



# Community Conservation spring newsletter

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## A New Wildlife Corridor in Nepal?

Laying the groundwork for a community-conserved connection between protected areas

Dr. Teri Allendorf is working with communities to explore a new potential wildlife corridor in Nepal.

The vision: **a corridor of safe habitat for large mammals and other wildlife, which will allow them to travel back and forth between large protected areas.** This corridor would help many animals, including large iconic species like **tigers and elephants**, to thrive and increase their populations.

Dr. Allendorf has had **productive meetings with community leaders** in the area to determine whether they would be interested in participating and learning what issues are important to them.

The ten community forest groups that the team met with are interested in

joining with this project and learning to identify and monitor wildlife species. Currently, we are waiting to hear back from communities on their suggestions for proceeding.

This type of conservation work takes time, but is ultimately the most impactful because **local people are involved and co-leading the process from the very beginning.**



This is a continuation of the work that Community Conservation's late founder Rob Horwich started years ago along with Dr. Allendorf.



### Searching for Pygmy Hogs

We are working with local mammalogists to find out whether this critically endangered species lives in Nepal.



### Dairy farmers, tapirs, and bears

Our new project, coming in fall 2019, explores opportunities to work with and help dairy farming communities make their forests a better habitat for wildlife in the Andes Mountains.





# Searching for Pygmy Hogs

No definitive signs yet, but community relationships are thriving



Dr. Teri Allendorf is currently in Nepal, searching for signs of the critically endangered pygmy hog and working with local mammalogists.

If signs of pygmy hogs living in this area are found, it would be an important discovery. Currently, pygmy hogs are thought only to remain in one limited area in India, with none remaining in Nepal.

Local people have been finding small nests made by some mammal species. Forest guards showed Dr. Allendorf the types of places they find these nests. However, we haven't yet found any definitive signs of pygmy hogs.

So as of now, the search continues, and we are building stronger relationships with local communities and partners in Nepal. These relationships are so important to the type of people-focused conservation work we practice.

Thank you for your ongoing friendship and support of Community Conservation!

# Dairy farmers, tapirs, and bears

A sneak peek of our next project



The forest habitat of Andean bears, mountain tapirs, and many more endangered and threatened species needs to expand. Luckily, Executive Director Dr. April Sansom knows **dairy farming communities** in the Andes. **Stay tuned** for more information about this new project we're hoping to launch later this year in Ecuador.



## Wise Words

sharing inspiration from our founder Rob Horwich

In our emails and on our Facebook page, we've been sharing inspiring words from our late founder - he is greatly missed! **To make sure you see these**, subscribe to our emails on our website [communityconservation.org](http://communityconservation.org) or follow us at [facebook.com/CommunityConservationInc](https://facebook.com/CommunityConservationInc)

## UPDATES FROM THE FIELD



### Local conservationists

The team has had the pleasure of working alongside many impactful people in Nepal. Pictured: Dr. Allendorf meeting Murti Devi Chaudhary, chair of the Mahila Jhatkhanda Community Forest in Saptari District. Check our Facebook page for more photos.



### Video Update from Myanmar

Check our website for a short video about the "Biodiversity Heroes" community trainings and our partnership with Friends of Wildlife.

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