

Project Update: August 2017

We have conducted our survey at two study sites and arranged a seminar with Bangladesh Forest Department last month.

Here I give you a brief summary:

Participatory Action Research and Its Implications on the Conservation Scene of Bangladesh



A discussion session was held on 17th July at Korobi Conference Hall of Bangladesh Forest Department in Dhaka, Bangladesh. As an organization Creative Conservation Alliance, running several conservation and research oriented project and 'Asian Pangolin Survey Project' is one of them. The title of the seminar was 'Participatory Action Research and its Implications on the Conservation Scene of Bangladesh'.

A total of 100 participants including Chief Conservator of Forest, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Conservator of Forest, Assistant Conservator of Forest, Divisional Forest Officers, journalist attended the seminar.

Field Survey at Modhutila Eco Park

We have conducted our field survey at Modhutila Eco Park from 31st July to 2nd August. This eco-park is located in northern part of Bangladesh bordering with India.

Within last 15 years, two pangolins (probably Chinese pangolin) were released in this park.

We did not find any active pangolin burrows within this park area but did see eight old burrows. However two pangolins were captured last year from the adjacent forest land of the Modhutila.

A Chinese pangolin was rescued from a local village in July 2016 and was kept in a local zoo. We visited that zoo and documented health condition of that individual.

We have discussed with Dr Challender (Chair of IUCN SSC Pangolin Specialist Group) and Thai Van (Save Vietnam Wildlife) about the condition of that rescued Chinese pangolin. And forwarded their message to the zoo authority.



Conducting field survey



With the rescued Chinese pangolin



Rescued Chinese pangolin



Collecting data from Garo community member

Field Survey at Singra National Park

Field Work at Singra National Park was conducted from 3rd – 6th August. This park is located in north-western part of Bangladesh, consist a large number of termite mounds within its boundary. We did not find any pangolin burrows within the park area.



Examining the presence of pangolin foot print/scat around termite mounds



Landscapes of Singra National Park



Assessing the physical characteristics of termites mound