

World Dhole Day Day 2024

Event Report

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EVENT OVERVIEW

World Dhole Day, observed annually on May 28th, is all about raising awareness for the dhole (*Cuon alpinus*). Also known as the Asiatic wild dog, whistling dog, or red dog, this fascinating canine is an endangered species that plays a vital role in healthy ecosystems. The day aims to educate people about dholes, the threats they face, and the ongoing conservation efforts needed to protect them.

Venue

1. **Saptari District:** Bright Future Academy School, Fattepur, Saptakoshi Municipality

Date

May 28th, 2024

Target Audience

Students from Grades 6-10 (Total Participants: 95)

Partners:

1. Research Association Hattisar (RAH)
2. Nepal Student Association of Microbiology (NSAM)
3. IUCN Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)
4. Dhole Conservation Fund
5. Central Campus of Technology (CCT)
6. Nature Conservation and Study Center (NCSC)



Event Summary

The NCSC, in collaboration with partner organizations, successfully organized a World Dhole Day awareness campaign at Bright Future Academy School on May 28th, 2024. The event aimed to educate students about the dhole (Asiatic wild dog), its ecological significance, the threats it faces, and the importance of conservation efforts.

Presentations

Interactive presentations were delivered to students, covering dhole biology, ecological roles, conservation threats, and ongoing conservation initiatives. Q&A sessions addressed student curiosity and fostered a deeper understanding.



Face Painting

Face painting was a fun and engaging activity, with over 100 students (including those from other grades) participating. Vibrant dhole designs were painted, adding a lighthearted element to the event.



Drawing Competition

Students expressed their creativity through a dhole drawing competition. Winners were selected from both male and female categories.



Drawing Competition winners:

- **Male category**
 1. Lutandeep Lekhi
 2. Sandesh Luitel
- **Female category**
 1. Sweta Dhular
 2. Prasansha Karki





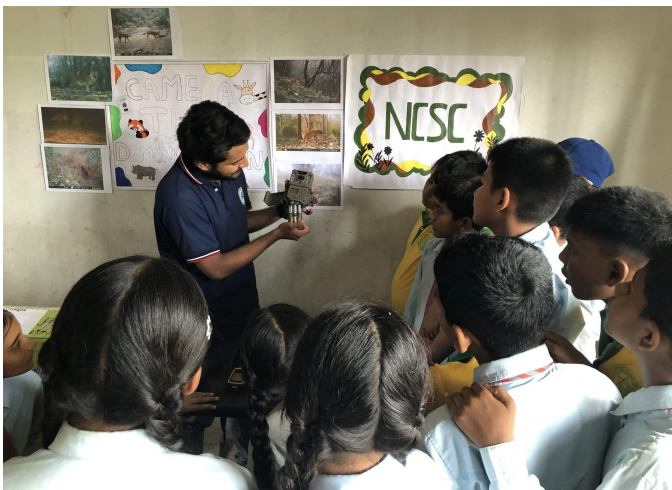
Quiz and Puzzles

Interactive quizzes and puzzles tested students' knowledge about dholes, making learning enjoyable and reinforcing key concepts.

Colorful dhole masks were gifted as rewards for correct answers.¹¹

Exhibition

An informative exhibition showcased various research tools used in dhole study, including binoculars, field guides, camera traps, and GPS devices. Students gained hands-on experience examining these tools. Additionally, captivating camera trap photos of dholes were displayed.



Conclusion and Future Directions

The World Dhole Day awareness campaign was a resounding success. Through engaging activities and presentations, the event effectively communicated the importance of dhole conservation to young minds. By incorporating the recommended improvements, future celebrations can be even more impactful and inspire a generation of dhole conservation advocates.

The NCSC extends its gratitude to all partner organizations for their valuable contributions to this educational initiative.

Outcomes

- The event successfully raised awareness about dholes and their conservation needs among 95 students.
- Interactive activities fostered student engagement and a deeper understanding of dhole ecology and conservation.
- The drawing competition provided a platform for creative expression and reinforced learning.
- The event provided an opportunity to showcase the collaborative efforts of the NCSC and its partners in dhole conservation.

Recommendations for Future Events

- Pre-event outreach: Consider conducting a pre-event survey to assess students' existing knowledge about dholes. This will help tailor presentations and activities to their learning needs. Additionally, promoting the event beforehand through posters and school announcements can increase student participation.
- Activity diversification: Explore incorporating additional interactive activities, such as role-playing scenarios depicting conservation challenges or dhole habitat simulations. This can further enhance engagement and learning.
- Social media integration: Encourage students to share photos from the event (with their permission) using a designated hashtag. This can promote the campaign on social media platforms and raise broader awareness.
- Community involvement: Consider inviting local conservation professionals or researchers to share their experiences with students. This can provide real-world insights and inspire future action.
- Sustainability element: Integrate a call to action, encouraging students to explore ways they can contribute to dhole conservation in their daily lives. This could involve supporting conservation organizations, raising awareness among family and friends, or participating in future initiatives.



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