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Abbreviations

CAP Command Area Protection

BoQ Bill of Quantities

CoI Corridor of Impact

DO Dissolved Oxygen

DWRI Department of Water Resources and Irrigation

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

EPA Environment Protection Act

EPR Environment Protection Regulation

FGD Focus Group Discussion

GPS Global Positioning System

GoN Government of Nepal

HH Household

IUCN International Union for Conservation of Nature

IEE Initial Environmental Examination

KII Key Informant Interview

KM Kilo Meter

M Meter

N/E North /East

OSH Occupational Safety and Health

PPE Personal Protective Equipment

RJKIP Rani Jamara Kulariya Irrigation Project

RJKIS Rani Jamara Kulariya Irrigation System

SSEMP Site Specific Environment Management Plan

STD Sexually Transmitted Disease

TSS Total Suspended Solids

VAT Value Added Tax

WB The World Bank

WUA Water Users Association

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1. Introduction:

Government of Nepal (GoN) has been modernizing the irrigation systems following the changing contexts in terms of technologies, climate change impacts, and requirements of the beneficiaries. Rani Jamara Kulariya Irrigation System (RJKIS), having approximately 14,300 ha command area, is one of the largest farmer-managed irrigation systems being modernized by GoN, Department of Water Resources and Irrigation (DoWRI). Given that there was sufficient water in the source-Karnali river, the system historically suffered from frequent washout of temporary diversion works and shifting of river course at its intake. Therefore, DoWRI, through RJKIP emanated strengthening the system since FY 2009/10. Similarly, an agreement was signed between GoN and the World Bank (WB) on October 18, 2011, for the development of Phase I which ended in September 2018. Successful completion of Phase 1 led to the structuring of Phase 2 of the project ahead of the planned time frame and another Phase II loan agreement between GoN and WB took place on May 2018 to modernize the system for economic growth and poverty reduction through a gendered and inclusive comprehensive agricultural program that focused on increasing production, productivity, diversification and strengthening post-harvest support. The Phase II agreement remains effective until December 31, 2023.

The proposed subproject lies under Command Area Protection (CAP). The CAP activity embraces structural design of revetment, toe and launching structures on sides of the river specified by project technical unit. The proposed areas for CAP works are highly flood affected sites from Pathraiya, Kanda and Mohana rivers. Lots of fertile farmlands have been damaged by the seasonal floods for many years as shown in Figure-1.



Figure 1: Bank erosions at Bhajani, next to Dhungana Tole

The proposed CAP structures under this sub project are aligned between Baidi-Naya Basti of Pathraiay river bank to Kalakunda of Mohana riverbank, in around 3 km length; 2 km along Pathraiya river and 1 km along Mohana river. This Project site occupies confluences of Pathraiya, Kanda, Gairi Nala and Mohana river as shown in figure 2 below

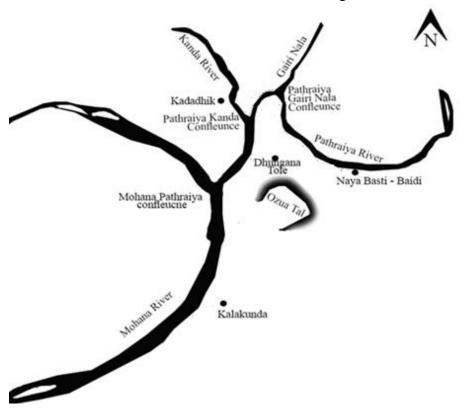


Figure 2: Alignments of CAP area showing Mohana, Pathraiya, Kada and Gairi Nala

The Pahtraiya river drains to Mohana river and Mohana drains to Karnali river. Karnali inhabits Ganges River dolphin (*Platanista gangetica*). These River Dolphins migrate to Mohana river system during the monsoon season when the flow is high in Mohana, Kanda and Pathraiya rivers.

The construction of embankments will cause some change in the local landscape and natural settings along river banks/sides so there are environmental concerns. The project needs to fulfil the necessary national and the WB safeguard requirements. Environment Protection Act (EPA) 2019, Environment Protection Regulation (EPR) – 2020 list out the major requirements of Government of Nepal (GoN). Safeguard Policies OP 4.01 Environmental Assessment, OP 4.04 Natural Habitats, OP 4.09 Pest Management and OP 4.36 Forests are the World Bank's environmental requirements.

This Site-Specific Environment Management Plan (SS-EMP) identifies site-specific issues and impacts in and around the River Training Works (Command Area Protection – CAP) along Mohana River and its tributaries. The SS-EMP is additional to the RJKIP-2 safeguard

documents prepared during project preparation (Volume 1: Executive Summary, Volume 2: Environmental Assessment, Volume 3: Bio-diversity Impact Assessment, Volume 4: Integrated Pest Management, etc). It is intended to ensure that the commitments made by the RJKIP to minimize project-related environmental impacts are upheld throughout the sites. The Contractors responsibilities during construction will be detailed in the "Environmental Specifications for Contractors" which will be included in bidding documents and contracts and enforced by the Project. These specifications will be prepared before the start of the bidding process.

Table 1: Salient features of the Project

Name of the Sub-project	River training work (Command Area Protection)		
Location	Start Point: N28° 27' 18.5" E81° 01' 29.3"		
	End Point: N28° 26' 42.0" E81° 01' 11.5"		
Affected Municipalities	Janaki Rural Municipality, Bhajani Municipality, Tikapur Municipality		
Climate	Tropical		
Physiographic and Geology	Terai, Indo-Gangetic Plain with Pleistocene alluvial deposits		
Land use	Agriculture, fallow land, grassland		
Total River Length from start	358 m (Right Bank) Bhajani-8 Kanda Dhik		
to end	2500 m (Left Bank) Dhungana Tole, Tikapur-7		
Proposed Subproject Length	2858 m (Including embankment making)		
Starting Point	Chainage 0+000 Dhungana Tole of Tikapur Municipality-7		
End Point	Chainage 3+450 Kalakunda of Tikapur Municipality		
Corridor of Impact (CoI)	Kalakunda, Pathraiya Mohana confluence		
Total Width	20 to 24 m		
Top Width	4 m		
Existing Surface	Earthen and Gabion on the riverside in old embankments		
Proposed Surface	Earthen, concrete, gabion		
Type of Work	River training (revetment, toe and launching structures)		
Total Sub Project Cost	99973286 Rupees including VAT and Contingency cost		

2. Objective:

The general objective is to prepare the Site-Specific Environment Management Plan to mitigate and manage the site-specific environmental issues and impacts of proposed CAP works. The specific objectives are:

- a) To customize, detail and tailor the relevant /applicable recommendations/ requirements spelled out in in project's environmental safeguard documents (Volume 1: Executive Summary, Volume 2: Environmental Assessment, Volume 3: Bio-diversity Impact Assessment, Volume 4: Integrated Pest Management, etc.)
- b) To conserve natural environmental setting at the river for sustainable ecosystem services after civil construction.
- c) To protect habitat for aquatic fauna including the endangered river dolphin around project sites of Mohana, Pathraiya and Kanda rivers.
- d) To maintain vegetation resources and conserve biodiversity during the implementation of CAP works.
- e) To support mitigation and management of site-specific environmental issues and impacts

3. Methodology

For the site-specific EMP, the team conducted environmental observation around the proposed site through a structured checklist to determine the potential area of concern/impact along the Mohana-Pathraiya-Kanda River corridor. RJKIP-2 environmental reports including Executive Summary (Volume 1), Environmental Assessment (Volume 2), Biodiversity Impact Assessment (Volume 3), Integrated Pest Management (Volume 4), etc were reviewed. Systematic interviews with the individual House Hold (HH) members, public meetings, Focused Group Discussion (FGD), and Key Informant Interview (KII) were the major tools that were applied during the assessment. Similarly, discussions with stakeholders and project team, review of Project documents, available online resources and other sources was carried out. The team also organized site observation/transect walk along the Mohana-Pathraiya- Kanda River corridor.

