

Mass Distribution of Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Measures by WWF-India in the Kargyam Belt of Chushul Constituency

Kargyam, February 18, 2025 – In a significant step towards mitigating human-wildlife conflict in Ladakh, WWF-India distributed essential conflict mitigation tools, including FoxLights and Flashlights, to 127 pastoral beneficiaries in the Kargyam belt, covering villages such as Barma, Kherapulu, Sato, and Chibra. The distribution event, held in Barma village, witnessed the esteemed presence of Honourable Councillor Chushul and Ex-Executive Councillor Konchok Stanzin.

The initiative, spearheaded by WWF-India's Western Himalayas Conservation Programme, aims to support local herders in protecting their livestock from predators such as wolves, snow leopards, lynx, and feral dogs. Mr. Rigzin Dawa, Senior Programme Officer, WWF Western Himalayas Conservation Programme, along with his team, led the event to ensure effective outreach and implementation.

On the occasion, Councillor Chushul commended WWF-India, under the leadership of Mr. Rigzin Dawa, for its commendable efforts and urged for continued support in the future.

FoxLights, installed atop livestock corrals, serve as a deterrent against nocturnal predators, significantly reducing livestock losses and promoting coexistence between wildlife and local communities. Meanwhile, FlashLights will aid pastoral households in navigating pasture routes and safeguarding their livestock, enhancing both safety and efficiency.

This large-scale distribution is part of WWF-India's ongoing commitment to conservation and community welfare in Ladakh. In the coming months, WWF-India plans to implement additional initiatives, including the installation of predator-proof corrals and further mitigation measures to strengthen pastoral livelihoods.

The presence of dignitaries and local leaders underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing human-wildlife conflict. Their support, combined with WWF-India's sustained conservation interventions, is expected to bring long-term benefits to the pastoral communities of Ladakh.





