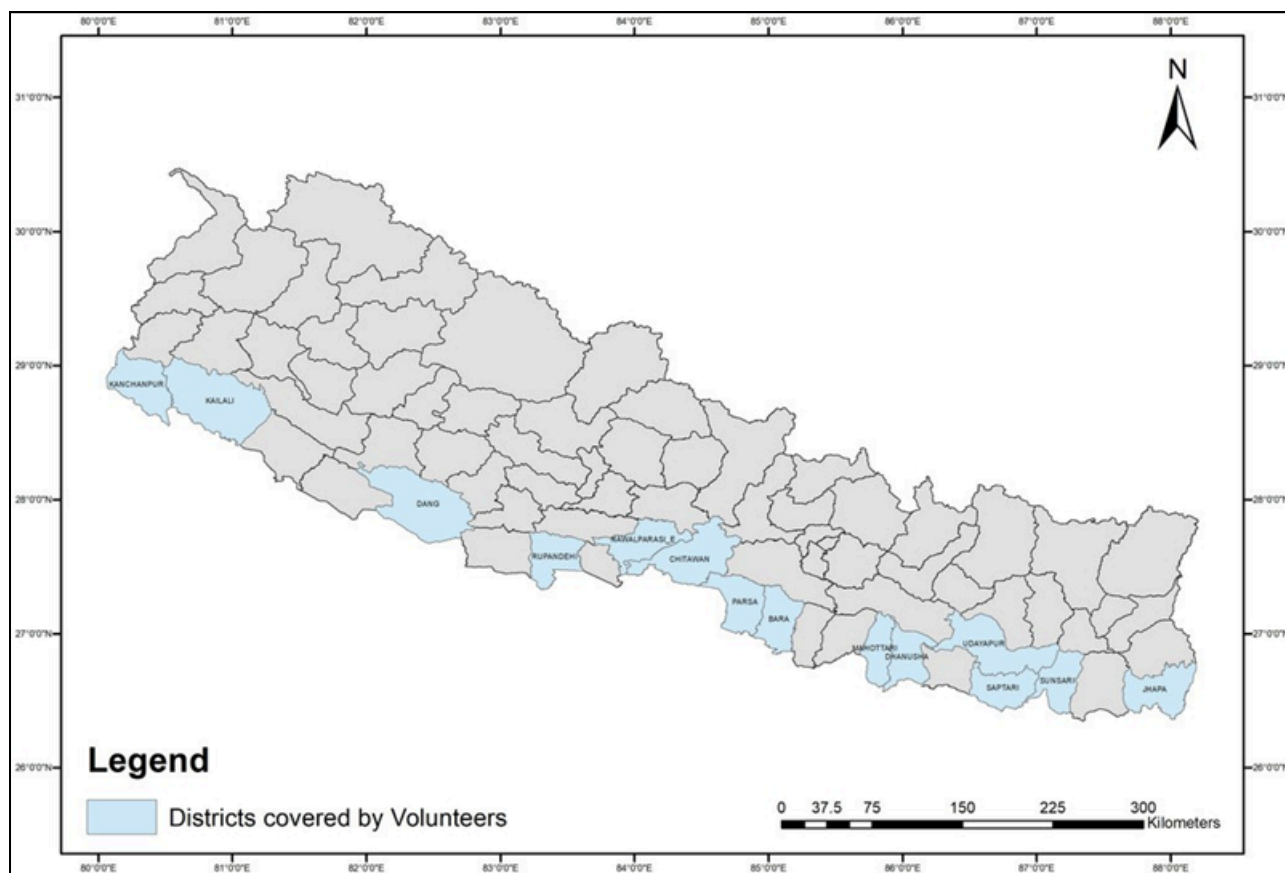
Education & Outreach Volunteers - Wild Cats Series 2024

16–18 February 2024, Cultural Village, Dhanusha district

Wild Care conducted a three-day orientation training for Education and Outreach Volunteers under the Wild Cats Series 2024. Fourteen individuals from various educational backgrounds learned about wild cats, research methods, and conservation issues in Nepal, with a focus on the Bengal Tiger, Fishing Cat, Jungle Cat, and Leopard Cat. The training combined theoretical lessons with hands-on experience in camera trap installation, social surveys, and community outreach, building participants' confidence and communication skills.



Impact Summary of Wild Cats Series 2024



14

districts reached

64

schools visited

3000+

students directly engaged



Livelihood support



In FY 2023/24, 10 predator proof chicken coops were distributed to selected households in Sunsari and Saptari districts under the fishing cat conservation project. The project, run by then Terai Fishing Cat Project, now under WILD CARE aims to ensure long-term survival of fishing cats in Terai region of Nepal through research, conservation and community support.