Issues and challenges of Dolphin conservation were analyzed by reviewing "Dolphin Conservation and Eco-friendly Promotional Strategy report" prepared by the Dolphin Expert (Prof. Dr Tej Kumar Shrestha). In addition, discussion with Dolphin Conservation Information Center based at Dhungana Tole are carried out for setting environmental mitigation measures.

4. Project Information:

4.1 Background

The proposed CAP works include surface stripping, excavation, soil filling, transportation, concrete structure, gabion structures, earthwork, temporary routs, collection sites, disposal sites, labour camp and civil structures (revetment, toe and launching) etc. The SSEMP consists of the set of mitigation measures, responsible institutional base to implement and reduce adverse environmental impacts at the acceptable limit as a result of project activities during planning, implementing and operation phase. Table-2 below shows the GPS coordinates and the location of the proposed CAP works and the proposed sites are illustrated in google image in Figure-3.

Table 2: GPS coordinate of the project area

Place	River	Length of Chainage	Coordinates
Naya Basti- Baidi	Pathraiya River	358 m	N28° 27' 18.5"
			E81° 01' 29.3"
Gairi Nala	Pathraiya River	789 m	N28° 27' 36.8"
			E81° 01' 05.3"
DhunganaTole	Pathraiya River	861 m	N28° 27' 28.3"
			E81° 01' 09.5"
Kalakunda	Mohana River	885 m	N28° 26' 42.0"
			E81° 01' 11.5"



Figure 3: Google image of proposed construction sites

The local economy in the Project area is based on agriculture and the land is degrading due to erosion and bank cutting as shown in Figure- 4. Therefore, the modification of embankments are proposed under this package to protect the adjoining agricultural lands. Most of the proposed alignment already has eroded embankments and the Project, apart from building new structures in some places, will only raise the height of the existing embankments under this package.



Figure 4: River bank erosion near Kalakunda area (Mohana River)

For construction, considerable amount of construction material will be needed. The amount of different aggregate is 13298 cubic meter details of which is shown in table 3 below.

Table 3: Quantity of raw materials required for proposed CAP works

SN	Quarry materials required	Volume m3	Remarks
1	Back filling	0	Not applied
2	Gravel /Stones filling	6862.40	
3	Gabion works/Boulder filling	6435.60	
	Total	13298	

Source: BoQ of CAP at Dhungana Tol, RFB No.: NP-DOI-MRJKIP-99931-CW-RFB

The quarry site for gravel and stones is Sattighat and Daulatpurghat of Karnali River as shown in Figure 5 and 6. These sites are legally permitted for extraction and are already in use. The volume of material available at the site is surplus for proposed CAP works, taking 1-meter depth and 50 meters away from the right bank.



Figure 5: Sattighat quarry site at Karnali River



Figure 6: Daulatpurghat quarry site at Karnali river

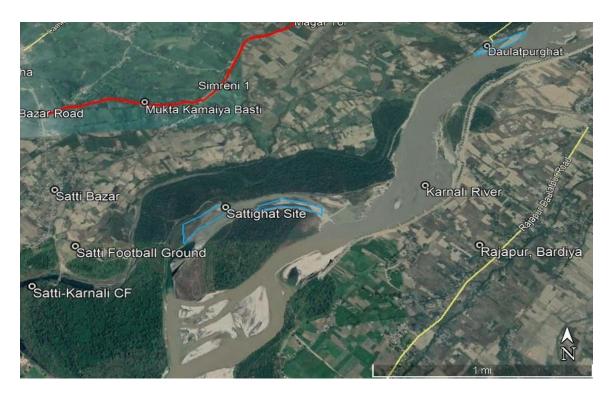


Figure 7: Google image of Quarry sites

The land required for temporary camp and storage of construction materials is proposed in Dhungana Tole (Figure 8). In addition, fallow land and open ground along the downstream stretch of Mohana River is also available for storage.



Figure 8: Proposed land for temporary camp location and storage yard

4.2 Existing Environmental Condition

The proposed CAP sites are situated in rural areas near Indo-Nepal Border, along Mohana, and Pathraiya rivers. The rural setting is occupied with the majority of Brahman, Kshetri, followed by Janajatis (Magar and Tharu) and some Dalit community. The proposed embankment is along Pathraiya River and Mohana river that inhibits River Dolphins and Mugger Crocodiles especially during the high flow season. The part of Pathraiya is included in the package with Mohana because of presence of migration of Dolphins from Mohana to Pathraiya and similar biological importance. There is presence of more than 20 species of fishes (Annex 5) in this river section.

Other important faunas found in this section are Indian Grey Mongooses (*Herpestes edwardsii*), Turtle (*Nilssonia gangeticus*), Otter (*Lutra lutra*), rodents, snakes etc. In addition, there is also the presence of water birds (Kingfisher, Swan, Wild duck, Cranes etc.). Ghongi (*Bellamya bengalensis*), a mollusk used as a source of protein for Tharu community is also found in this stretch.

The Pathraiya river along proposed CAP site collects Gairi Nala, Kanda river and finally joins into Mohana river as shown in Figure-1. The high flow in Mohana, Pathraiya, Kanda and Gairi Nala during monsoon (June-July-August-September) provide seasonal habitat for endangered Gangetic Dolphins that are present in the Karnali River. Dolphin are migratory in nature; they move upstream from Karnali River during the rainy season and downstream in the dry season. They prefer confluence sites of large and small rivers feeder streams where water is relatively clear and density of fish is high. At present, the Dolphin population is declining in Karnali due to shrinkage of habitat, overfishing, dewatering effect and higher use of insecticides & pesticides during agriculture practices (Dolphin Conservation and Eco-friendly Promotional Strategy report, 2019).

The movement of Dolphins can be observed upto Pathraiya-Gairi Nala Confluence in the Pathraiya river (Figure 2 and 3), which is also a famous location for Dolphin observation and is the uppermost location of its movement in Pathraiya river. Crocodiles are found in these stretches throughout the year; they use to hide/hibernate under unfavorable environmental conditions or during human disturbances.

Dolphin is classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, registered as Critically Endangered in Nepal. Mugger Crocodile is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCH Red List and protected species in Nepal.

Dolphin Conservation and Information Center, a local club, is working to protect Dolphin habitat in this area. This club organizes awareness programs and coordinates for the protection and habitat conservation along Mohana and Pathraiya rivers. The main activities include: to

aware community, promote tourism, organize Dolphin Observation Mela, manage resources for conservation and tourism development etc. In addition, the club also help in Dolphin research activities and promotion of tourism. Near Kalakunda, a Dolphin tower (Annex-8, Pic-5) is under construction to attract the Dolphin lovers and tourists to observe the Dolphins during their migratory seasons. Conservation initiatives have been initiated at the local level with the support of this club and future continuation of such programs is noticed.

