

Creating a Partnership Against Cruel Traps and Snares (PACTS)



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Communities

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Crop Protection

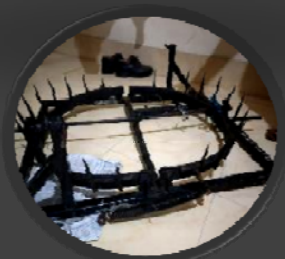




Understanding the training and equipping needs on the ground



- Understanding of the issue : Its not just simple hunting technique, it's a cruel killing of animals
- Types of traps and snares and the importance of each
- Collecting information from local people / ex trappers





Learning the best practices

- Understanding of the terrain
- What is the best time of the day for a search
- What is the team composition
- Follow tracks ? Do combing ?, line search ?
- Seasonal differences
- Indirect evidences on the ground

Share the learnings :

- Where to search for traps and snares?
- Direct and indirect signs of Snares and traps in the forest
- When and where to deploy your teams?
- What are the most reliable indicators that poachers are using traps and snares in the area?



Live animals caught in Snares and Traps



- Be prepared for live animals in the traps or snares !!
- What is the best way to release them from the traps ?
- Training of Safe Capture methods, equipment need from experts

Unprepared rescuers often kill the animal



Dealing with local communities

- How much we know about the 'culture' of using cruel traps and snares ?
- Developing community relations & Engaging with them
- Do we know how to deter the deployment of these traps ?
- Organized poaching vs causal hunting ?
- What strategies went wrong in the past ?

Poachers ? Hunters ? Poor people ?

Connecting the loops : Stepping out to stop the killings

- Need to investigate snaring and trapping event beyond the regular '*stray incident*'
- Is organized crime involved ? who are the instigators & buyers ?
- Capacity building of the front-line staff to interview suspects to find the larger picture
- Preventive intelligence gathering



Govt & NGOs Working together



- Enforcement agencies and NGOs work together in the field.
- Engage with each other under MoUs with defined roles and responsibilities.
- Ensuring high levels of ethics & transparency
- Long term plans

Legal matters : Use of Law

India : The Wildlife (Protection), Act 1972

2(35) “weapon” includes ammunition, bows and arrows, explosives, firearms, hooks, knives, nets, poison, snares, traps, and any instrument or apparatus capable of anaesthetizing, decoying, destroying, injuring or killing an animal;

- How such traps & their usage defined under the laws
- Is there prohibitions and controls in place
- Lobbying to include such traps and snares and the usage under the provisions of the Law



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Partnership Against Cruel Traps and Snares

The creation of a **global Partnership Against Cruel Traps and Snares** is a promising mechanism for accomplishing the reduction of Cruel Traps and Snare in the wildlife habitats.

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