

Project Update: February 2016

Social survey

A week long social survey using the questionnaires was carried out in the study areas starting from 2nd of January to 6th January, 2016 to determine the effectiveness of the electric fences. The survey also included the basic information about the meditation huts, human-bear conflict related information, the economic status of the residents of the study area and the peoples' perception on human-bear conflict. Along with the social survey, the cameras stationed in the various plots in the study area were checked and information down loaded. The survey was carried out by two teams of five men each.

Awareness campaign on Himalayan Black Bear in the conflict areas.

A campaign on the theme "Himalayan Black Bears are the essential component of the eco system for smooth flow of ecological services" was conducted with the monks of the Tango Buddhist College on 27th February, 2016. The campaign saw various opinions of the monks linking the concept of wildlife conservation with the religious ethics. The monks were presented on the dos and don'ts that they will have to follow once they will be sent for meditation in their respective areas which are inside the forest where the black bears dwell. The participants were also briefed on the basic ecology of the bear such as bear behaviour. The seminar campaign was attended by more than 30 monks.