Tikapur Municipality has drafted an "Aquatic Animal and Biodiversity Conservation Act 2076" recently. This act focuses on conservation of aquatic animals and biodiversity within Tikapur Municipality through community-based conservation initiatives, sustainable use of resources, protection of the aquatic resource-based culture of local community and control in fishing and pooching of aquatic animals. There is a provision of penalty that support conservation of protected species and habitats. This act will support Dolphin protection/ conservation in the long term.

For the proposed CAP works, Sattighat and Daulatpurghat are the proposed quarry sites. These sites lie along the bank of Karnali river adjacent to Satti-Karnali Community Forest and Bhagraiya Forest respectively. There is a gravelled route to both the site that passes through forest and there is no need for construction of new road. These quarry sites are government approved and the required environmental study for this has been cleared by the respective local authorities. The approved volume of materials available (as per IEE) is 7636 cubic meter for Sattighat and 20230.64 cubic meters for Daulatpurghat. The amount is sufficient to meet the material requirement of this package. The quarrying activities are outside the forest boundary and will not impact the forest flora and fauna. The Project will follow the requirements set in EA (refer 5.1 iv for details) while carrying out the quarrying activities.

5. Environmental Issues/Impacts and mitigations

5.1 Physical Impacts

i. Dust and noise pollution

Issues/impacts and site: During the construction and modification of proposed embankments, dust due to vehicular emission and movement of heavy vehicles will be generated. Dust pollution is expected high on earthen /gravel roads between Dhungana Tole to Kalakunda. It will affect the construction workers, roadside settlements, and agriculture crops. Similarly, the movement and operation of heavy equipment like roller, tipper, excavator etc. will also cause noise and vibration.

Mitigation: The construction vehicles speed, particularly, in the dusty roads will be limited to less than 10km to minimize the risks of fugitive emissions. The active construction sites will be sprinkled with water to ensure that there is no fugitive emission. The Contractor will be responsible to sprinkle water every three hours on a working day near settlements (between Dhungana Tole to Kalakunda). However, the number will be increased or decreased depending

on the site situation and amount of emission. Temporary route, if needed, to the construction site will be through escaping settlements and sensitive areas as far possible. Excavated soil and aggregates will be protected against wind borne fugitive emissions. Project will ban all sorts of open burning of solid waste to prevent air pollution. The trucks carrying soil and aggregates will be covered by adequate cover.

Construction vehicles and equipment's will be maintained to minimize the body noise of the equipment's and vehicles. Honking of horns will be prohibited.

Construction works near the settlements (between Dhungana Tole and Kalakunda area) will be limited to the day time zone from 7.30 AM to 18.30 PM.

The Contractor will be made mandatory to follow National Ambient Air Quality Standards (2003), Nepal Vehicle Mass Emission Standard (2012), National Ambient Sound Quality Standard (2012) etc.

ii. Water logging and disruption of surface drainage

Issues/ impacts and site: For existing sites, the length of chainage varies from 358 meters to 885 meters. Riverside slopes of agriculture land collect all the drainages to the river. After completion of these structures, disturbance in drain collection will cause waterlogging at Dungana Tole and Kalakunda during monsoon season. Also, the burrow pits constructed during construction will cause waterlogging.

Mitigation: Structural mitigation with cross drainage structure will be applied to manage the problem. Cross drainage at low-lying area of Dungana Tole and Kalakunda will be designed. Water drain at both the end of the embankment will be addressed to avoid soil erosion. All the pits will be filled, labelled and compacted after construction.

iii. Disruption of existing erosion control measures

Issues/ impacts and site: Fodder species have been planted at the banks of the existing embankment to control erosion and support livelihoods of the local residents. In addition, the existing embankments have grass cover that controls surface erosion. The proposed modification activities will disturb the existing biological erosion control practices along the old embankments.

Mitigation: Plantation will be conducted along the sides of the embankment after construction to avoid erosion, mudflow and to maintain greenery. Surface turfing will be done on the earthen embankment to avoid surface erosion. Turfing will be applied in estimated 27061 m² total area, of which 8356 m² area lies along with agriculture land.

iv. Impact due to quarrying of construction materials

Issues/ impacts and site: For the construction of proposed embankment, a **13298** cubic meter of sand, gravel and stones will be needed. The quarry site for these materials will cause erosion and geological instability if not accessed properly.

Mitigation: The site will be legally permissible (allowed by Local Government) to quarry i.e. EIA/IEE need to be approved by the concerned agency. The proposed quarry sites are Sattighat and Daulatpurghat of Karnali River (Figure 5 and 6). If an alternative site is considered, the Contractor needs to prepare quarry site management plan, carry out the required environmental assessment and get approval for implementation from concern authority after joint survey. The legality of the quarry site will be checked/monitored during construction.

In addition, the Contractor will not be allowed to collect sand, gravel and boulders within 50m distance of the right embankment of the Karnali River. Not more than a depth of 1m of excavation will be allowed while mining. The Project Authority and the Environmental Consultant will regularly monitor this.

The forest users' group of Satti-Karnali community forest and Bhagraiya forest will be made aware for not allowing excess mining in their corresponding reaches of Karnali River. Plantation program will be implemented in forest adjoining to quarry site in coordination with respective management groups, Division Forest Office and WUA.

v. Pollution from Construction and Sanitary waste

Issues/impacts and site: For the proposed works, only small volume of spoil will be generated during construction. The major construction waste will be unused concrete slurry, mucks, plastic and metal containers, jute bags, plastic bags and wrappers, metal weirs, metal pieces, worn out tiers, worn out vehicle parts, oil and grease, etc. Haphazard disposal of generated waste will cause pollution in surrounding community (Dhungana Tole and Kalakunda area) near to the working sites.

Similarly, the sanitary waste generated will be waste like food wastes, plastics, papers, wrappers, inert wastes, worn out plastic containers, broken glasses etc that will need management. These wastes generated will cause pollution around the construction camp near Dhungana Tole, if not managed properly.

Mitigation: Spoils generated from the excavation will be used in-situ for backfilling on the same structure. The reusable construction waste will be segregated and managed in coordination with concerned local agencies. For the remaining construction and sanitary waste, management approach of filling, compaction and labelling will be applied at a considerable distance (>100m) from the riverbank. These wastes will be restricted to release in the water body, burn or spread around the construction site/campsite. All the temporary pits for dumping these wastes will be back filled and labelled.

5.2 Biological Impacts

i. Disturbance of the habitat of Dolphins and Crocodile

Issues/ impacts and site: The project activities will impact river ecology during construction and operation phases. Excessive noise and vibration from heavy construction machinery will have adverse impacts on Dolphin movements. In addition, excessive use of sand/soil during construction will smother the breeding/ spawning grounds for fish and will decline their population. The decline in food source will hamper Dolphin migration. However, these impacts will be temporary and seasonal only.

