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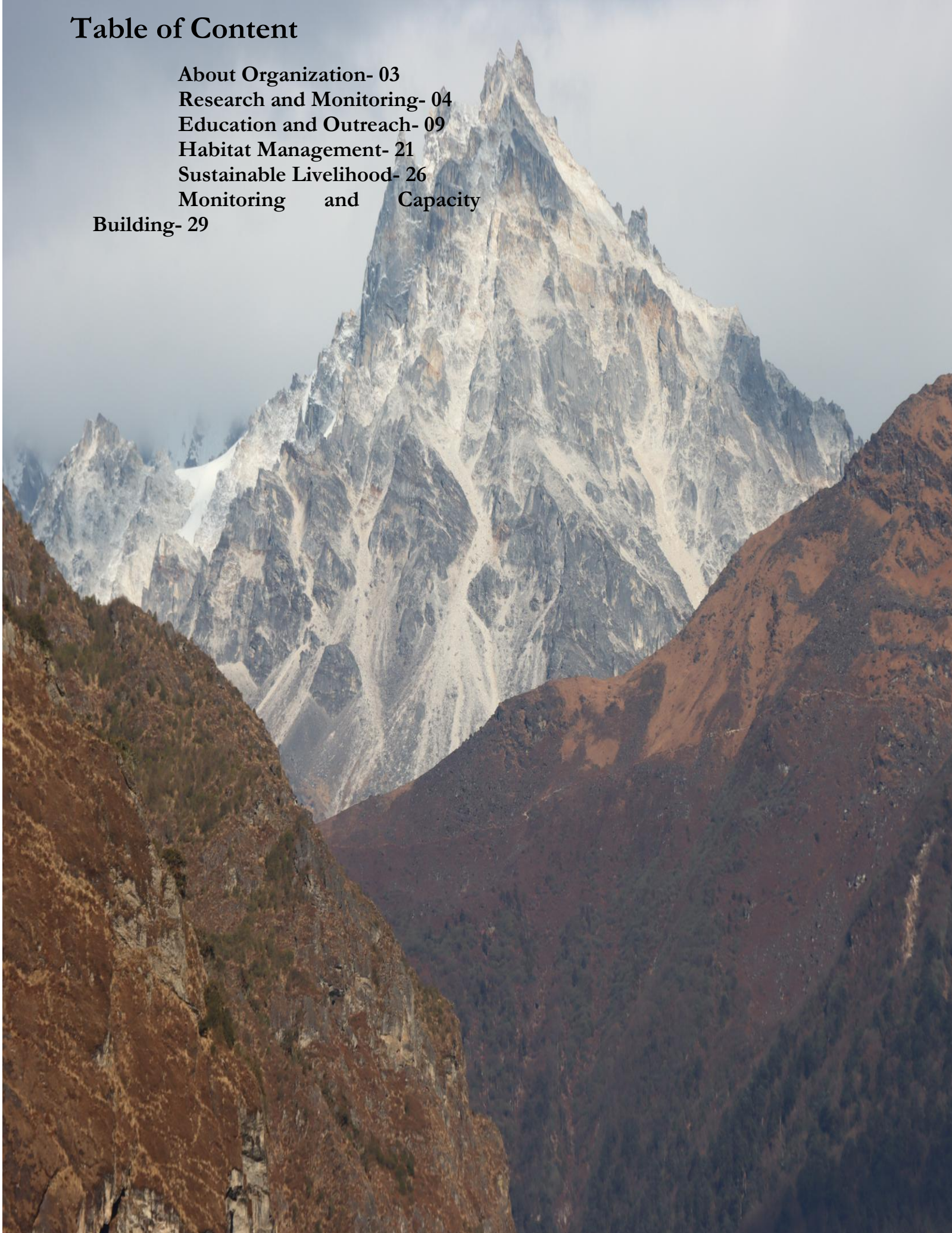
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About Organization:

Himali Conservation Forum (HCF), Taplejung was established on 30 November 2005 (15 Mangsir 2062). The main office is located in Phaktangkung RM-6, Lelep, Taplejung while the project management office is in Phungling M-07, Taplejung. Since 2010 HCF has been working as a local partner with Red Panda Network (RPN) for the project titled “Community-based Red Panda Conservation in Nepal”. The HCF has been working in 6 RMs and 1 municipality of Taplejung district.

