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Rescue of an ox (*Bos indicus*) at Shahipur

On July 20, 2025, a tragic incident occurred in Shahipur, where a 65-year-old man was fatally attacked by his domestic ox. Early that morning, the ox escaped from its shed and wandered several kilometers away, pursued by its owner. When the man attempted to capture the animal, the ox, agitated and fearful, charged at him. It attacked repeatedly with its horns, one of which pierced the man's body, causing severe bleeding and resulting in his death. Rescue team from NTNC-BCP captured the ox and handed it over to the locals.



Monitoring of wild bull elephant and darting

A herd of wild elephants was frequently observed in the Matapur, Gola, and Khalla of Geruwa Rural Municipality. A couple of elephants got stranded away from the group and caused trouble for the locals. For the monitoring purpose, the rescue team, along with the darting equipment, went to the Gola area of Geruwa on 17th September. The team waited the whole night, but none of the elephants were observed at the site. The next day, the team returned from the site.

Another wild bull elephant was sedated on 1st September as it attacked and killed a woman at the Kailashi area, Bardia.

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Bengal Tiger Rescue Operation in Bardiya and Banke National Parks

In July and August 2025, two major tiger capture operations were conducted in the Western Terai Protected Areas following livestock attacks. On July 27, 2025, a tiger attacked a buffalo in Bansgadi-1, Chepang Village (Bardiya District). The owner intervened, forcing the tiger to flee, but the buffalo was injured. Due to the potential threat to humans and livestock, Bardiya National Park (BNP) launched a recapture operation with support from NTNC–Bardia. On July 30, the tiger was successfully tranquilized, examined, and safely transferred to BNP’s holding facility, where it recovered after antidote administration.



Soon after, on August 6, 2025, another tiger killed livestock in the Gobarpur area of Banke National Park (BaNP). The BaNP and NTNC–Bardia teams initiated a recapture effort using a partially consumed cow carcass as bait, but the tiger did not appear for two consecutive nights. On August 9, two additional elephants joined the operation, increasing the total to four. With their assistance, the team located and darted the tiger. Once sedated, it was safely transferred to the BNP rescue center at Rammapur and released into an enclosure.

Leopard Rescue and Conflict Response Operation Intensify Across Western Nepal

In August and September 2025, three leopard rescue operations were successfully conducted in western Nepal. In Madhuban-2, Sonahgaun (Bardiya District), locals spotted a leopard near the Chameli Gauri Community Forest, leading the Division Forest Office (DFO) to request help from Bardiya National Park (BNP). BNP deployed five elephants to drive the animal away, but the leopard attacked and injured one of them. The NTNC-BCP rescue team was then mobilized to dart and tranquilize the leopard, which was examined, treated with antibiotics and analgesics, and later released safely into Bardiya National Park on August 21, 2025.



Soon after, two more rescue operations took place in Surkhet District. On September 1, a leopard trapped in a snare in Lekbeshi Municipality was darted and rescued despite challenging conditions caused by steep terrain and heavy rain. The next day, September 2, another leopard was found entangled in wire in Birendranagar-11, Dhuliyabit, and rescued using similar procedures. Both animals received medical treatment; however, the first leopard died the following day due to pneumonia and suspected poisoning, while the second was safely released into nearby forest areas.



Box trap placement for leopard rescue



With the increase of conflict with the leopard, the rescue of the problematic leopard has increased. Mostly, the leopards are involved in livestock depredation. But recently, they are also attacking and killing children and women as well. For the healthy rescue, box traps placement was done in the conflict areas. The leopard capture attempts were made in the areas of Khatta corridor, Tikapur Technical College, Gulariya, Bansgadhi and Bakuwa. In some places, the box traps have been placed for two months. Three leopards have been rescued each from Tikapur, Gulariya and Bansgadi.