During operation phase, the gabion structures might hamper the smooth movement of Dolphin. The animal may get wounded or trapped in gabion wires while playing and fishing. This can reduce the movement of Dolphins in the area. The severity of such impact will be high at Pathraiya-Gairi Nala confluence (near Dhungana Tole) where Dolphins usually play during monsoon (Dolphin Conservation and Eco-friendly Promotional Strategy report, 2019). In addition, the steep slopes of embankments will alter the crocodiles basking and breeding during operation.

Mitigation: Construction activities using heavy equipment producing excessive noise and vibration will not be allowed during movement of Dolphins. Excavation under water and use of sand/soil will be minimized as possible. Fish Fry's and Fingerlings will be released after construction (two times) to maintain the source of food for Dolphins in Mohana River. The fingerlings of selected fish species available in Mohana River and its tributaries will be purchased from the hatcheries and released. Structural modification will be applied to avoid impact on higher movement area of Dolphins and concrete structures instead of gabion will be constructed to avoid possible injuries to Dolphin in these locations. In addition, the gentle slope of the structures will be maintained (at 2:1 ratio slope) to facilitate the smooth movement, basking and breeding of crocodile. Local clubs, volunteers and conservation workers will be promoted for creating awareness in community and initiate biodiversity protection actions at local level.

ii. Poaching of Dolphin, Crocodiles and water birds and illegal fishing

Issues/ impacts and site: Poaching of Dolphin and Crocodile and illegal fishing in the river by the workforce will a major concern during construction phase. In addition, even though the project will not have direct impact on water birds, illegal hunting of water birds will also be an issue during construction. The impact will be site specific and short term.

Mitigation: All types of fishing and poaching will be restricted for workers. Awareness programs will be made by the project to conserve species and habitat along with these sites. Workers will be made aware of these issues before construction. Dolphin Conservation and Information Center will be mobilized to regulate such activities by the community in the long

term. The project will support to implement the Aquatic and Terrestrial Biodiversity Conservation Act by Tikapur Municipality.

iii. Impact on Aquatic fauna due to spillage

Issues/ impacts and site: Spillage of toxins, concrete slurry, oils and lubricants into water bodies during construction can kill the infant and young dolphins and other aquatic faunas. The impact will be site specific and short term.

Mitigation: Spoilage of concrete slurry, toxins and other lubricants will be strictly controlled and prohibited. Monitoring of water parameters like Dissolved Oxygen (DO), temperature, PH, turbidity, Total Suspended Solid (TSS) etc. to maintain the river water quality suitable for aquatic fauna during construction. The parameters will be made comply with Nepal Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Ecosystem.

iv. Impact on Domestic & Feral Cattles

Issues/impacts and site: Domestic and feral cattle movement will be hindered by the proposed structures. The Wallowing and watering of animals will be disturbed mostly near Dhungana Tole area.

Mitigation: Animal ramps will be installed at the watering and wallowing site of animals. These structures will allow easy access for animals to the water body. Such structure is proposed at Dungana Tole.



Figure 9: Animal watering site near Kalakunda

v. Impact on wild fauna and water birds

Issues/ impacts and site: There is no direct impacts on wild fauna and water birds due to the Project activities. Project activities will not impact the habitats and movements of wild fauna and water birds. However, illegal poaching of these animals by the labor force during construction is a possibility around construction sites and quarry sites.

Mitigation: Workers will be restricted to hunt wild faunas and water birds around the site. All the staff/workers will be oriented regarding these issues before starting civil works. Strict penalty and termination of Project staff and contractor workers will be provisioned if they were found to engage in any hunting/poaching activities. Satti-Karnali CFUG will be made aware of these issues around quarry site and among forest during collection and transportation of material. Any encounter with wild fauna during work will be reported to RJKIP and forest office.

vi. Impact on Fish

Issues/ impacts and site: There will be no direct impacts on fish due to the Project activities. Project is not creating any barrier for fish movement and migration. However, alternation in river bed due to disturbances during construction can lead to depletion of river bed algae (food for fish), destruction of breeding habitat of fish that may lead to decrease in fish population for a certain period immediately after construction. In addition, the project workers may engage in fishing activities during construction leading to overfishing and decrease in fish population in the river.

Mitigation: Fishing activities by the workers will be strictly restricted. In order to mitigate the impact on fish population immediately after construction, the project will release fish fingerlings twice after construction as described in 5.2 i.

5.3 Socio-Cultural and OHS Impacts

i. Labor Camp Management

Issues/ impacts and site: Possible problems at the campsite will be flood, fire, animal attack and conflict with local community etc. Open sanitation and improper dumping of produced waste (generally food remnants) will add pollution in air and water resources around. The labor force can be exposed to communicable diseases, respiration and eye diseases due to dust.

Mitigation: Proper area will be identified for the labor camp by analyzing the scenario of possible risks in consultation with RJKIP and local residents. Appropriate sanitary toilets with water supply, separate for male and female workers, campsite with adequate lighting, waste disposal, first aid and other necessary materials will be managed by the Contractor. Food remnants and other wastes generated at the labor camp will be managed in dumping pit far from

water sources. Awareness about the communicable disease including (COVID-19), Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) to workers will be made mandatory to the Contractor.

ii. Occupational safety and health (OSH)

Issues/impacts and site: The workers will be exposed to various risks and hazards during the work. Potential impacts to health are due to unsafe activities, risk due to accidents during work etc.

Mitigation: Workers will be oriented before starting the work on health and safety and all types of construction-related injuries and first-aids measures. The Contractor will prepare Labor Camp Management Guidelines based on Project's safeguard documents and these guidelines will be followed by the workers and representatives of contractors. Proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as Helmets, Gumboots, Masks, and Goggles etc; will be oriented. The contractor will follow the Labor Camp Guidelines, Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines, Contractors' clause mentioned in the bid document and SSEMP prepared before construction in line with these guidelines. Labor Camp Management Guidelines will be followed by the workers and representatives of the Contractor for effective implementation and would be monitored by RJKIP staffs, consulting team from time to time. Orientation to staff on occupational health and safety will be made mandatory to the contractor.

iii. Community Health and Safety Risk

Issues/ impacts and site: Migrant workers when exposed with local community may cause various health related risks and hazards. Degradation of sanitary condition may lead to epidemic outbreak in labor camp and adjoining community. Similarly, there will be the possibility of spread of Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) to the community through Project workers.

Mitigation: Workers will be oriented before starting the work on health and safety risks and community will be oriented about potential health risk of construction works. The Project will not cause water shortage to the adjoining community due to construction works and consumption by the labors. Waste from construction site or camp will be managed as described in section i. To minimize the risks of disease to the community, the Project will prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for construction. The health checkup of the workers before employment will be made mandatory. An emergency preparedness and response plan will be designed to tackle the outbreak of disease. Awareness about Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) to the workers and the community will be carried out by the Project.

iv. Gender and child discrimination/exploitation risk

Issues/ impacts and site: During construction, there will be chances of gender discrimination like unequal wages for male and female for the same label of work, abuse and influences for sexual exploitations. Also, there will be chances of child labor at work.

Mitigation: Any form of gender discrimination and exploitations will not be allowed. All the workers will be made aware of the terms and conditions of gender discriminations before work. Workers below age 18 will not be allowed to work as skilled or unskilled level in this Project.

v. Intrusion in local culture and traditions

Issues/impacts and site: During construction, there will be the entrance of the workforce from outside. They will carry different culture and tradition, which will disturb local cultures around the site. These impacts will be temporary and of short term.

