

## Project Update: February 2014

Butterfly survey was carried out from the lowest altitude to the highest altitude (108 m to 2800 m) during January 2014 in Royal Manas National Park, Bhutan. A total of 36 species were encountered belonging to five families of butterflies. Maximum species and individual were recorded from Nymphalidae and lowest from Hesperidae family.

Lower altitudes were having higher diversity and density as compared to higher altitudes. Species like *Melanitis leda ismene*, *Visala visala*, *Tirumala septentrioni*, *Euploea mulciber mulciber* and *Orsotrioena medus medus* were in high density in lower altitude. Whereas *Maha maha* and *Surendra quercetorum* were encountered maximum in high altitude. Other species such as *Eurema blanda silhetana*, *Eurema andersoni andersoni*, *Eurema hecabe*, *Leptosia nina*, *Ixias pyrene familiaris* and *Parantica glea melanoides* were common.

