

## Project Update: January 2016

### Location cum progress report

The project on assessment of Nika Chhu freshwater ecology in the Jigme Singye Wangchuck National Park using fish diversity and habitat as a bio-indicator is being carried out in the Tangsibji hamlet, Trongsa district and Sephu hamlet, Wangdi Phodrang district (Map 1). The survey will cover a stretch of Nika Chhu between the coordinates of N: 27°28'21.463 E: 90°21'00.725 (Chendebji Chorten) and N: 27°25'59.756 E: 90°27'49.172 (confluence with main river).



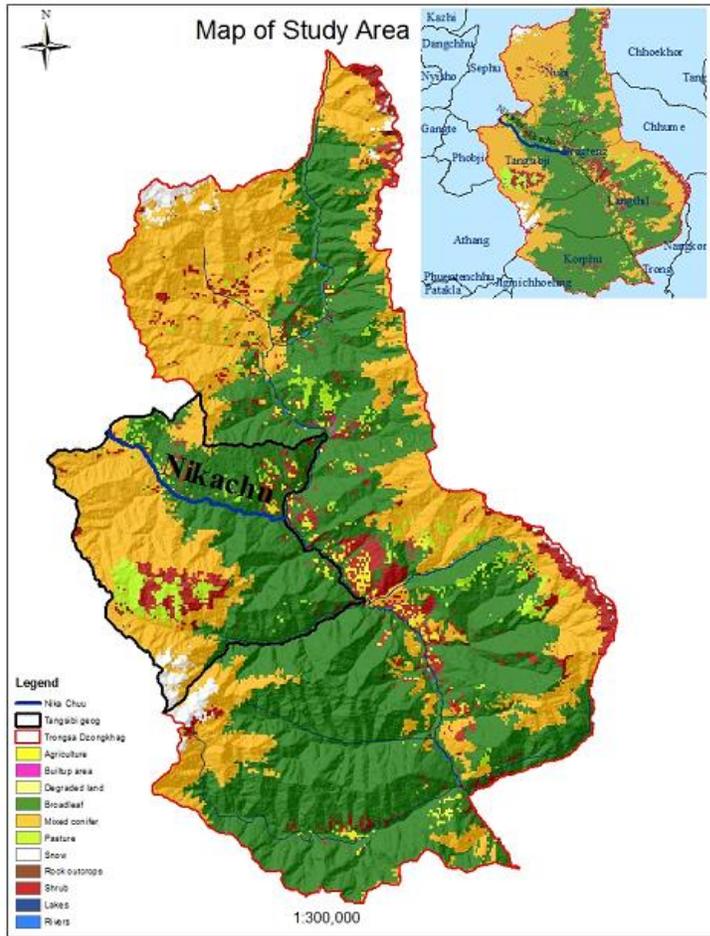
*Eye view of study area*

### Work Progress

Since 25<sup>th</sup>December 2015 the preliminary work has been carried out. In the preliminary work, the following activities have been completed:

- Ground truthing.
- Informed communities and local authorities about the studies.
- Zonation of stream into three zones.
- Identification of plots at every 200 m.
- Obtained coordinates of every plot.
- Location of camp sites.

Starting 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, I started the fieldwork with five team members from various fields of expertise. Since then, I have fully engaged with fieldwork and reports will be submitted with close consultation with your organisation.



Map 1. Map showing study area