Mitigation: The Contractor will make sure that the workforce fully respects the local culture and traditions around the site. As far possible, the Contractor will promote local residents in employment and priority will be given to vulnerable and poor households.

6. Site Specific Environment Issues and Management Plan

Table 4: Site Specific Environment Management Plan for Dolphin Area (Mohana, Kanda, Pathraiya)

Site/ Chainage	Physical Activity	Significant Environmental Issue	Suggested Mitigation Measures	Time of Action	Responsibi lity	Remarks
All chainages	Surface stripping, removal of vegetation and sediment	Impact on habitats of aquatic, semiaquatic, terrestrial, avian fauna and flora	Precaution will be taken for minimum disturbance to the water body, loss of soil and top vegetation.	During construction	Contractor	
			Awareness to workers on the protection of animal and their habitat around the site	Before and during construction	Contractor and RJKIP	Focus on Dolphin Conservation
			Plantation along the embankment and open places	After Construction	RJKIP	
All Sites	Excavation, transportation, compaction	Dust, sound and water pollution	Water sprinkling during working days as required to control dust.	During Construction	Contractor	
			Transport materials with covering hoods of truck	During Construction	Contractor	

Site/ Chainage	Physical Activity	Significant Environmental Issue	Suggested Mitigation Measures	Time of Action	Responsibi lity	Remarks
			Limit speed up to 10 km/hour in earthen & 20 km/hour on graveled routes	During Construction	Contractor	
			Air quality parameters measured around sites, Measurement of Vehicle emissions	Once a year during construction and once after construction	RJKIP	Comply with National Ambient Air Quality Standards (2003), Nepal Vehicle Mass Emission Standard (2012)
			Measure Sound quality around sites. Restriction in night time excavation, avoid pressure horns in vehicles.	Once during and once after construction	RJKIP	Comply with National Ambient Sound Quality Standard (2012)
			Monitor water parameters DO, pH, turbidity, total suspended solids (TSS)	Once a year during and after construction	RJKIP	Comply with Nepal Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Ecosystem
All sites	Civil works along river	Decline biodiversity, disturb Dolphin & Crocodile habitat	Excavation underwater is restricted; water will be channelized before excavation in river.	During construction	Contractor	

Site/ Chainage	Physical Activity	Significant Environmental Issue	Suggested Mitigation Measures	Time of Action	Responsibi lity	Remarks
			Strengthen conservation initiatives at the local level (Dolphin Conservation, crocodile protection, natural habitat restoration, plantation and river cleaning erc)	During and after construction	RJKIP	Develop partnership with conservation workers
		Side slopes hinder basking & movement of crocodile	Design gentle inner slopes of embankment.	During Construction	Contractor	(Proposed slope modification to 2:1)
		Hindrance to dolphin movement	Excavated materials deposited far from water body to avoid siltation	During construction	Contractor	
			Avoid illegal hunting /fishing by community, workers and Contractors' employees.	During construction	Contractor, RJKIP	Mobilize local club for awareness generation
			Restrict heavy machines during Dolphin migration period, Maintain water level in Rivers	During Construction	Contractor	

Site/ Chainage	Physical Activity	Significant Environmental Issue	Suggested Mitigation Measures	Time of Action	Responsibi lity	Remarks
All sites	Pollution, human interference due to civil works	Decline fish population (food for Dolphin)	Release fish fry/fingerlings in water bodies	After construction	RJKIP /Agricultur e office	Twice after construction
			Water quality test and maintain habitable environment	During and after construction	RJKIP	
Dhungana Tole	Gabion structures	Injury and trapping of Dolphins	Modify gabion structures to RCC to avoid dolphin injury	During Construction	RJKIP/ Contractor	
Dhungana Tole	Water Logging and erosion	Burrow pits around construction site	Burrow pits will be far from the settlement area and should be filled-up after work	During construction	Contractor	(Described in 5.1-ii)
All Sites	Deposition and disposal of materials	Disposal of remnants	The temporary storage of construction materials and waste on fallow land will be cleared as an initial form	Before and during construction	Contractor	
			Disposal not allowed on agricultural land, river bed and banks,	During construction	Contractor	
			The site will be labelled and compacted after disposal			

Site/ Chainage	Physical Activity	Significant Environmental Issue	Suggested Mitigation Measures	Time of Action	Responsibi lity	Remarks
Dhungana Tole	Raised embankment structure	Water management and logging	Cross drainage structures will be installed at the low-lying area of embankment	During construction	RJKIP/ Contractor	
All sites		Erosion along the raised embankments	Turfing applied on both sides to control erosion and siltation	During and after construction	Contractor	
			Awareness on conservation including fodder plant support to community	After and during construction	RJKIP /Agricultur e office	Coordination with Forest Office, local club
Dhungana Tole		Disturb cattle watering and wallowing	Modification in structure for easy access for animals. Animal Ramps proposed.	During construction	RJKIP/Con tractor	
All Chainage		Disturbance in nesting and basking habit of crocodiles	Modification in structure for moderate inclination in riverside slope around crocodile habitat	Before and During construction	RJKIP /Contractor	2:1 side slope Proposed
Sattighat Quarry Site	Extraction of quarry materials	Erosion and geological instability	Collection within 50m distance of the right embankment of the Karnali River with a depth of 1m only.	During construction	Contractor	
		Loss of diversity	Plantation along river side of Satti-Karnali CF	After construction	CFUG	

Site/ Chainage	Physical Activity	Significant Environmental Issue	Suggested Mitigation Measures	Time of Action	Responsibi lity	Remarks
			Regular monitoring of sites	During construction	CFUG, RJKIP	
Dhungana Tole	Labor Camp	Occupational Safety and Health	Good quality PPEs will be provided First-aid box and fire extinguishers available at the labor camp Contact information for emergency services (medical, fire, police) posted at work site	Before and during construction	Contractor	PPEs: - Hardhats, Masks, Safety Glasses, Gloves, Harnesses and Safety Boots, etc.
	Labor migration	Intrusion in local culture and traditions	Aware migrated work force about local culture, tradition and make them to respect it	Before construction	Contractor	
			Promote local employment	During construction	Contractor	
	Workforce mobilization	Gender and child discrimination	Aware workforce about discrimination and exploitation	Before construction	RJKIP / Contractor	
			Workers below 18 years are not employed	During construction	Contractor	

Site/ Chainage	Physical Activity	Significant Environmental Issue	Suggested Mitigation Measures	Time of Action	Responsibi lity	Remarks
	Camp Management	Labor health	Appropriate sanitary toilets with water supply, separate for male and female workers,	Before and during construction	Contractor	
			Campsite with adequate lighting, waste disposal, first aid and other necessary materials			
			Waste dumping pits for food remnants and other organic waste			
			Awareness about the communicable disease including (COVID-19), Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) to workers			
		Community health and safety risk	Workers and community will be oriented on health and safety risks, construction related risks	Before starting the work	Contractor	
			The Project will not cause water shortage to the adjoining community			

Site/ Chainage	Physical Activity	Significant Environmental Issue	Suggested Mitigation Measures	Time of Action	Responsibi lity	Remarks
			The health checkup of the workers before employment			
		Community health and safety risk	Emergency preparedness and response plan will be designed to tackle the outbreak of disease.	starting the	RJKIP	
			Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for construction.			
			Awareness about Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) to the workers and the community.			