Two rescued leopard cubs translocated to Rescue Centre



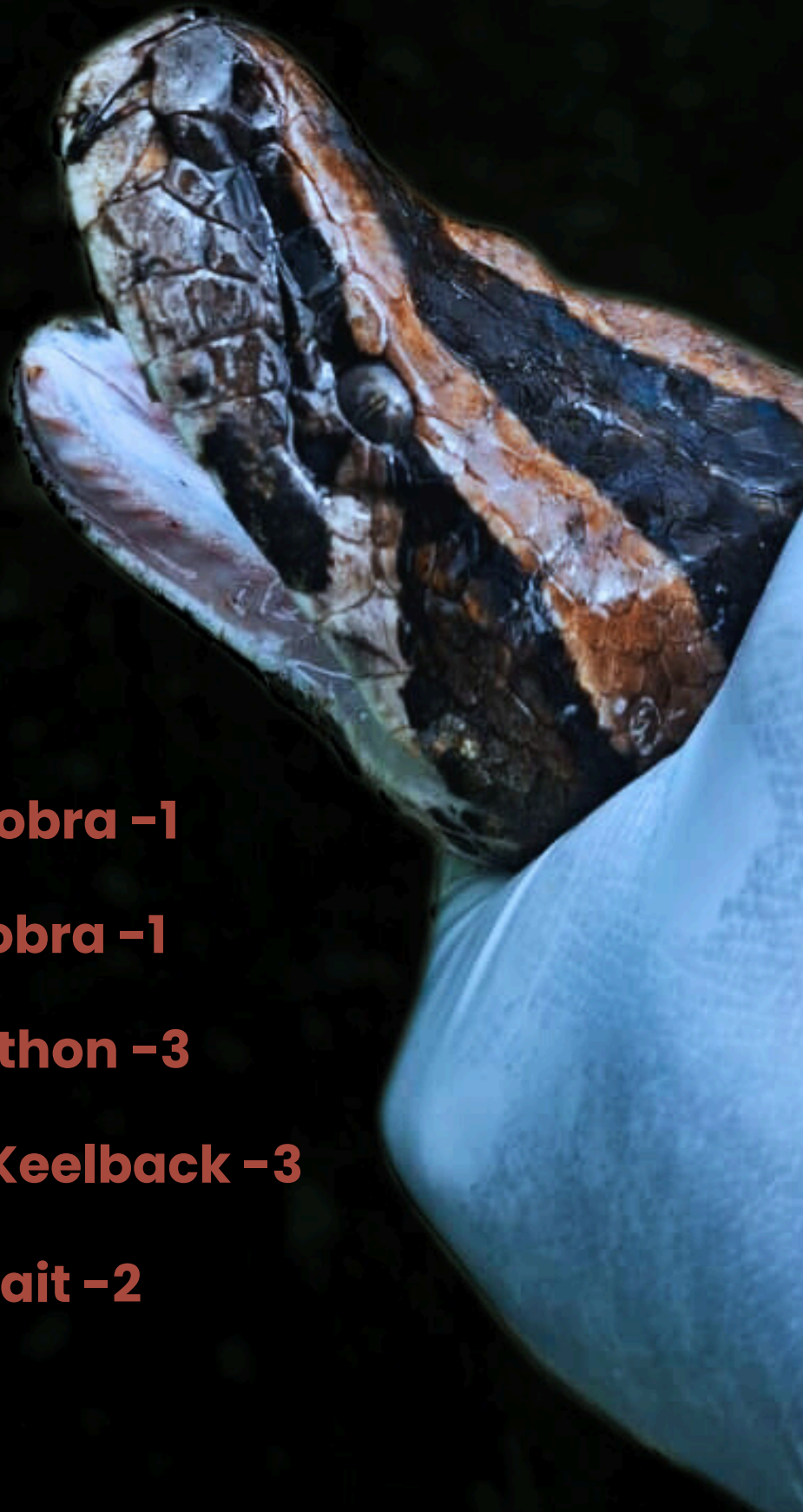
Two common leopard cubs rescued from Dailekh was receiving management and veterinary treatment at NTNC-BCP. The pair includes one male and one female. After four months of care, they were moved to the Rescue Center of Rammapur on September 7th. A dedicated team has been assigned to care for the cubs.

Tagged Slender-billed vulture rescued, treated and released

A Slender-billed Vulture tagged in 2023 was found weak and lethargic on August 4, 2025, in Lamki, Kailali. Since its release, the bird had traveled over 600 km, covering regions including Kawasoti, Rupandehi, Bardghat, Pokhara, and even reaching Uttar Pradesh, India, before returning to Lamki. Upon arrival in Lamki, the vulture became exhausted and weak, prompting residents to rescue it and keep it in a room. The incident was reported to the local government, the Division Forest Office (DFO), Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN), and NTNC-BCP. The DFO later transferred the vulture to the Sub-division Forest Office in Lamki, where it was housed indoors for care. A veterinary-led team visited the vulture on August 5 and treatment was prescribed following the clinical examination. The vulture was treated and monitored for 7 days. After observing some improvement, the vulture was released at Shuklaphanta National Park (ShNP) on August 11.



Herpetofauna rescue



- 1 Monocled Cobra -1**
- 2 Common Cobra -1**
- 3 Burmese Python -3**
- 4 Checkered Keelback -3**
- 5 Common Krait -2**