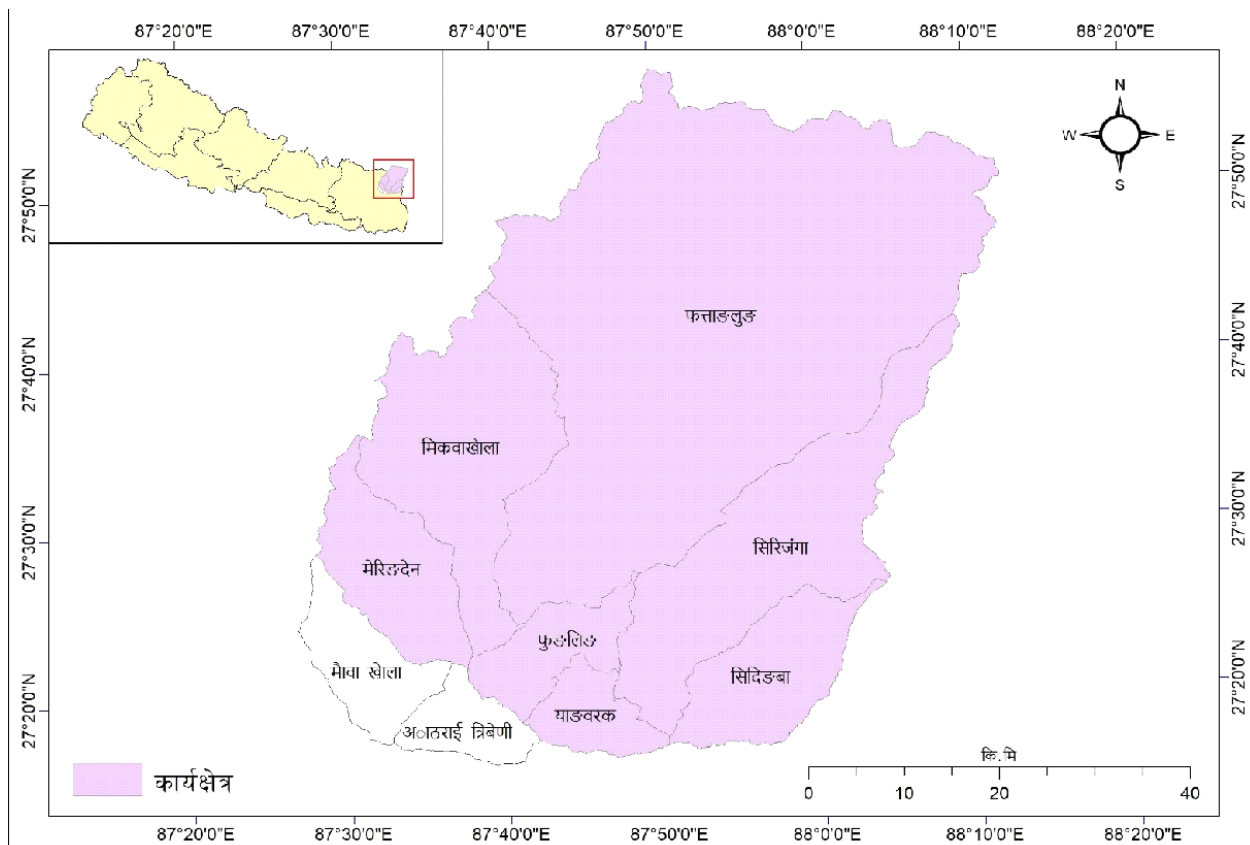
Goals of the organization:

- To bring positive changes in people's livelihood by managing the socio-economic and natural resources of the deprived tribes and underprivileged groups.
- To study and monitor by creating a foundation for study and research for forest and wildlife conservation.
- To conduct community development programs to enhance the economic condition of the local community and build positive concepts about conservation.
- To enhance proper utilization of local resources and to create a self-sustaining society.
- To aware people about conservation of nature, natural resources and wildlife.

Mission:

- Building advanced technology and self-reliant society.
- Increase conservation programs to enhance the identity of the nation.

Project Area



1. RESEARCH AND MONITORING

1.03 REFRESHER TRAINING FOR FOREST GUARDIANS

In 2024, 33 Forest Guardian (FG)s (M-30, F-3); 21 FGs(all male) of Taplejung and 12 Fgs (M-9, F-3)of Panchthar participated in “Refresher training for Forest Guardians” which was held on 22-23 September 2024 (06-07 Asoj 2081) at Himalayan Habre Center (HHC). The main objective of this is to enhance the skills and knowledge of the FGs in the monitoring of red panda & habitat, data correction and instruct the use of field equipment.



Photo 1: Forest guardians watching presentation in HHC

1.04 ESTABLISHMENT AND REMARKING OF MONITORING TRANSECTS/BLOCKS

Under Research and Monitoring, establishment and remarking of monitoring transects/blocks was conducted in 12 blocks of 10 CF and 2 NF within 5 Rural Municipality & 1 Municipality of Taplejung district. The remarking of monitoring transects was done from 20 October 2024 (4 Kartik 2081) to 13 November 2024 (28 Kartik 2081). A total of 20 (all male) FG and 2 (all male) locals were involved in remarking of blocks. Enamel paint and brush were used in remarking.



Photo 2: Remarking photo of FG in Manabhara CF (Phupu Chetan Sherpa)



1.05 REGULAR

In Taplejung, a total of 22 Forest Guardians (FGs) monitored 10 Community Forests (CF) and 2 National Forests (NF) in 12 villages of 5 Rural Municipality (RM) and 1 Municipality (M). There are 12 blocks and 48 transects in which the red panda and their habitat are monitored four times in each year.