7. Cost estimate of EMP

Table 5: Cost estimate of EMP

SN	Proposed Activities	Unit	Unit Cost	Numbers	Total Cost	Remarks
1	Turfing	m2	23	27060.92	622401.16	
2	Release Fish Fingerlings	-	-		500000	Two times during operation
3	Drain outlet structure	-	500000	2	1000000	
4	Animal Ramps	-	500000	1	500000	
5	Plantation program	-	20	3000	60000	
6	Protection of planted species				150000	
7	PPEs, Fire extinguisher and First-aid materials	-	-	-	100000	
8	Labor Camp water supply, sanitation and Management	-	-	-	150000	
9	Water sprinkling in Road to control dust	-	-	-	600000	150 days
10	Watering and protection of planted vegetation	-	-	-	80000	
11	Awareness program Biodiversity conservation related issues	-	50000	4	200000	
12	Water Quality, Sound and Air Quality Measurement		30000	6	180000	Annually and once after construction
13	Partnership development with local clubs on plantation, protection and consecration initiatives etc.	-	-	-	150000	
	Total				4292401.16	

Annex-1: Environment Screening Checklist

Environmental Screening Checklist for CAP

A. SUB PROJECT BRIEF INTRODUCTION

	Name of the Sub Project and its Chainage
1.	/ Location (GPS)
2.	District/ Municipality
3.	Type of Structure
4.	Total Length and Width
5.	HH with Direct Impact
6.	Foundation type
7.	Benefited
/.	Municipality/Ward/settlements/Population
	Implementation approach and institutions
8.	involved (labor-based, user groups,
	contractor, RJKIP, community, club)

B. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING OF THE PROJECT LOCALITY

B1	Protected Areas (I	PA)			
	Are there any Prote	cted Areas (PA) in	influence Zone? (Tick)	Yes	No
	If Yes, please provi	mation			
	Name of PA	Existing conditions:			
			Problem, and causes of problem	m	

B2	Forest Area								
	Are there any Forests	Are there any Forests in influence Zone? (Tick) Yes No							
	If Yes, please provide	If Yes, please provide following information							
	Name of Forest with	Distance in relation	Existing	conditions	(includi	ing	type,		

	Management type to Centre point and direction			tentative size, dominant species, flora and fauna):				
			problem, and causes of prob			oblem		
В3	Protected Species							
	Are there any Protec	ted Species in inf	luence	Zone? (Гick)		Yes	No
	If Yes, please provid	le following infor	mation	1				
	Protected Species	Species Name	Prote	tection Category				
		(Common and						
		Scientific name)	GoN		CITES	IUC	'N	
	Flora	name						
	Fauna							
	Problem, and causes	s of problem						

B4	Erosion Prone Areas									
	Are there any Ero	osion Prone areas in	influence Zone? (Tick)	Yes	No					
	If Yes, please provide following information									
	Name of Areas		Existing conditions (including type, te relative stability) problem, and problem							
			Potential problem from the structure							

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B5	Flood Prone/ R	River	Cutting/ Low lying	Areas				
	Are there any l	Flood	d Prone/ River Cutti	ng/ Low	lying areas i	in influence	Yes	No
	Zone? (Tick)							
	If Yes, please pr	rovid	le following informat	ion				
	Name of Site/Pl	ace	Distance in	Existin	g conditions ((type, includ	ing pur	pose
			relation to Centre	of use	, number o	f users, an	ea sei	ved)
			point and direction	probler	n, and causes	of problem		
				Potenti	al problem fr	om the road		
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B6	Water Source	s/ W	ater Bodies					
	Are there any	Wate	er Sources/ Water bo	dies (por	nd, lakes, stre	ams, rivers,	Yes	No
	springs etc.) in	influ	uence Zone? (Tick)					
	If Yes, please p	provi	de following informa	ition				
	Name of Site/P	lace	Distance in	Existin	g conditions ((type, includ	ing pur	pose
			relation to Centre	of use	, number o	f users, an	ea sei	ved)
			point and	probler	n, and causes	of problem		
			direction					
				Potenti	al problem fr	om the struc	ture	
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B7	Quality of Air	, Wa	ater Sources, Soil, N	oise				
	•		m with Air, Water, S		Yes	No		
	Noise quality is	n inf	luence zone? (Tick)					
	If Yes, please p	orovi	de following informa	ition				
	Components	Exist	ting conditions probl	em, and	Potential	problem	from	the
		caus	ses of problem		Structure			

Air	
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Noise	

B8	Historical /Religious/Cultural/Archeological Sites									
	Are there any Historical /F	Religious/Cult	ural/Archeological Sites (such as	Yes	No					
	temple, mosque, Church, palaces etc.) in influence zone? (Tick)									
	If Yes, please provide following information									
	Name of Site/Place/Type Distance in Existing condition Value and Sign									
	relation to									
	Centre									
		point and								
		direction								
			Potential problem from the struct	ure						
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B9	Open Public Place					
	Are there any Open Public Spaces in influence zone (Tick)					
	If Yes, please provide following information					
	Name of Site/Place Distance in Existing conditions(including to			e, tent	ative	
		relation to Centre	size, use)			
		point and				
		direction				
			Potential problem from the struc	ture		

B10	Relocation of Community Infrastructures						
	Are there any Community Infrastructure ((Road, water supply, foot trails,	Yes	No				
	trials bridges, chautara, electricity poles, school, etc.) to be relocate along						
	impact corridor? (Tick)						

If Yes, please provide following information					
Name	of	Distance in relation	Existing condition, Service and	comn	nand
Site/Place		to Centre point and	area		
		direction			
			Potential problem from the works		

B11	Main Settlement and Trade Centre						
	Mention the Bazaar areas, major settlements, settlement of special groups in influence						
	zone?						
	Name of settlement and	Description (approximate	Potential problem to these				
	market Centre, location	no. of HH and population	settlements due to proposed				
	in relation to structure	and significant features)	construction				

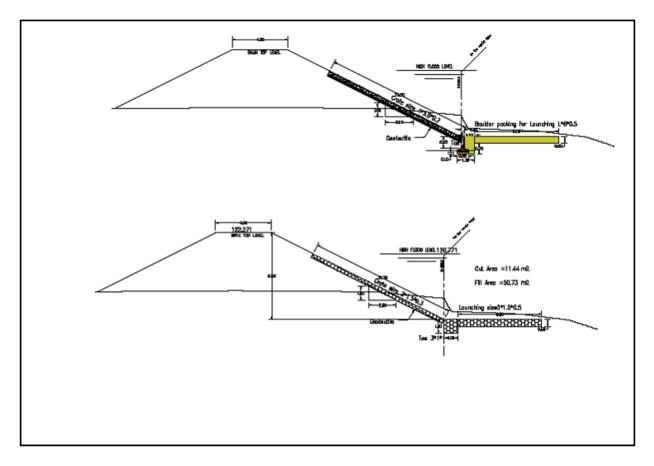
Area or site of Significant Tourism development, Recreational and Aesthetic				
value along zone of influence ?				
Place	Potential benefit or problem from purposed development			
	value along zone of in			

