

Project Update: May 2016

A series of consultative meetings was conducted with the communities of Nasiphel, Dhur, Thangbi, Kharsat and Lusbee, all in Chokhor block within the buffer zone of Wangchuck Centennial National Park in Bumthang.

The first consultative meeting was conducted with the local leaders and officials from the Wangchuck Centennial National Park and Bumthang Forestry Division. The consultative meeting with officials was attended by 20 officials. A meeting with the officials was required to ensure support from the communities throughout the study period. This was another commitment from the officials apart from the interest shown by the communities themselves to better understand the plant. The meeting was conducted on March 7th 2016.

A series of meetings with the communities was conducted at Dhur, Thangbi and Dorjibee. We organised a meeting at Dorjibee on March 8th 2016 attended by 28 participants. A consultative meeting with the communities of Dhur and Lusbee was attended by 80 members (March 8th 2016) and Thangbi and Kharsat had 53 participants (March 11th 2016).

All the participants from the communities agreed that the ecological study on the plant is required besides the contributions to their livelihood. A timeline for the study was also planned together with the communities. As an outcome from the meeting, we shall be starting questionnaire survey within a month from now followed by ecological survey.



Consultation meeting with local leaders and officials from Wangchuck Centennial National Park

Consultation meeting with the communities of Thangbi and Kharsat



Consultation meeting with communities of Dhur and Lusbee