Table i: Table showing the sign of red panda found during QI (January-March)

S.N.	CF/NF Name	Block No.	Direct/Indirect Sign
1	Himali Jadibuti CF	TM17	Pellets
2	Sunpati CF	TM6	Pellets, foraging marks and foot prints
3	Mechi Dhada CF	TM11	Foraging marks and foot prints
4	Utseni NF	TM16	Pellets
5	Ekchana Kholme CF	TM2	Foraging marks, pellets and foot prints
6	Manabhara CF	TM18	Pellets
7	Sayapatri Pokhari CF	TM8	Pellets
8	Mayam Patal CF	TM9	Direct

Table ii: Table showing the sign of red panda found during QII (April-June)

S.N.	CF/NF Name	Block No.	Direct/Indirect Sign
1	Himali Jadibuti CF	TM17	Pellets
2	Sunpati CF	TM6	Pellets, foraging marks and foot prints
3	Utseni NF	TM16	Pellets
4	Ekchana Kholme CF	TM2	Pellets and Foraging marks
5	Manabhara CF	TM18	Pellets
6	Sayapatri Pokhari CF	TM8	Pellets
7	Mayam Patal CF	TM9	Pellets
8	Mechi Danda CF	TM11	Foraging marks
9	Sudap Khola CF	TM3	Pellets
10	Dadheli NF	TM19	Pellets

Table iii: Table showing the sign of red panda found during QIII (July-September)

S.N.	CF/NF Name	Block No.	Direct/Indirect Sign
1	Sunpati CF	TM6	Pellets, forazing marks and foot prints
2	Mechi Dhada CF	TM11	Forazing marks
3	Utiseni NF	TM16	Pellets
4	Ekchana Kholme CF	TM2	Pellets and forazing marks
5	Manabhara CF	TM18	Pellets
6	Himali Jadibuti CF	TM17	Pellets
7	Sayapatri Pokhari CF	TM8	Foot prints
8	Dadheli NF	TM19	Pellets

Table iv: Table showing the sign of red panda found during QIV (October-December)

S.N.	CF/NF Name	Block No.	Direct/Indirect Sign
1	Sunpati CF	TM6	Forazing marks
2	Mechi Dhada CF	TM11	Forazing marks
3	Utseni NF	TM16	Pellets
4	Ekchana Kholme CF	TM2	Forazing marks and pellets
5	Manabhara CF	TM18	Pellets
6	Mayam Patal CF	TM9	Direct sighting and pellets
7	Himali Jadibuti CF	TM17	Pellets
8	Sayapatri Pokhari CF	TM8	Forazing marks



1.09 ANTI-POACHING PATROLLING

With the aim to dismantle snares and traps, to collect data about the threats to wildlife done by poachers to harm wild animals and Red pandas in the forest, and to identify the status of poaching activities. Anti-poaching Campaign was conducted two times in April- June and in October - November in Taplejung district in 6 RM of 18 villages and 1 municipality of 2 villages with the participation of 22 FGs, CFUG members and locals in different CFs and NFs.

During the first phase of anti-poaching patrolling, in total **56 km** were traversed, spending **72 hours** covering 8 CF and 1 NF. The total number of FGs involved in patrolling was 16 (all male) and 2 male locals and man days involved was 54. In Dandeli NF, Sidingwa-6, Mehela 2 old traps were recorded.

Subsequently, in total **74.5 km** were traversed, spending **84 hours** covering 8 CF and 1 NF. The total number of FG involved in patrolling was 15 (all male) and 7 male locals and total man days involved was 22. In Sudap Khola CF, Sunpati CF, and Tintala CF, a total of six traps were recorded. A pelt of deer was also recorded while patrolling in Pathibhara Simbu CF.



Photos 5: Showing the poaching activities saw while conducting anti-poaching patrolling

1.13 PROCUREMENT OF RED PANDA RESEARCH EQUIPMENT

A laptop was procured on 20 May 2024 (7 Jeth 2081) to facilitate office work. The purchased laptop is from ASUS and is named ASUS Vivobook 14 and model no. is M1405y.

2. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

2.02 PUBLICATION OF RED PANDA WALL BULLETIN AND ANNUAL BULLETIN

Under Education and Outreach, Publication of Red Panda Wall Bulletin and Annual Bulletin activity was performed in 11 schools of Taplejung. In these 11 schools, Eco-clubs have been formed yearly among the students of class 6 and 7 as in these classes Environment Conservation Education textbooks have been taught. The main aim of the activity is to motivate students in red panda conservation by publishing their activities like drawing, poem writing, story and essays. With the direct participation of 214 (girls - 117, boys - 97) students of 11 Eco-club schools formed schools of Taplejung district, different creative writings of students were published in their respective schools.

The eco-club name plates and bulletin boards are also supported to 11 eco-club schools. List of red panda eco-club schools involved in bulletin publication are:

- i. Siddha Kumari Primary School, Tirringe
- ii. Mayam Higher School, Phurumbu
- iii. Saraswati Chyaribuk School, Lelep
- iv. Saraswati Higher School, Tapethok
- v. Kanchanjunga Higher School, Yamphudin
- vi. Siwa Higher Secondary School, Lingkheim
- vii. Mahendra Primary School, Linkhim
- viii. Laxmi Primary School, Sikaicha
- ix. Sudap Primary School, Mamankhe
- x. Laxmi Higher School, Mamankhe
- xi. Shree Saraswati Basic School, Fawakhola



Photo 7: Bulletin board and eco-club name plate kept at Samswati Chauribuki School