B13	Area or site of Significant Development of (Fertile land, horticulture and				
	Silviculture etc.)				
	Place	Potential benefit or problem from purposed development			

B 14	Area or site of Significant Development Potential for Natural Resource (like				
	Minerals deposits, mines)				
	Place	Potential benefit or problem from purposed road			

B15	Induced Impacts	S	
		_	ements, encroachment of forest/ marginal lands eath impact, change in agricultural practices, gir
	Place	Induced	l Impacts
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Annex 2: Typical Cross Section of Embankment



Annex 3: Cost Estimate of Animal Ramp

Government of Nepal

Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation

Department of Water Resources and Irrigation

Rani Jamara Kulariya Irrigation Project

Tikapur, Kailali

QUANTITY ESTIMATE AND COST

Name of Work: Command Area Protection (CAP) Works

Location: Tikapur-7, Dhungana Tole,Baidi & Bhajani-8,Kadadhik

Animal Ramp

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Item No.	Description of Works	Nos	Length m	Width m	Height m	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Amount	Remarks
1	Filling with stones in Gabion box									
	For left Bank									
	For lunching portion	1	16	6	0.5	48				
	For slope,2 side	1	16	10.5	0.3	50.4				
					Total	98.4	cum	4400.00	432960.00	

Annex 5: List of Important Fishes in Mohana River

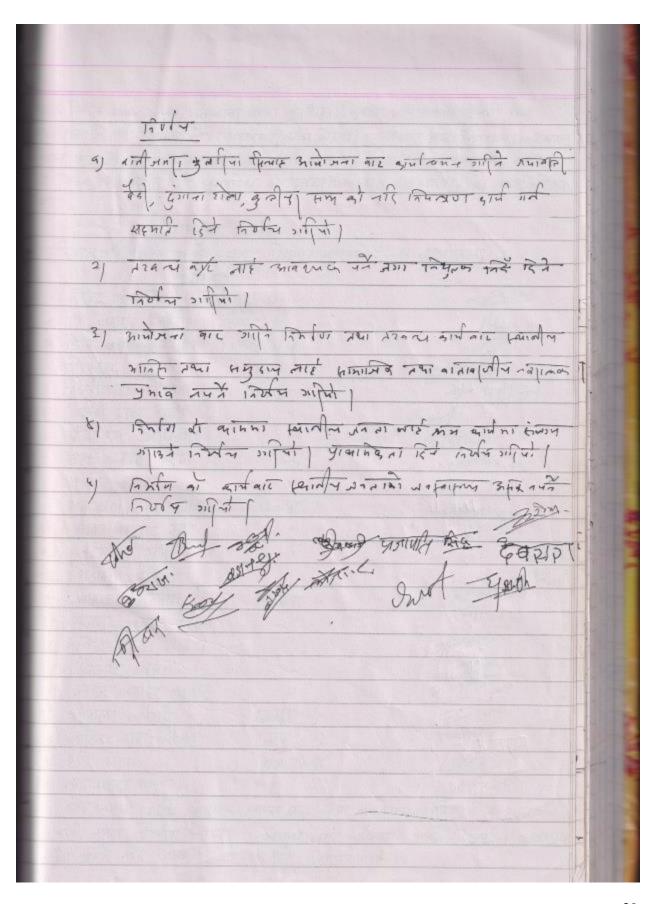
S.N.	Scientific Name	Common Name \ Vernacular Name	Size Class Weight Kg		
1.	Anguilla bengalensis(Gray)	Freshwater eel \ Rajabam	12-20		
2.	Raiamas bola (Ham)	Trout \ Goha	1.3- 2.5		
3.	Banganadero (Ham	Kalabans \ Gurdi	5-10		
4.	Cirrhinusmrigala(Ham)	Mrigal \ Mrigal, Naini	5.3-10.5		
5.	Cirrhinusreba (Ham)	Reba Carp \ Mrigal	1.2-2.5		
6.	Labeoangra (Ham)	AngraLabeo \ Thed	3-5		
7.	Labeoboga (Ham)	BogaLabeo \ BogaTikauli	3-8		
8.	Labeocatla (Ham)	River Carp \ Vakur, Katlagi	5-20		
9.	Labeopangusia (Ham)	PausiKalaacha	4-8		
10.	Labeorohita (Ham)	Rohu	4-8		
11.	Tor tor (Ham)	Deep bodied Mahseer \Falame Sahar	15-40		
12.	Tor putitora (Ham)	Golden Mahseer \ Pahale Sahar Mahseer	15-60		
13.	Salmostomabacaila(Ham)	Large RazorbellyMinnow \ Chilwa	0.01-0.03		
14.	Wallagoattu (Schneider)	Boharil \ Buhani	5-20		
15.	Glyptothoraxcavia (Ham)	Capre	0.03-0.05		
16.	Bagariusbagarius (Ham)	Giant catfish \ Gounch	25-200		
17.	Clupisomagarua (Ham)	Jalkapoor	1-1.5		
18.	Mystustengara(Ham)	Tengaramystus \ Tenger	0.01-0.04		
19.	Sperataseenghala (Sykes)	River catfish, Seenghari \ Suhjana, Tenger	25-50		
20.	Clariasmagur (Linnaeus)	Magur \ Mangur, Mungar	5-15		
21.	Heteropneustesfossilis(Bloch)	Stinging catfish \ Singhi	0.05-0.10		
22.	Channamaurilus (Bloch & Schneider)	Asiatic Snakehead \ Garahi	8-25		
23.	Monopteruschuchia (Ham)	Gangetic Mudeel \ Bamali, Andho Bam	5-8		
24.	Mastacembelusarmatus (Lacepede)	Tire-Track, Spiny Eel \ Gaichi, Chuche Bam	0.03-0.05		

Note: Recommended on report "Study Potential Impacts of Civil Structures on Dolphin Conservation and Eco-friendly Promotional Strategy"

