

## Project Update: March 2015

### 1. Field work

A field survey was conducted in southern region of the park including its buffer zones to assess the snake species diversity. The survey was conducted in November 2014 and February 2015. The 2 months in between were avoided because of cold climatic conditions of the region. Three different species of snakes belonging to one family (Colubridae) and three genera were recorded: *Rhabdophis himalayanus*, (Gunther, 1864), *Orthriophis cantor* (Cantor, 1839) and *Dendrelaphis tristis* (Boulenger, 1890).



Left: *Dendrelaphis tristis*. Right: *Orthriophis cantor*

### 2. Specimen Preparation

Considering the survival of species, conservation reasons, and for a public awareness, six voucher specimens were collected during the field survey till date. The specimens were prepared in the laboratory of Collage of Natural Resources following the scientific guidelines for specimen preparation and preservation, and with technical aid from lap assistant. Specimens were identified, labelled and preserved for future reference.





Left: Specimen preparation. Right: washing specimen.