

## Project Update: July 2015

Participatory learning and action exercise has started. Villagers of “*Matwa*” have completed their village biodiversity planning. And Villagers of “*Sankara*” have been doing PLA for last 10 days. The project updates for May-June 2015 are as follow:

After successful completion of awareness phase, we started PLA in the proposed villages. It is nice experience to live with rural communities and understand their systems and issues. During PLA villagers analysed existing situation of biodiversity in the village and decided require actions to conserve them. The village’s demography, natural resources, process of changes occur over a period of time, changes occurring with time, relation between community and biodiversity-related institutions was discussed. In addition, villagers’ mad village’s red data chart. In the chart, villagers listed out flora and fauna’s local name which have been dramatically decreasing from village ecosystems for last 15 years.

Further, we motivate village’s children to celebrate World Biodiversity and World Environment Day. We celebrated both days and sensitise children about biodiversity and environment. The theme of the biodiversity day was “Our village biodiversity” and “know our surrounding” for environment day.



Picture 1: PLA in “*Matwas*” village. Picture 2: World Biodiversity Day 2015. Picture 3: World Environment Day 2015 (Photo credit: Ajay Kumar)