Likewise, 4 conservation hoarding boards were installed at different locations of Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve, Paschim Kusaha, Sunsari, Nepal. The installed aims to raise awareness about the importance of fishing cat conservation and are strategically placed at the KTWR headquarters in Paschim Kusaha, the East-West highway near Haripur range post, Pathri range post in Saptari, and Prakashpur check-post in Sunsari.



Other programs

1. Wetland Conservation and Awareness Campaign

February | Kanwa Lake, Banke

Wild Care supported Alumni Association for Conservation and Development (AACD) - a green organization based at IOF, Pokhara to organize a two-days awareness campaign focused on wetland conservation.



2.Celebration of Save the Frogs Day

April | 16th Annual Save the Frogs Day, Shree Rastriya Aadharbhat Bidyalaya, Suryodaya Municipality-10, Ilam

Wild Care celebrated the 16th Annual Save the Frogs Day by raising awareness about amphibians among local students. Photographs of various amphibian species found in the local area sparked interest and curiosity among students, and the event included a fruitful discussion with the local community about amphibian conservation.



3.Celebration of World Turtle Day 2024

May | World Turtle Day 2024, Hetauda, Makwanpur district

Wild Care organized a One Day Turtle Conservation Awareness Program in Hetauda on World Turtle Day 2024, with support from turtle enthusiasts and green organizations. The event featured three activities focused on freshwater turtle conservation: face painting paired with a conservation rally against keeping turtles as pets and trading them; a community sensitization program with local officials and community members; and an educational stall with interactive discussions. The program was successful in raising public interest and awareness about freshwater turtles and tortoises.



Invited Talks



1. Fishing Cat Conservation - World Biodiversity Day

On the occasion of World Biodiversity Day, Ms. Rama Mishra, President of Wild Care, was invited by Greenhood Nepal to take part in their Conservation Conversations webinar series. Her presentation focused on the fishing cat, a species native to the Terai region of Nepal — covering existing research gaps, conservation approaches, and the current status and challenges the species faces in the region.

Greenhood
FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE

Conservation Conversations | Webinar Series

**CONSERVATION BEYOND CHARISMATIC:
FISHING CATS IN NEPAL**

Discussing the research gap, conservation approaches and status of fishing cats in Terai, Nepal

SPEAKER
RAMA MISHRA

Rama Mishra is a PhD scholar at the University of Antwerp, Belgium studying fishing cat ecology & behavior in human-dominated landscapes of Nepal. With over a decade of experience researching fishing cats & other wildlife, she has made significant scientific contributions & is the founder of Terai Fishing Cat Project Nepal, and currently serves as a President of the non-profit organization WILD CARE.

22 MAY, 2024 (WEDNESDAY)
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Registration Link - <https://bit.ly/fishingcatweb>

2. Climate Change & Environment - World Environment Day

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Ms. Dipa Rai, was invited by Suryodaya Municipality in Ilam district to speak about climate change and the environment - explaining what climate change is, its effects and causes, and the importance of adaptation and mitigation strategies.



Published Articles



REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Albinism in a Spectacled Cobra, *Naja naja* (Linnaeus 1758), in Nepal. *Reptiles and Amphibians*, 30: e20099.

<https://doi.org/10.17161/randa.v30i1.20099>

Vet Record
CaseReports



Karki, B., Lamichhane, B. R., Mishra, R., Sadaula, A., Rijal, K. R., Shah, R., & Silwal, P. (2024). Oesophageal obstruction by trichobezoars in a rescued jungle cat (*Felis chaus*). *Veterinary Record Case Reports*, 12(2), e830.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/vrc2.830>

Conservation Materials



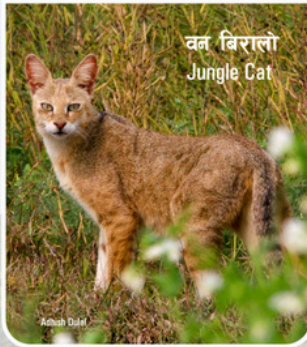
Different materials including conservation posters, boards, roadsigns, totebag etc were produced



SAVE SMALL WILD CATS



मल्लाहा विरालो
Fishing Cat



वन विरालो
Jungle Cat



चरी बाघ
Leopard Cat

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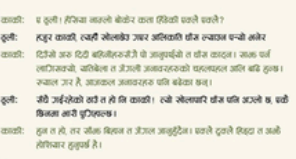
घाँटे बाघ

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- लगायत, रातीला खिचिन्छ हुने
- आफ्नो क्षेत्र (Territory) बनाएर बस्ने
- बान्धवबान - वन, जंगल, घाँसे जैवमण्डल बस्ने, जंगल बग्दाबाट टाढै बस्न सक्छन्
- आहार - जंगली फलफूल (फलाम), बोटल, कुचन आदि।





बालिका: ह ताली! हाम्रो जंगलको बाघको बारेमा थाहा पाउन चाहन्छु।
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“साना जंगली विरालाहरूको संरक्षण गरौं”

“SAVE SMALL WILD CATS!”



