**Living with leopards: an assessment of conflict and people’s attitudes towards the common leopard *Panthera pardus* in a protected area in the Indian Himalayan region**

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Supplementary Material 1 Questionnaire used for our survey on the distribution of the common leopard *Panthera pardus* and people’s perceptions of this species in and around Kishtwar High Altitude National Park, Jammu and Kashmir, India.

LOCATION AND DATE OF SURVEY

Interview no. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of the village\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Valley/Region \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RESPONDENT ATTRIBUTES

Name of the respondent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age/Gender \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Community \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RESPONDENT’S KNOWLEDGE

1.1 For how long you have been living in the area? (show on map)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1.2 What is the type and duration of your activity there?

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Duration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PREDATORS

2.1 Seen (live or dead) common leopard in 2017/2018? (identify in pictures)\_\_\_\_\_ Yes/No\_\_\_\_

2.2 Month/season? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.3 Where (site/valley/range name, show on map)?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.4 Earlier evidence (< 2016). Which year?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.5 Where (site/valley/range name, show on map)?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PEOPLE’S PERCEPTIONS/HUMAN–WILDLIFE CONFLICT

3.1 Details of your livestock. Sheep ( ), Goat( ), Cow/ox( ), Horse( ), Yak( ), Other( ). Total ( )

3.2 Has any animal ever killed your livestock? Yes ( ) No ( )

3.3 If yes, give following details. Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Place\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Animal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No. of livestock killed\_\_\_\_\_ estimated cost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.4 Do you think that it is necessary to control the predation of livestock by wild animals? Yes/No

3.5 If yes, which of the following methods do you think are appropriate (if more than one, please rank to show your preference, 1for the most preferred and so on)?

( ) Improving husbandry practices (e.g. closer guarding of herds, corralling animals in predator-proof enclosures at night, use of guard dogs)

( ) Avoiding the areas with high predation risk

( ) Financial compensation for the predation loss

( ) Selectively removing problematic animals

( ) Eradication of the wild animals

( ) Other (specify)

3.6 If you know of any incidents in which wild animals were killed, please give following details:

 (a) Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Place \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (c) Animal killed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (c) Methods used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(d) Number killed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (e) Possible reason\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.7 Any incident where humans were attacked by a wild animal, please give following details:

 (a) Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Place \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (c) Attacking animal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (c) Whether loss of life/injuries \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (e) Possible reason of the attack \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.8 Please indicate your attitude towards common leopard:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Strong Like | Slight like | Indifferent | Slight dislike | Strong dislike | Reason |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

3.9 Is hunting allowed in your surrounding? Yes ( ) No ( )

3.10 If not, who prohibits hunting? Government ( ) Panchayat ( ) Monastery ( ) Others ( )

Comments/observations: