

Project Update: January 2016

We started data collection at the experimental paddy land. The paddy land was protected by a private electric fence. A tree house was built on a tree for night observations (Pic. 1- The tree hut at the experimental paddy land). Apart from that night vision camera traps were placed at different places in the paddy land to capture elephants that come to raid crops during night (Pic.2 - removing night vision camera traps at the experimental paddy land).

We continue data collection on ecological and administrative boundaries of the park fence. We observed that the park fence was well maintained but elephants cross the fence as usual. Further, we keep on collecting data on private fences of selected personal lands and the fences were working effectively.

We tried to start our awareness programme among the youth in the village during this field work but it was not successful. However, we are planning to conduct our first meeting with the young villagers during our next field visit.



Left: Removing night vision camera traps at the experimental paddy land. Right: The tree hut at the experimental paddy land