

Common Leopard, its Killing and the Aftermath

There have been some very revealing results of the survey conducted to verify the hypothesis that is intimately related with the killing of a leopard and the occupation of his territory by another leopard. Based on a survey, the following are the salient findings.

1) Killing/Trapping of Leopards

- Three-fourths of the respondents said that a leopard has been killed in their areas
- One-fourth of them said that no leopard was trapped in their area

2) When Killed?

- More than half of those who said "Yes a leopard has been killed in our area", also said that it was killed 7 to 12 months back.

3) Arrival of the New Leopard

- (almost) All the respondents noticed the arrival of the new leopard
- More than half the respondents said that a new leopard occupied the territory within the first two weeks of the killing of the previous leopard

4) Change in the Situation

- Three-fourths of the respondents said that there has definitely been a change in the situation because of the new comer
- Two-fourths of them believed that the frequency of leopard's sighting increased with the arrival of the newcomer

5) The Implications of Changed Scenario

- Half of the locals said that with the advent of the new leopard, there had been increase in livestock depredation