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WELCOME!

After a couple of months of silence, JUNGLE EXPRESS is back again. This newsletter is aimed at bringing out news and events related to species conservation work of WWF-India.

We are also in the process of setting up a mailer system so that the JUNGLE EXPRESS could be sent by e-mail. Therefore, we would very much appreciate if you could pass on the e-mail addresses of anyone for whom, the JUNGLE EXPRESS might be of interest.

I hope you find this issue of JUNGLE EXPRESS interesting and any feedback, comments and suggestions are, of course welcome.

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RHINO FROM NEPAL KILLS ONE PERSON IN INDIA

On 19th March '08, a rhino killed a villager of Tatargunj village, Sampurna Nagar Range of North Kheri Division. To avert a confrontation, compensation was paid to the victim's family. Concerned, Nepalese officials from the Suklaphanta Wildlife Sanctuary, North Kheri Forest Division and WWF India started monitoring the movement of the rhino. A trans-boundary meet was also organized which was attended by 35-40 officials from both the countries, local NGOs and by approximately 150-200 villagers. Some precautionary measures were discussed and this helped to diffuse the situation. The rhino was lucky and so were the villagers, when he left the area and went back.



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LOST TUSKER SHOT DEAD

A tusker which had lost the track of his herd was shot dead in Roorkee in the month of May.

Instead of following the traditional practice of beating drums, the villagers gathered in large numbers when the elephant entered the fields of Budehedi village, Haridwar. Frightened, the elephant started attacking people and two people lost their lives.

On the orders of the Chief Wildlife Warden, the tusker was shot dead by the forest guards and police personnel. They pumped the elephant's body with bullets, many of which hit his skull, leading to his death.

This is a brutal reminder of the Human-Animal conflict, which is responsible for many untimely deaths.



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