2.03 ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION EDUCATION IN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Photo 8: Eco-club name plate kept at Siwa Sec. School

Out of 11 Eco-club schools, in 7 schools of Taplejung district textbooks have been taught with the motto of education awareness to the students about red panda conservation. A total of 149 and 117 textbooks were distributed among class 6 and class 7 students of 7 eco-clubs schools respectively. There are 81 girls and 68 boys in class 6 and 67 girls and 50 boys in class 7. The list of schools where conservation textbooks have been taught is given below:

- i) Shree Mayam Secondary School, Furumbo
- ii) Shree Shidhakumari Basic School, Tirenge
- iii) Shree Siwa Higher Secondary School, Linghem
- iv) Shree Laxmi Secondary School, Mamangkhe
- v) Shree Mahendra Basis school, Linghem
- vi) Shree Kanchanjunga Secondary School, Yamphudin
- vii) Shree Chayaribuk Saraswati Secondary School, Lelep



Photo 9: Students studying conservation textbook in school

2.04 RED PANDA CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The red panda conservation scholarship was distributed in 11 red panda eco-club schools with the financial support of Red Panda Network, Himali Conservation Forum. The red panda conservation scholarship was distributed to 22 FGs (F-11 & M-11) children/siblings and 66 students (F- 39 & M-27) of 11 Eco-club schools in their respective schools. The scholarship was distributed to recommended students by school administrations and teachers who were selected according to their academic excellence, attendance, sanitation, discipline and underprivileged students. Red panda logo printed bags, NRs. 2000 for school uniform, stationery items and certificates were distributed to school students. For forest guardians (FGs) children/ siblings certificate, NRs.2000 cash for clothing, stationery items equal to NRs. 1000 and one water bottle and one tiffin box was distributed.



Photo 10: Scholarship distribution program conducted at Siwa Sec. School



Photo 11: Scholarship distributed to daughter (Jiya Limbu) of Narendra Limbu

2.06 INSTALLATION OF CONSERVATION BOARDS (INFORMATION BOARDS/BILLBOARDS)

Under Education and Outreach, installation of conservation boards (information boards/billboards) were installed in Phungling M, Meringden RM, Mikwakhola RM, Sidingba RM, Phaktalung RM of Taplejung district. The 13 conservation boards were installed with the financial support of Red Panda Network (RPN) and the technical support of Himali Conservation Forum (HCF). The main aim is to raise conservation awareness of red pandas among local communities. Around three lakh individuals learned about the red panda through the information board.



Photo 12: Men helping to installed the information boards in Maiwakhola RM

2.07 CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL RED PANDA DAY (IRPD)

Under the Education and Outreach program, International Red Panda Day (IRPD) was celebrated with the financial support of the Red Panda Network, Himali Conservation Forum organized the program with the involvement of 10 eco-club schools of Taplejung district. This year IRPD is on 21 September 2024. Different programs were organized in 10 different schools from 20 September 2024 (4 Asoj 2081) to 27 September 2024 (11 Asoj 2081) for IRPD celebration. Total 217 students (F-119, M-98) and teachers were 110 (F-40 & M-70) participated in different activities performed in 10 schools.



Photo 13: : Group photo after essay writing program in Kanchanjunga Mavi., Yamphudin



2.08 RED PAN

Red Panda-based outdoor education activity was conducted at Himalayan Habre Center (HHC), Deurali, with the financial support of Red Panda Network (RPN) and technical support of Himali Conservation Forum (HCF). The Siddha Kumari Basic School (Pathibhara Yangworak RM-3, Tiringe), Mahendra Basic School (Phaktalung RM-3, Lingkhem), Mayam Secondary School (Phungling M-10, Phurumbu) and Saraswati Secondary School (Phaktalung RM-5, Tapethok) were invited for outdoor educational activities in HHC. A total of 48 students (F-26, M-22) and 6 teachers (F-1, M-5) participated in the program.



2.09 DEVELOPMENT

Photo 16: Group photo of students of Siddha Kumari Basic School and Mahendra Basic School

The PSA video was filmed at Mandala Theater, Kathmandu, under the direction and concept of Red Panda Conservation Ambassador/actor Mr. Dayahang Rai. There are 11 theatrical actors (F-3, M-8) who played roles in the PSA video. The general objective is to raise awareness of and change public attitudes and behaviors towards red panda conservation. PSA (Public Service Announcement) is a short message, broadcast, or video commissioned by government agencies or NGOs to impart information generally regarded as serving the public interest. Three minutes and thirty-one seconds long PSA video is the first video of its kind ever created in Nepal.

