



Objective: To ensure tigers in Bhutan's Royal Manas National Park (RMNP) persist in the future and serve as a source population for tigers within the wider Indo-Himalayan region

Highlights (project outcomes):

- Reduced poaching of tiger and their prey species by 90% in RMNP
- Increased tiger population size and their prey base through habitat restoration and improvement by 50%

Current tiger population: ~15/20 -> Expected increase to: ~30 tigers

- Reduced grazing pressure in the park by 50% by 2020.
- Trans-boundary regional cooperation to protect tigers formalized.

- 40% of communities increase livelihoods from eco-tourism (and other livelihood activities, jobs created) by the end of the project period.
- 50% reduction of local communities dependence on natural resources from within tiger habitats
- Reduced Human Wildlife Conflicts by 90%

Project investments:

- Anti-poaching kits and training of field staff
- Watchtowers and forest outposts (two)
- Communication sets
- One 4 WD vehicle
- Material for monitoring tigers and their prey population
- Grassland management and restoration (machines, seeds..)
- Equipment for Forest Protection and Surveillance Unit

Sustainable livelihoods:

- Provision of low-voltage electric fencing
- Provide small-scale bio-gas digesters to reduce forest destruction
- Provide improved cattle breeds to farmers
- Supply improved variety of feed and fodder
- Institute insurance schemes to compensate for loss of cattle
- Provide high value horticultural crops less vulnerable to wildlife damage
- Community Based Eco-tourism Established
- Provide CGI roofing to replace bamboo and wooden shingles