

Project Update: May 2009

The conservation awareness programme is in progress. Awareness workshops were held at the community organization Salkhla on 30th December 2008 and the community organization Rawta on 21st December 2008. Similar workshops were held in the government primary school Salkhla on 25th September 2008 and the government primary school Islampura on 17th January 2009.

A conservation awareness workshop in the community of the Gail, who live on the southern side of the Salkhla Game Reserve, was also held on 5th February 2009. Awareness material in the form of posters and brochures has been printed to support the awareness campaign. During the workshops the material was distributed among the participants. A survey for the population estimate and conservation of Himalayan musk deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*) was carried out in the forest of Salkhla Game Reserve and around from 4th November 2008 to 6th December 2008. With comparison to previous studies, it has been noted that the population of Himalayan musk deer is declining.