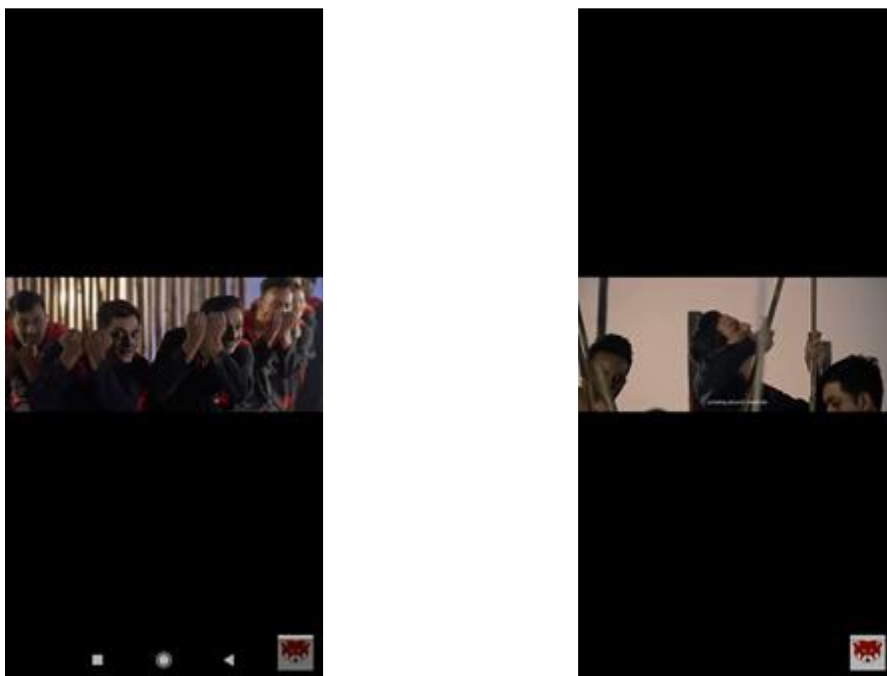


Photo 17: Screenshot taken of video where artists are portraying the character of Red Pand

2.10 FIELD DOCUMENTATION AND VIDEOGRAPHY SERVICES

Under Education and Outreach, Field Documentation and Videography Services activity was conducted to collect relevant information and data through photos and videos of activities conducted throughout the year. The financial supporter of this activity is Red Panda Network (RPN) and the technical supporter is Himali Conservation Forum (HCF). Stock Photography Nepal (SPN) facilitated taking photos, videos, design and animation of activities that were conducted in 2024.

2.11 RED PANDA CONSERVATION AWARENESS

Under Education and Outreach, Red Panda Conservation Awareness Workshop was conducted with the financial support of Red Panda Network (RPN) and technical support of Himali Conservation Forum (HCF) and in coordination with the Divisional Forest Office (DFO), Taplejung. The Red Panda Conservation Awareness Workshop was organized in Phaktalung RM- 4, Ikhabu (N 27.50492, E 087.73894 and elevation 1903 m) with a total number of participants 25 (M-23, F-2). The main objective of the red panda conservation awareness workshop is to raise awareness of red pandas among the residents around the habitat of red panda.



Photo 18: Mr. Madav, Forester explaining and answering the questions of attendee



2.12 F

Photo 19: Participants watching and listening the presentation

Under Education and Outreach, a red panda trail marathon was organized in Phungling municipality with the financial support of Red Panda Network (RPN) and Phungling Municipality and the technical support of Himali Conservation Forum (HCF). This year the International Red Panda Day (IRPD) was on 21 September 2024 (05 Asoj 2081). So to celebrate the IRPD the red panda trail marathon was organized on 21 September 2024 (05 Asoj 2081) in Phungling Municipality. The start and end point of the marathon was Tokme Danda, Phungling (N 27.35312, E 07.6651, elevation- 1809) and the turning/half-way point was Pathibhara temple (N 27.42424, E 07.76790, elevation- 3783). The total length of the marathon trail was 48 km. The main objective of the program was to raise awareness about red pandas and its habitat through trail marathon.

The total number of runners were **59 (M-42, F-17)** which included one international runner. The registration fee for locals was NPR. 500, for Nepali citizens was Rs. 1,500. The prize category are listed below:

- **Overall winner:** NPR 1,00,000
- **Male category:** 1 NPR 50,000 2 NPR 30,000 3 NPR 20,000
- **Female category:** 1 NPR 50,000 2 NPR 30,000 3 NPR 20,000
- **Local (Panchthar Ilam Taplejung, PIT):** 1 NPR 15,000 2 NPR 10,000 3 NPR 5,000

The winner of the trail marathon are mentioned below;

- **Overall winner:** Mr. Bishal Rai (4hr 16 min 10 sec) from Panchthar,
Male category winner
1st position: Mr. Karan Rawal (4hr 17 min 15 sec) from Bhajang,
2nd position: Mr. Ramesh Limbu (4hr 26 min 16 sec) from Taplejung
3rd position: Mr. Arjun Kulung Rai (4hr 31 min 26 sec) from Solukhumbu.
- **Female category winner**
1st position: Mrs. Kumari Gurung (6 hr 12 min 20 sec) from Taplejung
2nd position: Ms. Lakpa Ngima Sherpa (6 hr 29 min 6 sec) from Okhaldhunga
3rd position: Ms. Dasangi Sherpa (6hr 37 min 50 sec) from Taplejung.
Local category winner
1st position: Mr. Rajan Menengbyo (4hr 57 min 32 sec) from Panchthar
2nd position: Mr. Sancha Bd. Sherpa (5 hr 6 min 5 sec) from Taplejung
3rd position: Mr. Deepak Rai (5hr 19 min 20 sec) from Taplejung.

