

## WE ARE IN THE FIELD

ADVENTURES OF A THIRD WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

A young Nepalese man struggles to protect the wildlife and natural habitat of his country.

**Episode Synopsis** 

Filmed in a fly-on-the-wall style, this raw and inspiring documentary follows 26 year old Manoj Gautam, a modern day, third world hero on a passionate quest to protect animals and wildlife from cruelty and extinction. Inspired by the work of his mentor Dr. Jane Goodall, with minimal resources and no formal training he's creating a network of allies across the country, busting animal smugglers, protecting fragile eco systems, rescuing abused animals, and galvanizing an environmental movement.

For 11 days filmmaker Gabriel Diamond followed Manoj as he traversed the country. This brief trip was filled with an astonishing array of activities: monitoring the training and torture of baby elephants, tracking down owl smugglers, evading death threats, rescuing cobras from snake charmers, confronting abusive zookeepers, creating a vulture eco tourism reserve, freeing pythons, teaching Tibetan refugees the basics of grassroots environmentalism.

The impact of Manoj's pursuits and teachings is clearly reflected in the eyes and words of those whom he encounters – one man's footprint has inspired countless others, and by filming his endeavors we hope the impact will continue growing exponentially.

**Goals for Project** 

Every person on this planet holds the potential to transform and touch the world around them. With the power of filmmaking, this effect can reach every corner of the world. We all have an impact on our local community; yet we all share the same larger home: earth. Our footsteps effect everyone. Documenting the endeavors of visionary leaders—how their pursuits touch their communities—we have the opportunity to illuminate the potential we all hold and the impact one person can have.

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