

Project Update: September 2015

The project started in the first week of April 2015.

So far, survey has been conducted in 10 temple ponds of Assam located in three districts of Assam, India. These are-

1. Shree shree Dhareshwar Devalaya, Siliguri (Bamundi), Kamrup district, Assam
2. Hayagriva Madhab temple pond, Kamrup district, Assam
3. Kedareswara Temple pond, Kamrup district, Assam
4. Sivasagar tank, Sibsagar district, Assam
5. Joysagar tank, Sibsagar district, Assam
6. Rudrasagar tank, Sibsagar district, Assam
7. Gaurisagar tank, Sibsagar district, Assam
8. Haleswar Devalaya, Sonitpur district, Assam
9. Nag-Sankar temple pond, Sonitpur district, Assam
10. Gupteswar Devalaya, Singari, Sonitpur district, Assam

The diversity of freshwater turtles is being assessed in the temple ponds of Assam. Turtle diversity assessment has been so far completed in two of the temple ponds of Kamrup district, Assam. Seven species of turtles has been recorded in the Shree shree Dhareshwar Devalaya, Siliguri and 13 species has been recorded from Hayagriva Madhab temple pond, Kamrup district, Assam. The assessment of turtle diversity is presently being carried out in Sonitpur district, Assam. Water and soil quality along with threats in turtle habitats are being assessed in each temple ponds surveyed.



A basking Indian tent turtle in Dhareshwar Dewalay pond, Kamrup, Assam



A black softshell turtle at Nagshankar temple pond, Sonitpur, Assam



A Gangetic shot-shell turtle in Dhaireswar Dewalay pond, Kamrup, Assam



Dhaireswar Dewalay pond, Kamrup, Assam



Indian flapshell turtle at Haleswar Dewalay pond, Sonitpur district, Assam



The Haleswar Dewalay pond, Sonitpur district, Assam



Indian tent turtle basking at Kedar temple pond, Hajo, Kamrup, Assam



Jaysagar temple pond, Shivsagar, Assam



Nagshankar temple pond, Sonitpur, Assam



Shivsagar temple pond, Shivsagar, Assam