

Project Update: September 2016

We have submitted a manuscript on assessing relative abundance of large ungulates to an international scientific journal (*Mammalian Biology*) and the manuscript is currently under review. We have also started taking interviews of villagers in the study area and have finished 10 interviews up to now. Since the work involves examining an illegal activity such as hunting, we have not been able to get willing respondents easily. Also, media publicity about two recent illegal cases of hunting, one of a sambar and one gaur in the study region and consequent action by the forest department has made many people wary of giving details about hunting practices. We shall continue to take interviews with as many people from the study region in October, November, and December 2016. At the same time, we will start engaging about this important issue with the Forest Department so as to jointly initiate outreach activities in the coming year.



Top: Gaur hunted. Photo by Anonymous.
Middle: Gaur study region. Photo by Girish Punjabi. Bottom: Interview with villager. Photo by Amit Sutar.

