

## Project Update: February 2016

We continue data collection at the experimental paddy land. Several electric bulbs were set to light the paddy land to increase visibility of elephants during the nights. A male elephant came to the paddy land to raid crops while we were on the tree hut. The elephant checked the private electric fence of the paddy land stretching its trunk at the fence and retreated knowing the fence was alive.



We continue data collection on ecological and administrative boundaries of the park fence. Even though the park fence was well maintained, elephants crossed the fence as usual. Further, we observed that the numbers of houses that use private fences are being increased in the village.



We start the awareness programme at the Sunday school of the village. The children of the Sunday school were extremely excited and actively participated for the programme.