

## **CAN COMPENSATION SCHEME SOLITARY CAN MITIGATE HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT?: A CASE STUDY OF CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK, NEPAL**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Crop damages, Livestock depredation and Human Casualty have become the major burning issues today in almost all the Protected Areas (PAs) worldwide. These issues have escalated the Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC). National bodies have made an attempt to minimize this ongoing conflict by introducing the Compensation Scheme for the losses occurred by wildlife however, the conflict persists and local communities are discontent with the Park Management because of the untimely and unfair distribution of the compensation for the losses they have passed through. Now, the queries are raised up- "Can Compensation Scheme Solitary can mitigate Human-Wildlife Conflict? If not what alternatives is there that could make Local community satisfy? Because it is very essential to include local communities for planning and decision making to achieve the goals in wildlife conservation and for sustainable development

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