One day insurance of 50 runners of NRs. 12,500 was also covered and around 130 volunteers (M-80, F-50) were mobilized. Runners from 9 districts (Taplejung, Panchthar, Ramechhap, Khotang, Bajhang, Solukhumbu, Morang, Okhaldhunga, Rolpa) took part in the marathon



Photo 20: Runners standing at the starting point of marathon



Photo 21: Female winners of marathon

2.13 DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLICATION OF OUTREACH RESOURCES

Under Education and Outreach, with the financial support of Red Panda Network (RPN), and technical support of Himali Conservation Forum (HCF), a red panda network notebook was distributed in Panchthar, Illam, Taplejung (PIT). A total of 15,000 copies were printed, bound and distributed. The notebook comprises interesting facts about the red panda, snow leopard, clouded leopard and pangolin in both english and nepali language.

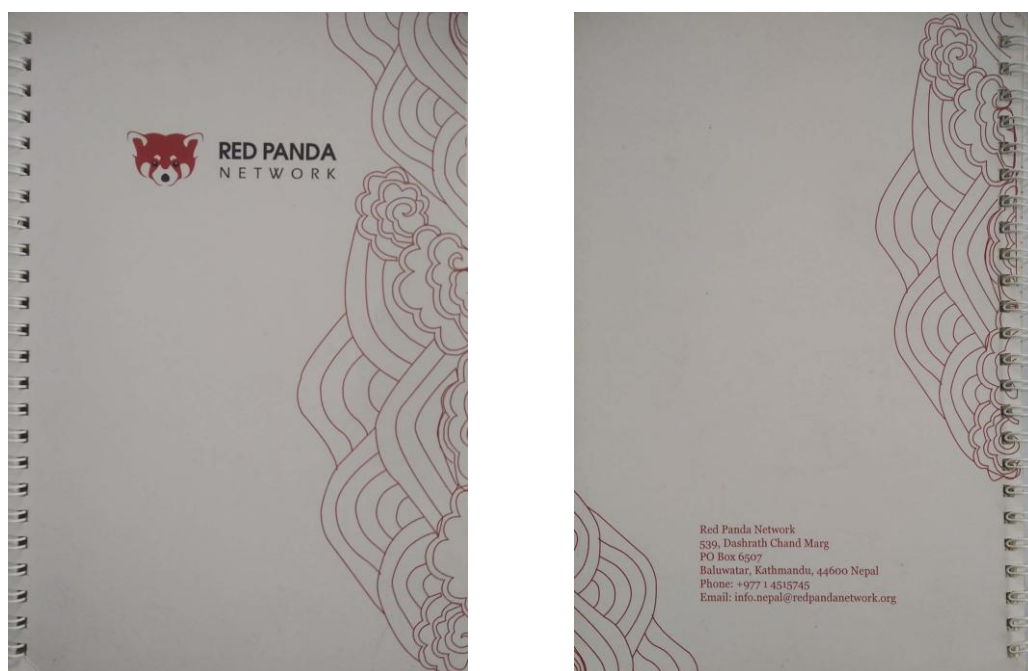
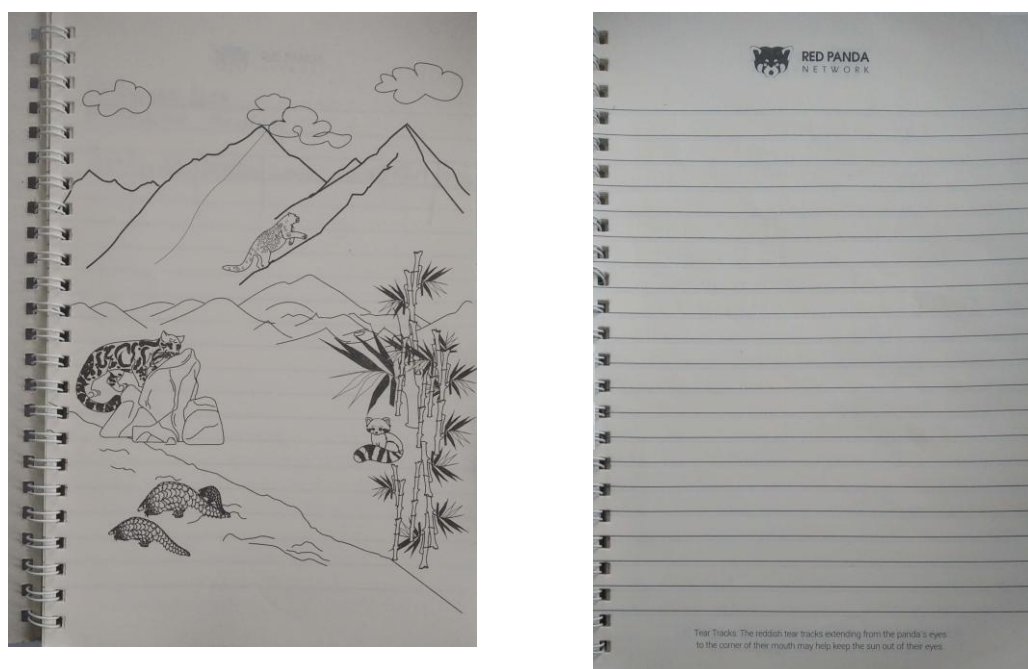


