

## **FUTURE OF WILDLIFE LIES IN INTEGRITY OF HUMAN: ECONOMICAL PROSPERITY OR SURVIVAL VALUE?**

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### **ABSTRACT**

This paper presents the results of research conducted in major tourist destinations of Chitwan- Sauraha and Kasara which is near to Chitwan National Park (CNP). The park has experienced the problems associated with anthropogenic activities like habitat degradation, poaching, pollutions which have threatened the wildlife. Our results showed that the visit by tourist inside the park has largely influenced the wildlife and their activities. Tourism establishes the linkages between the local community and economy and is concerned with the development of the area however it has also negatively impacted the local community and wildlife. Thus, our study suggest that the well and systematic management plan should be prepared and implemented for making the association between wildlife, local community and tourists, a beneficial one. Future planning on conservation policies and strategies should be emphasized instead just focusing on raising the revenue from tourism and growing socio-ecological condition of local community because for long term sustainability of the protected areas, nature based tourism is the urgent need.

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