चरी बाघ
Leopard Cat



वन विरालो
Jungle Cat

साना विरालोलाई
क्या हरेको हलचल ?

आफ्नो घरको आसपास बाघको बाटोको रे ?
अति नजिक बाटो छ त ?

यो जहाँ त बाघ, बाघको बाटोको रे ?
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डव टरेस्ट ट्रस्ट बडी सेंटर

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राष्ट्रिय दैनिक

बुटवल टुडे

साभो विचार, ताजा समाचार

संस्करण 30 पुन 2082 Saturday 14 January 2023

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पानी बिरालोको पीर

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"Save Wetlands, Save Fishing Cat"

मलहा बिरालो संरक्षण गरौं !

Save Wetlands, Save Fishing Cat

मलहा बिरालो संरक्षण गरौं !

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Acknowledgements



Conservation is a shared responsibility, and the progress achieved by Wild Care Nepal during FY 2023–24 reflects the collective efforts of many individuals and organizations. We are deeply grateful to our funding partners, collaborating institutions, government agencies, researchers, volunteers, and local communities whose trust, expertise, and commitment made our work possible.

Throughout the year, we were privileged to work alongside dedicated conservation organizations, including ARCO Nepal, the Turtle Rescue and Conservation Centre (TRCC) and TRCC Turtle's Club, Mithila Wildlife Trust, and the Nepal Zoological Society - Bagmati Province. Their collaboration strengthened our research, conservation, and education initiatives.

We sincerely thank Panthera, the Fishing Cat Conservation Alliance, Big Cat Rescue, and the Leo Foundation for supporting our conservation efforts and sharing our vision for protecting Nepal's biodiversity.

Our appreciation also goes to the community forest user groups, schools, local governments, and community members across Jhapa, Sunsari, Saptari, Dhanusha, Ilam, and Makwanpur, whose enthusiasm and cooperation transformed conservation into a truly collective effort.

Financial Summary

Wildlife Conservation And Research Endeavour Nepal-NPOs Lalitpur -Nepal

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31st Ashadh 2081 (16 July 2024)

Figures in NPR

Particulars	Notes	As at 31st Ashadh 2081	As at 31st Ashadh 2080
ASSETS			
Non - Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	4.1	-	-
Intangible Assets	4.2	-	-
Investment Property	4.3	-	-
Long term investments	4.4	-	-
Other noncurrent assets	4.5	-	-
Total Non - Current Assets		-	-
Current Assets			
Inventories	4.6	-	-
Account receivable	4.7	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	4.8	2,071,152.62	-
Total Current Assets		2,071,152.62	-
Total Assets		2,071,152.62	-
LIABILITIES & RESERVES			
Accumulated Reserves			
Unrestricted Funds/accumulated surplus	4.9	(34,932.60)	-
Designated Funds	4.10	-	-
Restricted Funds	4.11	-	-
Endowment Fund	4.12	2,078,707.72	-
Other Capital Reserves	4.13	-	-
Total Accumulated Reserves		2,043,775.12	-
Non - Current Liabilities			
Loans and borrowings	4.14	-	-
Employee benefit liabilities	4.15	-	-
Deferred Revenue	4.16	-	-
Other non-current liabilities	4.17	-	-
Total Non - Current Liabilities		-	-
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	4.18	27,377.50	-
Loans and borrowings	4.19	-	-
Provisions	4.20	-	-
Bank Overdrafts	4.21	-	-
Total Current Liabilities		27,377.50	-
Total Liabilities		27,377.50	-
Total Liabilities and Reserves		2,071,152.62	-

The Notes on accounts form an integral part of the financial statements.

Wildlife Conservation And Research Endeavour Nepal-NPOs Lalitpur -Nepal

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

For the Year Ended 31 Ashadh 2081 (16 July 2024)

Figures in NPR

Particulars	Notes	FY 2079-80	FY 2078-79
INCOME			
Incoming Resources	4.22	471,419.64	-
Financial Income	4.23	16,967.36	-
Other Income	4.24	-	-
Total Income		488,387.00	-
EXPENDITURE			
Staff Cost /Expenses	4.25	355,000.00	-
Program Expenses	4.26	-	-
General Administrative Expenditure	4.27	168,319.60	-
Depreciation	4.1.1	-	-
Other Expenditure	4.28	-	-
Total Expenditure		523,319.60	-
Net surplus/(deficit) before Taxation		(34,932.60)	-
Income Tax Expenses	4.29	-	-
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(34,932.60)	-
APPROPRIATION OF SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			
Allocation to Reserves		(34,932.60)	-
Allocation to Endowment Fund			-

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