Photo 22: Front and back cover of notebook



3.0 HABITAT MANAGEMENT

3.01 ESTABLISH FOREST CONSERVATION NURSERIES

Under Habitat Management, Forest Conservation Nurseries was established in 2024 in Phungling Municipality-10, Phurumbu. A forest conservation nursery comprising a greenhouse and shade house was built with the financial support of Red Panda Network (RPN) and technical support of Himali Conservation Forum (HCF). In the outdoors, seeds and plants are subject to constantly changing weather conditions and temperatures. While growing them in a greenhouse allows them to regulate or control some of the environmental factors like temperature, humidity, rain, etc. that helps in the growth of plants. The germinated seedlings will be hardened off in the shade house to prepare them for the environmental conditions of the plantation site.

A greenhouse and a shade house were built using aluminum as framing material and hard double-walled plastic as covering material. The length is 19m and breadth is 6m of the greenhouse.

After building two nursery sheds, preparation of nursery beds started. Firstly the bamboo were cut and transported to the location and in each greenhouse 26 beds and in total 52 beds were prepared using bamboo and wire to bind the bamboo. The length and breadth of nursery beds are 8 ft and 3 ft respectively, also the distance between the beds is 1 ft. The beds were raised up to 7-9 inches from ground level as in raised beds the soil is less compact, has better drainage and generally has less perennial weed pressure. A total number of man days involved is 78 to complete the works.

Subsequently, fencing and polypot filling work was completed with a total of 159 man-days worth of work was required to complete the fencing, polypot filling and carrying the forest soil, and manure. A seed of Kaulo (*Machilus edulis*), Rani Champ (*Magnolia champaca*), Tenga (*Sorbus cuspidate*), Bhalu chinde (*Schefflera impressa*), Dhupi (*Cupressus torulosa*) were sown in beds of greenhouse.





Photo 25: Photo of Greenhouse completed in Phungling-10, Phurubu, Bhalugaude



Photo 26: Workers filling polybags in Bhalugaude nursery

3.02 MANAGEMENT SUPPORT FOR FOREST CONSERVATION NURSERIES

The Red Panda Network (RPN) provided financial support and Himali Conservation Forum (HCF) technical support for the establishment and operation of three nurseries in Taplejung (Bhalugaude, Tiringe, Harkate) where communities nurture and manage the seedlings of the nurseries. Red panda habitat and reconnect fragmented forest so that Red pandas and other threatened wildlife can flourish.

In the Harkate nursery, there are a total of 300 seedlings of Bhaluchinde. In Bhalugaude nursery, there are 6600 seedlings of Salla, 150 seedlings of Bhalu chinde, 150 seedlings of Tenga, 200 seedlings of Satuwa, 300 seedlings of Malingo, 250 seedlings of Nigalo. A total of 5,300 seedlings of Satuwa, Napier ghas, Kutmero, Gogun, Nebaro, Bhalu chinde, Loth salla seedlings were in Tiringe nursery.



Photo 27: Seedlings of Kutmero in Tiringe nursery

3.12 RESTORATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF WILDLIFE WATER HOLES

Restoration and construction of wildlife water holes activity was complete with the financial support of Red Panda Network (RPN) and technical support of Himali Conservation Forum (HCF). Five water holes were constructed each in villages named Lingkem, Limbudin, Fakumba, Mehela, and Sikaicha. The total number of man-days involved in constructing all wildlife water holes is 75. A square-shaped water hole was constructed of length 4.57m and depth 1m with a water storage capacity of 20,250 liters.

Table I: Table showing the list of locations of water holes with its GPS Coordinates

S.N.	Location	GPS Coordinates		Elevation (m)
1	Phaktalung RM- 3, Lingkhem	27.43655	87.75285	3148
2	Sidingwa RM- 6, Mehela	27.35171	87.98324	2311
3	Sidingwa RM- 5, Limbudin	27.31986	87.90931	2395
4	Maiwakhola RM- 6, Fakumba, Samtong	27.40769	87.48242	2470
5	Sirijungha RM- 3, Sikaicha, Harkate	27.44061	87.81378	3477

(male- 159, female- 70) dogs and 39 (F- 17, M- 22) cats. The main objective was to reduce red panda mortality from rabies transmission by free-roaming dogs. The main objective is to reduce red panda mortality from rabies transmission by free-roaming dogs.



3.15 DIVERSITY OPERATION PLAN

Under Habitat Management, Development and Revision of Community Forest Operational Plan (OP) activity was performed in seven different community forests (Table II) of Taplejung district. The operation plan is renewed by the financial support of Red Panda Network (RPN) and technical support of Himali Conservation Forum (HCF) and Division Forest Office (DFO), Taplejung. The OP of seven community forests (Tin Tala CF, Bhuspate Terse CF, Susuwa CF, Himali Jadibuti CF, Simsime CF, Ekchana CF and Phurumbu Kharka CF) was renewed in 2024. Table II: Table showing the name and address of the renewed operation plan of CF:

