We will invite community members to assist in surveying of snow leopards and their prey species.

In community meetings we will employ the APPA (Appreciative Participatory Planning and Action) process.

We will seek opportunities for collaboration on biodiversity conservation and livelihoods enhancement.

We will share information and ideas with local authorities.

Snow Leopard Conservancy

In Bhutan, as elsewhere, snow leopard conservation starts with the people who live in the cats’ habitat.
We are happy to be developing a new collaboration among the Snow Leopard Conservancy, the Bhutan Foundation, the Nature Recreation and Ecotourism Division, and Jigme Dorji National Park.

Bhutan is famous for its development philosophy of Gross National Happiness, built on the principles of environmental conservation, equitable and sustainable development, good governance, and cultural preservation.

Seventy-two percent of Bhutan is forested and more than a third of the country falls within a protected area. But there are challenges to conservation, including human-wildlife conflicts, unsustainable consumption of forest resources, poaching, and climate change that brings unpredictable weather patterns, floods, and landslides.

We are packing our bags as we write this letter, and will soon head for Jigme Dorji National Park (JDNP) in the northwestern part of Bhutan. JDNP is the second largest national park in Bhutan with an area of 4316 sq. km.

We are excited to be going back; Tshewang has many fond memories from the times he worked as Director of JDNP. It was in JDNP where tigers were first recorded above 4000 meters, sharing habitat with snow leopards. Four major rivers have their source in the park.

The Park is accessible mostly by foot, and we will trek at altitudes of more than 13,000 feet, with ponies and yaks to carry our gear. We will visit two mountain communities to open a dialog for local partnerships aimed at alleviating conflict between people and wildlife. These communities are in areas of high snow leopard activity and livestock predation.

The other side describes our project and the goals we aim to accomplish. We welcome your support!

Gifts of any amount in support of the Conservancy’s Bhutan program may be made via PayPal using the Donations button on our home page, www.SnowLeopardConservancy.org.

We also welcome checks to: Snow Leopard Conservancy 18030 Comstock Avenue Sonoma, California 95476 707-935-3851

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These Stories from the Roof of the World resonate with adventure, danger, discovery, and most importantly hope for this magnificent big cat. Giving a voice to the snow leopard, this collection offers readers a rare glimpse of this elusive cat and the remarkable lives of those personally connected to its future.