The objective of this assignment is to generate an “Assessment Paper” that examines an existing case of human-wildlife conflict. Select one of the human-wildlife conflict cases listed below and then conduct an in-depth review and assessment of the conflict situation. The goal is to generate proposed management strategies designed to help mitigate the conflict and promote the healthy coexistence between the humans and wildlife. (Note: each group should be prepared to bring in a scientific article/news story/etc. related to their assessment topic to share and discuss during class meeting.)

The Assessment Paper should include five major sections (described below): Introduction, Conflict Situation, Stakeholder Concerns, Management Strategies, and References. Relevant maps, tables and figures also should be included.

General Format: The proposal should be organized with the following section headings:

I. INTRODUCTION

Provide a brief overview of the general conflict situation.

- Location: Information about the location and environment (e.g., recent changes in the habitat, habitat loss, urban expansion, etc.).
- Wildlife Population: Basic information about the species, current estimates on numbers of animals / population size in the area.
- Human Population: Relevant information about the human population in the area.

II. CONFLICT SITUATION

Describe the nature of the conflict.

- Identify and describe specific cases of the conflict, detailed accounts, etc.
  Describe possible causal factors contributing to the conflict.
- Discuss any steps that already have been taken to reduce the conflict (and any estimates of effectiveness).

III. STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS

Identify all possible stakeholders associated in one way or another with the conflict situation and summarize their concerns (provide one page per stakeholder).

- Identify who are they, their level/type of conflict experienced, their concerns/feelings about the situation, what they want to happen.

(Note: one stakeholder also should be the species – allow yourself to be a bit anthropomorphic.)
IV. MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Based on your assessment of the information you have collected, propose possible strategies to help mitigate the conflict and promote the healthy coexistence between the humans and wildlife.

Be creative - but based in reality.

V. REFERENCES

All articles/sources cited in the text of the paper should be listed in the reference section. You may reference your sources using any one of the various referencing styles (e.g., APA; Council of Biology Editors, etc.) – just be consistent.

Conflict Case Choices:

Elephants – Assam, India

Common Leopards – Nepal or India

Long-tailed Macaques – Thailand

Rhesus Macaques – India