

Project Update: September 2014

I have secured research permit from Nepal's Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation and returned to Nepal after taking ecosystem services courses. I have already started field work in Langtang National Park (LNP). Since the autumn season is the touristic season in Nepal and LNP, currently I am focusing on touristic and/or recreational aspect of LNP to address ecotourism issues and international visitors' willingness to pay for park visit. This will help to know the recreational ecosystem services and value of ecotourism. This survey will last until the tourist season ends and at the same time preparatory work for next phase of ecosystem service assessment will start.



Left: Cultural and cultivated landscape in Langtang National Park, Nepal. Middle: Shyarubensi: National Park gateway community for Ecotourism activities in Langtang. Right: Livestock herding is a traditional practices in Langtang National Park.