

Project Update: November 2006

The team though no longer in field continues to reminisce the time spent in collecting the necessary information. The data analysis is shaping up good and so is the respective thesis of the team members. Information about the field still continues to trickle in and team member Ivan reported that while collecting bamboo from a site near his village in the middle Andaman Island he encountered bamboo bats in a hollow in his own words which came as an SMS to me, “Ma’am the slit in the bamboo is so small it is amazing how the bat might have got in...it is amazing”.

The team members in the Nicobar Islands are busy with the permanent shelter construction and we all hope that it is complete till the next time we return to our respective field sites. News from the study site is that hunting is not as rampant as before as the people in the area are aware that our team still continues to monitor the flying foxes and a concern for them is being built among the local inhabitants. We consider this as a success indicator as we are not in field and positive information is trickling in to us. My own thesis should be over by December and we plan to schedule our work further for the coming year after that.

