

GRASSLANDS - DUDHWA NATIONAL PARK - 1988

① SATIANA:-

As of 2/2/88

Area ~~out~~ occupied by male partly harvested by forest department for thatch grass needs within the park.

Harvesting started c. 25 Dec. 1987 and ended by 15 Jan 1987

Rest of area with more ~~or around~~ ^{than} 50% of male's territory still has ~~used~~ grass varying from thigh deep to

shoulder high with tall flower stalks. ^{More cutting done on} 27/2/25/12/Burnton 11/3 & 4/13

Opp. ♂'s territory grass burnt ^{cut} a few metres from road - rest dense with grass in various stages of drying: - this area burnt on 11/2/88

Satiana west grassland more or less completely burnt including grass patches upto ~~rest house~~ ^{1st} road bifurcation near rest house.

② Chapra.

Area of florican activity almost completely burnt

(only unburnt ^{partly burnt} stalks and a few small patches of unburnt grass left. Burning took place around 15th January.

Around Chapra machan grass unburnt and still very dense.

east of chopra adjacent to chittal choraha grassland burnt partly. Rest still very dense? - burnt on 7th from near river. ~~Rest~~ only grass upto Machan burnt. Rest burnt on 11/2/88

③ Navalkhad :-

First ~~bu~~ attempt at burning around 27-28th of December 1987 off road adjacent to Navalkhad east ♂'s territory. Being much too early for grass burning, the stalks which must have been still green still stand and make visibility very poor. Burning took place between 50 & 100mts off

(STALKS & remainings at Navalkhad were cut by Tharus of
on 29/2 & 1/3/88 for thatching (leaving all quite bare open)
road.

the night of

Rest of Navalkhad burnt on 28th/29th Jan. Burning
almost complete leaving only waist to shoulder high stalks
it at all. ~~grass~~

Grassland opp. west of's territory that continues towards
Sati Satimat burnt already on our arrival.

Grassland ^{area} adjoining the road that exits Navalkhad
towards Satiana not burnt yet and still very dense. :- This
grassland burnt on 11/2/88

(upto and little beyond
the satimat)

(4) Other grasslands :-

Except for 2-3 big patches on the Satimat Rd, all
other grassland area approachable by road burnt on the
Afternoon of 29th Jan. Grassland adjoining Navalkhad Machan
and bordering river burnt on 3/1/88. Remainder of Satimat burnt ~~on 11/2/88~~
on 11/2/88

(5) Madraiya :-

Burnt in patches and appears to be still very dense
in the interior. Though a ~~large~~ ^{good} percentage of the
grassland adjoining the road has been burnt.

Area approaching pukka machan still under very tall
grass and due to this almost unapproachable.

Area around Muthna machan and as far as eye can see
still under tall green grass. :- burning of this area commenced
on 10/2/88.

(6) Masankhamb :-

Not burnt at and beyond railway line grassland patches
under water. Burnt on around 16-18 February. Burnt well.

(7) Salukapur:-

According to Tariq Aziz most of Salukapur enclosure area burnt ~~of~~ over 3-4 days around 20th January. On visiting on the 6th ^{of Feb,} found chetuan was burnt and most of kurmanla was burnt as well. Area around kahrahatal yet to be burnt. Could not visit the area extensively.

(8) Bhaadi taal phanta burnt at least 4-5 days prior to our visit on 8/2/88

(9) Churela phanta unburnt as of 8/2/88.

(10) Sonaripur florican phantas not yet burnt including the phanta between Louhi Kuan and the railway line (8/2/88).

19/2/88 Sonaripur florican phanta extending ^{towards} ~~the~~ Rankhiatal burnt at least 60% / display area upto R.H. unburnt. Grass sprouting.

(11) Kusumba chowki phanta burnt at least 7-10 days prior to our visit on 8/2/88

(12) lohti phanta on Sonaripur to Chandanchauki (metal rd) forest Rd - definite for florican. seemed to be burnt at least in part.