

## Project Update: March 2016

To find out the distribution of hyaena in Deukhuri valley camera traps survey will be done. We are going to start camera traps survey from April 2016. Before moving to the field for camera traps survey we did preliminary field visit and sign survey to make our upcoming field work more convenient and fruitful.

During preliminary visit discussion with community forest user group, farmers, local people near forests, conservationists and community forest coordination committee was done to understand people's perception towards hyaena and presence/absence of hyaena in their adjoining forest. Most of the study area comes under Community forest so discussion was done with two Community Forest Co-ordination Committees (CFCCs) of the study area about this research and conservation program within their affiliated community forest and forest user groups. Both CFCC are very pleased to help and support this research and conservation program in their working area.

Sign survey was also done in the study area. Pugmark and scat of striped hyaena were found; also a den of hyaena was also recorded during sign survey. Also direct sighting of one hyaena was done in one site.

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Measuring Pugmark of Hyaena



Researcher taking measurement of Den of Hyaena



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