**Threats to the Critically Endangered yellow-headed tortoise *Indotestudo elongata* in isolated Jalthal Forest of eastern lowland Nepal**

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Supplementary Material 1

Questionnaire used to survey 80 individuals from the Jalthal forest areas in eastern Nepal (Fig. 1) in 2021, to investigate people’s attitudes towards yellow-headed tortoise. The administrative names of local people where the survey was conducted are Haldibari Municipality, Bhadrapur Municipality and Kachankawal Rural Municipality of Jhapa District in eastern lowland Nepal.

**Section I. Demographic and socio-economic backgrounds**

1. Gender: Male 🞏 / Female 🞏
2. Age: …………….
3. Caste: …………….
4. Religion: …………….
5. Education: None🞏 / Primary school 🞏 / Secondary school 🞏 /College 🞏
6. Occupation: Agriculture only 🞏 / Others (Please specify: ………………………)

**Section II. General information, personal experiences and knowledge**

1. Have you seen tortoises nearby your areas? Yes 🞏 / No 🞏
2. Have you seen yellow-headed tortoise in your lifetime? Yes 🞏 / No 🞏

If yes,

1. What are the probable areas of sighting yellow-headed tortoise nearby your area? ……………………………..
2. How frequent have you seen them? …………………………………..
3. In which season do you seem them often? ………………….
4. What you think the population is increasing/decreasing? ………………………..

If decreasing,

1. What are the factors responsible for decreasing the population? ………………………..

**Section III. Hunters general and backgrounds for hunting**

1. Have you ever killed yellow-headed tortoise? ……………….
2. How many individuals of yellow-headed tortoise have you collected over last 5 years (2017-2021)? ……………………………………
3. What are purposes of killing yellow-headed tortoise? …………………………………

Thank You!