

Project Update: June 2016

Nursery raising and Vegetation

The purpose of this activity is to foster community participation for protection conservation and regeneration of natural forest and elephant corridor. The project will also help with regeneration of elephant habitat in disturbed and degraded Telkoi Pallahara elephant corridor through active plantation of native, elephant-friendly vegetation. Elephant trackers and representative of women groups have taken hands on training on nursery raising, bed making, watering,



plantation and seedling

management. It is planned to vegetate the fallow forest land/ elephant corridor with useful fruits bearing, oil seeds borne trees those are favorite of elephant herd. Paribartan in close partnership with community and local line forest administration initiated nursery raising activities. The plantation work in identified barren and degraded land will be started from July 2016. So far, 162 ha of land identified to undertake plantation programme.



Mapping and Identification of land for growing non-lure crops

Adaptation of non-lure crops as long term community-based mitigation measures as one of the approaches to man-elephant conflict mitigation, which in long run would reduce the incidence of crop raiding. Paribartan organised training/field training courses on livelihood improvement of local farmers. In training, we introduce elephant-friendly crop planning practices that discourage crops known to be attractive to elephants, while encouraging the cultivation of crops that are unpalatable to the elephant. From January to the end of April 2016 the project team specifically focused on planning and grouping of land for non-lure crops cultivation



as a non-palatable “elephant friendly” crop and prepared the resource map with participation of women groups. Paribartan team successfully developed a comprehensive community land classification map (village wise) taking in to account of land slopping, water retaining capacity, soil type in extensive consultation with villagers and stakeholders. It is decided that as per the outcome the non-lure crop farming will be undertake which will generate adequate income at par with the traditional cropping practices.



Pictures from top to bottom: Nursery Raising Activity; Nursery Preparation - Seedling Raising; Interaction on adaptation of Non-lure crop with Tribal community; Women participants during capacity building activity at Paribartan Campus; Conservation initiative of natural forest by tribal community and women's groups demarcating agricultural land during preparation of resource map.