

## Project Update: January 2017

### 1. Public awareness programme

The first awareness campaign with local communities within study site has been successfully completed. The discussion was focused on information sharing, acquiring indigenous knowledge and ecological importance of snake conservation. They were informed about the ongoing project and its objectives. We also discussed about problems related to snake bites and public opinion on indiscriminate killing of snakes.



Fig: 1 Awareness programme with local communities Fig: 2 Locals referring the pictorial guide book of snakes

### 2. Data collection through interviewing local communities

As per the objectives of the project, about 30% (sampling intensity) of population within study sites were interviewed and information has been collected using both closed ended and open ended questioners. The interview has been conducted basically obtain numbers of snakes encounter and killed by people in last 3 years so as to identify the trend of snake population and conservation threats in the given locality.



Fig: 3 & 4: interviewing local communities