

Project Update: January 2017

Habitat assessment of Blyth's tragopan (*Tragopan blythii*) under Jomotshnagkha Wildlife Sanctuary was completed successfully with confirmation of Blyth's tragopan in the localised area of Jomotshangkha Wildlife Sanctuary. Team sighted a lone male at Lharijab area very close to an area where the first evidence of its presence was reported with the photographic evidence from the camera trap in 2014. However, the team could not capture the photo of the bird at this time despite our great effort. Habitat parameter such as GPS coordinate elevation, aspect, sites slope, threats and the vegetation were done using the standard data sheet wherever we find the evidence and sighting of the pheasant. For vegetation assessment, the circular plot of the 10 m radius was used whenever we find the evidence of its presence. There are ongoing camera traps deployed under JWS to see the distribution and migratory pattern of Blyth's in JWS.



Figure 1 Male Blyth's tragopan (Photo courtesy NTS@2014)



Figure 2 Female Blyth's tragopan (Photo courtesy NTS@2014)