S.N.	Name of CF	Address	Duration	Area (Hectare)	Total HHs	GPS Coordinate s
1	Tin Tala CF	Maiwakhola RM-6, Fakumba	5 years	246	227	N 27.39664 E 087.46667 2926m
2	Bhuspate Terse CF	Sidingba RM-5, Limbudin	8 years	147	147	N 27.589386 E 087.30220

3	Susuwa CF	Meringden RM-6, Nalbu	8 years	7.6	45	N 27.559927 E 087.30392
4	Himali Jadibuti CF	Mikwakhola RM-6, Papung	8 years	151.51	50	N 27.54854 E 087.64577 2799m
5	Simsime CF	Mikwakhola RM-6, Papung	8 years	59.1	68	
6	Ekchana Kholme CF	Sirijungha RM-7, Khebang	8 years	4.7	56	N 27.43074 E 087.94840 2796m
7	Phurumbu Kharka CF	Phungling M-10, Phurumbu	8 years	489	125	N 27.41123 E 087.75975 2947m
Total				1,104.91	718	



Photo 31: FG helping staff of DFO while surveying in Ekchana Kholme CF

4.0 SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

4.01 PROMOTE NETTLE FIBRE-BASED PRODUCTS AND SUPPORT FOR SME DEVELOPMENT

Under Sustainable Livelihood, promote nettle fibre-based products and support for SME development (training and marketing on entrepreneurship development) activity was conducted in Phungling M-10, Phurumbu for 60 working days. The Nettle Fibre Based Products Sewing Training had started from 27 November 2024 (12 Mangsir 2081) to 28 December 2024 (13 Poush 2081) with the financial support of Red Panda Network (RPN) and technical support of Himali Conservation Forum (HCF). Subsequently, from 28 December 2024 (13 Poush 2081) to 25 January 2025 (12 Magh 2081); the training will run from the support of Phungling M-10 and Cottage and Small Industry, Taplejung. The nettle-based training has been running since 2021 to support the local women of Phurumbu for financial independence. A total of 17 (all female) have participated in sewing training. A total of 17 sewing machines were distributed among the trainees to facilitate the training.





Photo 3: Mrs. Bishnu Shrestha teaching one of the trainee to sew cloth

4.14 SUPPORT TO IMPROVE TRADITIONAL HERDING SHEDS

Under Sustainable Livelihood, the solar system was supported by herders of Phungling M-11, Phawakhola, Harkate, Taplejung. On 16 November 2024 (1 Mangsir 2081), each solar panel set of 20 Watt (W) and battery of 12 Volt (V) was distributed to 11 herders with the financial support of Red Panda Network (RPN) and technical support of Himali Conservation Forum (HCF). Since there is no electricity supply in the Harkate area, rooftop solar panels were distributed to light bulbs and charge mobile phones. The main

aim is to achieve energy autonomy and foster local economic development in rural areas and to encourage the herders in red panda conservation.



7.0 MONITORING & CAPACITY BUILDING

7.01 ESTABLISH PROJECT BASELINE

Under Monitoring & Capacity Building, Establish Project Baseline activity was conducted with the financial support of Red Panda Network and technical support of Himali Conservation Forum. The general objective of this activity is to learn the perception of communities/beneficiaries, stakeholders, etc. about the project “Community-based Red Panda conservation in Nepal” which has been continued since 2012 AD and to improve communication, coordination and collaboration with the non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Divisional Forest Offices (DFOs), local municipalities, district and provincial line agencies. A detailed Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was conducted in Ilam District, Sandakpur Rural Municipality, Khotang District, Diktal Rupakot Majhuwagadhi Municipality and Kalikot District, Subha Kalika Rural Municipality. There were a total of 112 respondents who took part in PRA.



Photo 35: Enumerators conducting questionnaire survey with CFUG committee chair at Jaubari



7.03 DISTRICT PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AND PROJECT SHARING WORKSHOPS AT FIELD

A brief description about the accomplished activities of year 2023 and ongoing 2024 program plans were presented in Powerpoint. Under the Monitoring & Follow-up program, project sharing workshop of program 2023/2024 was conducted in:

- Sirijunga Rural Municipality, Taplejung on 6 June 2024 (24 Jeth 2081) in the presence of a total of 7 (6-male & 1-female) local representatives.
- Maiwakhola Rural Municipality, Taplejung on 11 June 2024 (29 Jeth 2081) in the presence of a total of 13 (11-male & 2-female) participants.
- Phaktalung Rural Municipality, Taplejung on 6 June 2024 (24 Jeth 2081), 10 (10-male) local representatives attended.
- Mirengden Rural Municipality, Taplejung on 4 June 2024 (22 Jeth 2081) in the presence of 12 (10-male & 2-female) participants.
- Mikwakhola Rural Municipality, Taplejung on 11 June 2024 (29 Jeth 2081) and in total 13 (11-male & 2-female) participants attended the workshop
- Sidingba Rural Municipality on 9 June 2024 (27 Jeth 2081) in Sidingwa Rural Municipality, Taplejung and in total 13 (10-male & 3-female) participants had attended the workshop.
- Phungling Municipality and Pathivara Yangworak RM on 18 August 2024 (2 Bhadra 2081) and total 35 (32-male & 3-female) participants had attended the workshop.



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Photo 37: Mr. Ramesh Rai presenting the PPT and participants watching