

Factors Escalating Retaliation and Poaching in Chitwan National Park of Nepal

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ABSTRACT Poaching has been a huge concern throughout the world in many protected areas(PAs). Globally, many species are threatened due to poaching and illegal trade. Considering the causes and minimizing the consequences has been an exigent task to the park officials because wildlife is mostly targeted at protected areas. Varieties of factors influences poaching which includes poverty, attraction towards economical profit with ease in minimum effort and time period, lack of awareness, lack of employment and opportunities, lack of proper policies and low penalty charges. The main purpose of this research work was to determine the crucial factors associated with poaching in Chitwan National Park, of Nepal. Five village development committees (VDCs) namely Gardi, Madi, Patihani, Kumroj and Meghauri adjacent to CNP were selected for the study. The survey was conducted by using both structured and semi-structured questionnaires. In total, 300 samples were chosen but later one sample was excluded for not meeting up the criteria of the research. Therefore, the whole sample size was 299. The stratified random sampling method was adopted by the researcher while taking the sample of local communities. A significant relationship between two categorical variables and the data was analyzed via computerized programming SPSS (version 21) to generate the conclusions.