

## Project Update: January 2009

With the financial support from Rufford Small Grant for Nature Conservation, our project started in July 2008 and to date the following works have been done successfully.

- July 2008: Purchase of equipment, medical supplies and insurance.
- August 2008: Prepare logistics and permissions.
- September 2008: Indoor training for local team members (four members) from Hoang Lien Sapa, Tam Dao and Cuc Phuong national parks on the raptor survey techniques, field data collection, methodologies for monitoring of raptor migration.
- October- November 2008: Outdoor training and field surveys to collect data on autumn raptor migration over the three national parks. From 24-28 October 2008, we cooperated with Asian Raptor Research and Conservation Network (ARRCN) and organized the raptor training workshop in Hanoi, Ba Vi and Cuc Phuong national parks. Ten experts from Asian countries including Japan, Mongolia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Taiwan have been invited to give lectures. All the team members have joined in the training workshop and carried out field survey at Cuc Phuong National Park. The first, permanent raptor watchsite has been setting up at Tam Dao National Park.
- December 2008 - January 2009: Autumn data processing.

