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Village patrols initiated

Village patrol teams are taking the lead in monitoring and safeguarding their natural forests by using advanced, app-based monitoring tools.

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GIS-based information sharing

Patrol tracks and field observations are stored and analysed in QGIS, with timely feedback shared with village teams.

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Wildlife returns

Camera traps captured the return of rare wildlife species in Ukhrul and Kamjong districts. Community-based biodiversity monitoring to be further promoted.

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Village Forest Patrols initiated

COSFOM is supporting village forest patrol teams to take the lead in protecting their own natural forest resources. Training support ranges from patrolling techniques, incident reporting, use of mobile-based monitoring applications, and basic first aid.

Patrol teams receive daily allowance and are guided by partner NGOs in monitoring and reporting. During each patrol, a detailed report is prepared and subsequently uploaded in digital format to the district project office, ensuring systematic data management and timely review.

App-based field monitoring

Patrol efforts are recorded via an app-based monitoring system to generate accurate spatial data on patrol routes and forest violation observations.

Resulting maps enable the Forest Department to provide more timely and targeted support to communities in their ongoing efforts to safeguard their remaining natural forests and the rich biodiversity they sustain.



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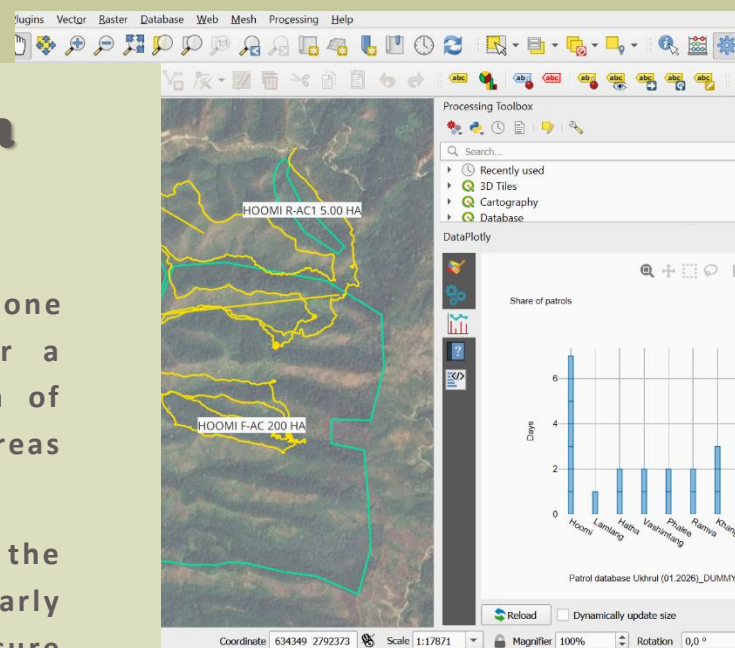
Real time data analysis

Village capacities are developed to allow real-time data collection and analysis of patrol activities and forest observations for swift decision-making right at the village site. This dynamic approach enhances the ability to address forest violations and monitor biodiversity with greater precision and immediacy.

GIS-based information sharing

Village forest patrol data is uploaded into one comprehensive GIS database, allowing for a detailed review of the spatial distribution of patrol efforts and identification of areas requiring further attention.

Although the GIS database is managed at the Forest Department level, feedback is regularly provided to the village patrol teams to ensure continuous improvement and targeted conservation efforts.



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Village protection rules

The project consistently promotes and integrates existing village forest protection regulations, ensuring that local governance frameworks are strengthened.

To raise awareness, signboards are strategically placed to guide passersby, with detailed technical and financial information accessible via QR codes.

At the village level, Water Resources Conservation Committees play a crucial role in guiding patrol teams, acting as intermediaries between the project and the Forest Department, and fostering collaboration for effective forest and water resource management.

Wildlife returns

Improved general awareness on biodiversity by communities combined with a participatory approach of forest patrol and monitoring is showing steady improvements with more evidence on returning biodiversity documented. COSFOM will provide wildlife cameras to forest patrol teams to allow them to document any evidence of rehabilitation of wildlife in their forest.

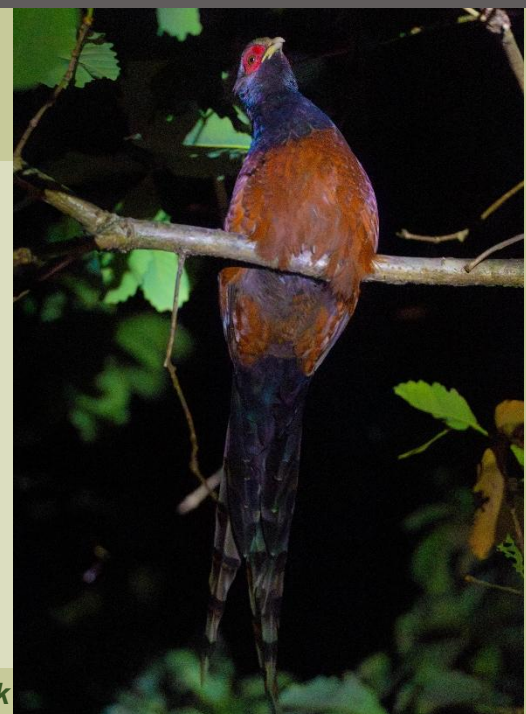


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