

Project Update: July 2016

A semi-structured questionnaire was pre-tested with the communities before conducting the interviews with the communities with regards to collection of Paris. Our objective was to visit all households in five villages (Dhur, Goling, Kharsad, Lusbee and Thangbi) within the Chokor block in Wangchuck Centennial National Park and to conduct one interview from one household. We were able to interview 61 households from these five villages and all our interviewees ranged from the age of 18-63 years.

We tried to find answers on how the information on the value of Paris reached the communities and where are their markets. We tried to quantify the income earned from the collection and sale of the plant and tried to look at how the income earned from the plant is helping them in their livelihood activities. We also asked on their collection season and the quantity of it collected and general estimate of weight from one plant.

We also asked the collectors on the habitat of the plant along with their preferred above ground biomass height to harvest the plant. We gathered information on their expected interventions from the government with regards to the plant.



Figure 1: Conducting Interview with an interviewee



Figure 2: Conducting Interview



Figure 3: Freshly collected rhizome of Paris plant