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## Nepal Tiger Project Oral History Interviews, 2000

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
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## Administrative Information

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### Access Restriction

Restricted.

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## Historical Note

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Conservation and Research Center of the National Zoological Park, Institutional History Division Historian, Pamela M. Henson interviewed several visitors from Nepal to record the history of the Smithsonian-Nepal Tiger Ecology Project. Tigers were declared endangered in 1968, and so, in 1972, Smithsonian Secretary S. Dillon Ripley created the project to train and develop conservation leaders in the field of tiger ecology, develop a deep understanding of tiger behavioral ecology, and formulate a set of conservation actions that would ensure tiger survival in Nepal. Research concentrated in the region of the Royal Chitwan National Park in Nepal.

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## Introduction

The Oral History Program is part of the Smithsonian Institution Archives. The purpose of the program is to conduct interviews with current and retired members of the Smithsonian staff who have made significant contributions, administrative and scholarly, to the Institution. The project's goal is to supplement the published record and manuscript collections in the Archives, focusing on the history of the Institution and contributions to the increase and diffusion of knowledge made by its scholars.

The Nepal Tiger Project interviews were accessioned into the Oral History Collection because of the significance of this pioneering conservation program in Southeast Asia.

## Descriptive Entry

This interview of Anup Raj Joshi, Bishnu Bahadur Lama, and Pralad Yonzon, conducted by Pamela M. Henson, discussed their roles in the Nepal Tiger Project and reminiscences of Smithsonian staff and activities for the project. The collection consists of one interview session, totaling approximately 2 hours of recording. There are two generations of tape for each session: original tapes and reference tapes. In total, this collection is comprised of 4 original 7" reel-to-reel analog audiotapes and 2 reference copy audio cassette tapes. The original tapes are reserved in preservation storage.

The interviews may only be used by researchers with the written permission of Anup Raj Joshi, Bishnu Bahadur Lama, and Pralad Yonzon, so please contact the Archives in advance to request permission.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Animal behavior
- Conservation
- Endangered species
- Environmental protection
- Ethics
- Mammals
- Tigers

### Types of Materials:

- Audiotapes
- Interviews
- Oral history

### Names:

- Conservation and Research Center (National Zoological Park)
- Henson, Pamela M. interviewer
- Joshi, Anup Raj
- Joshi, Anup Raj interviewee
- Lama, Bishnu Bahadur
- Lama, Bishnu Bahadur interviewee
- National Zoological Park (U.S.)
- Nepal Tiger Ecology Project
- Ripley, S. Dillon (Sidney Dillon), 1913-2001
- Yonzon, Pralad
- Yonzon, Pralad interviewee

### Geographic Names:

- Nepal
- Royal Chitwan National Park (Nepal)

## Container Listing

Box 1

Transcripts of Interview

Box 1 of 1

Interview 1: 4 May 2000

Audio Recordings of Interview

Box 1 of 1

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