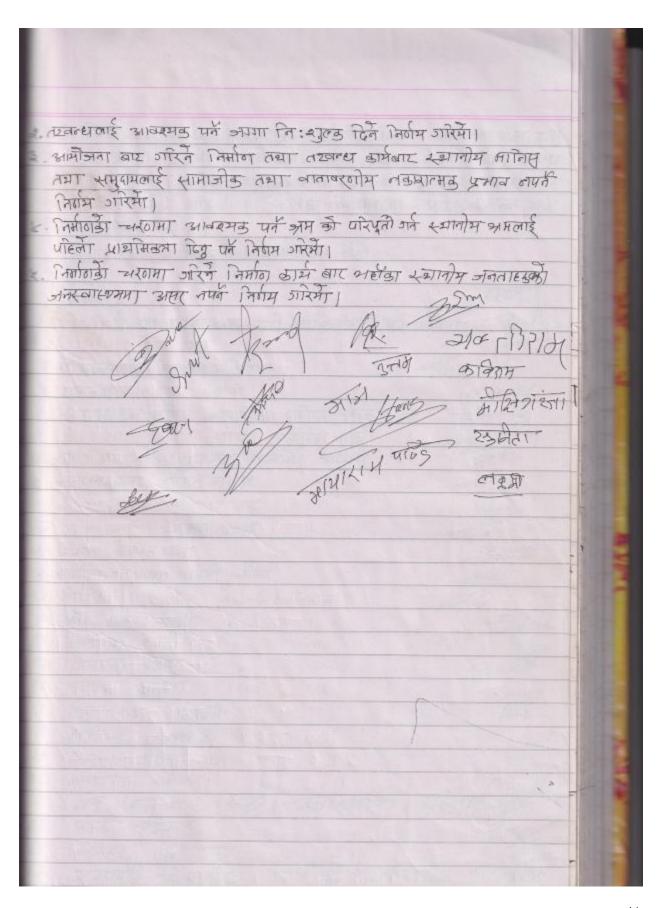
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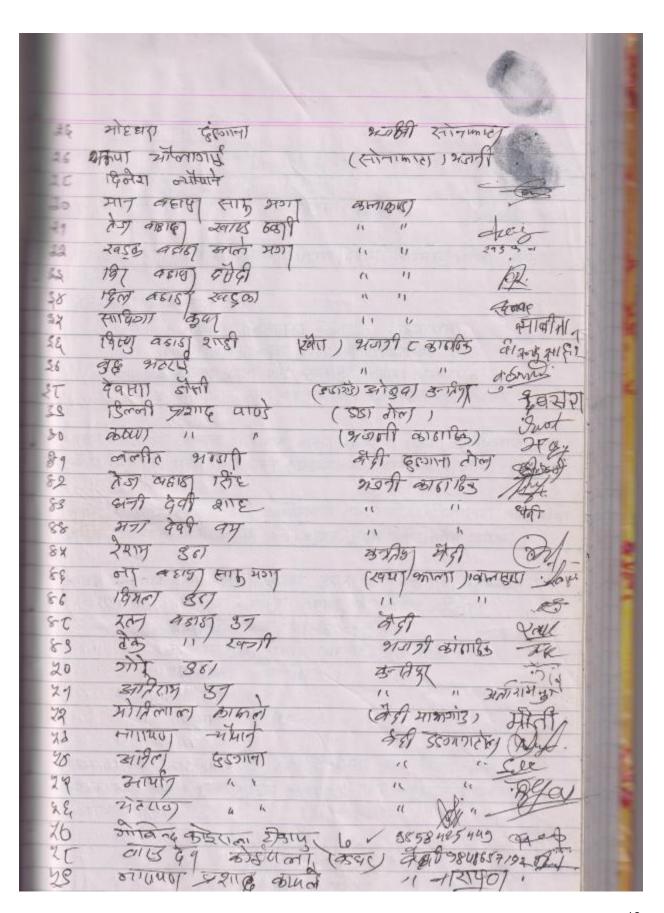
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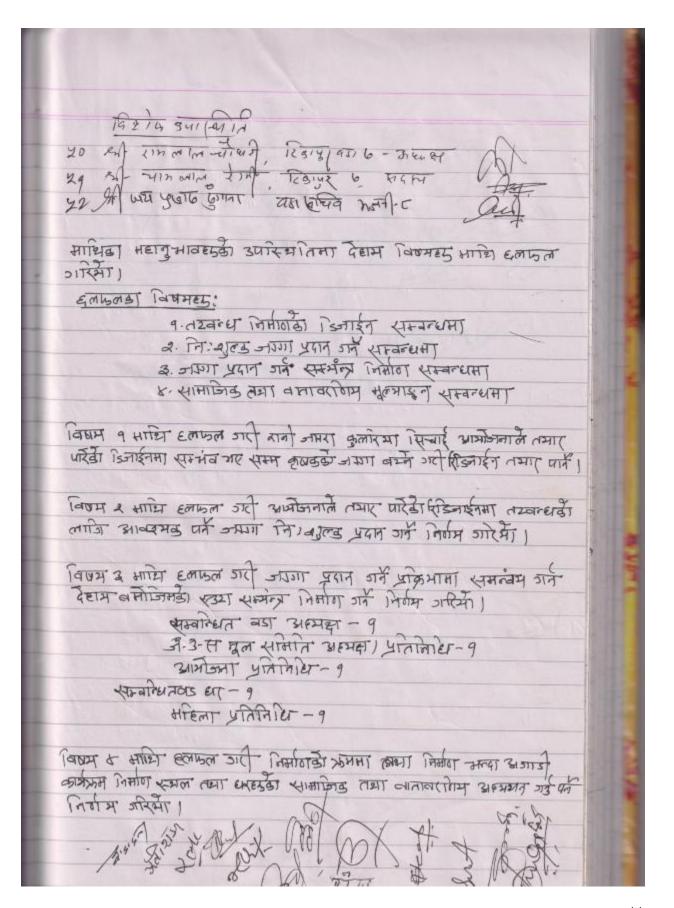


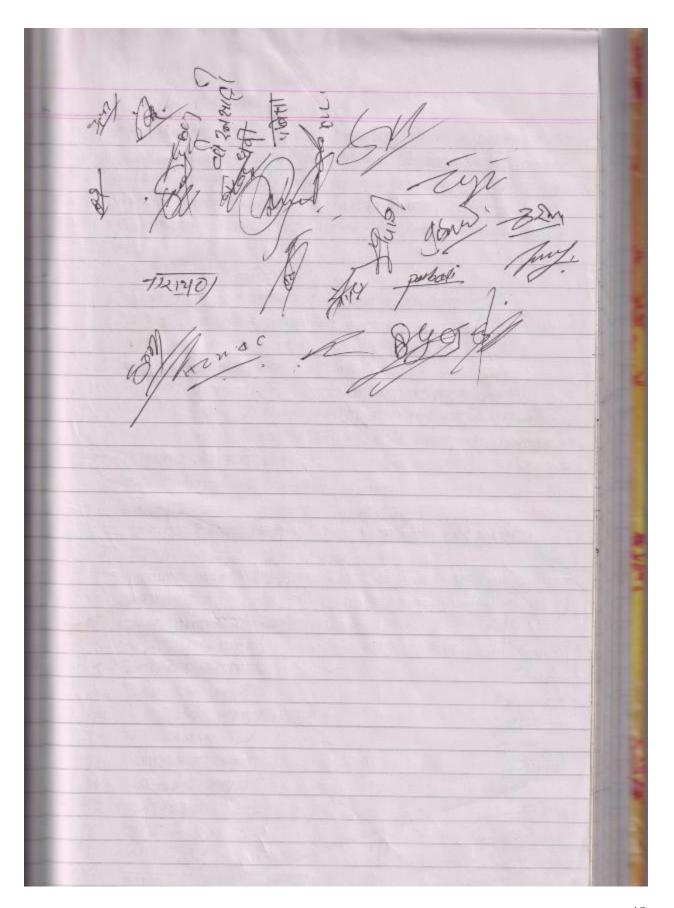
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Annex 8: Photographs



Pic 1: Downstream of Mohana Patheriya Confluence



Pic 2: Confluence of Mohana Kanda (PC- Charles Pradhan)



Pic 3: Open grazing and animal herding on old embankment



Pic 4: Mohana Patheriya Confluence



Pic 5: Dolphin tower near Mohana Patheriya Confluence



Pic 6: Old eroded embankment at Mohana