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The awareness programme on the habitat use and conservation threats of Blyth's tragopan (*Tragopan blythii*) under Jomotshangkha Wildlife Sanctuary was conducted in the five fringe communities of the sanctuary. The programme was aimed to reduce the habitat loss through the community awareness on the current habitat distribution and extraction of natural resources exploitation. The community were also made aware on the habitat use and distribution pattern of the Blyth's tragopan and the educating on how to maintain the sustainability of the habitat through the sustainable use and protection of the core habitat through community participation. The people were also educated on the present conservation status and habitat use by the birds and scopes for the conservation of this rare birds in future.

The awareness was focused to all level of the community including the representatives from local government as they are the main driving force in the community development. Educating those local government representative will help in disseminating the information to the wider range of communities. So, the local representative of sanctuary were given awareness on the conservation importance of the birds and future scopes for their community such as bird watching and tourism facility which will help in generating income for their community.



Figure 1: Awareness program to the community of Momring and Reynang under Jomotshangkha Wildlife Sanctuary (JWS)



Figure 2 Awareness programme to local government representative of Serthi Geog, JWS.



Fig 3: Community awareness programme to community of Phajogonpa under Jomotshangkha Sub District



Fig 4: Photo showing the awareness programme to the community of Serthi and Momolla village under Jomotshangkha



Fig 5: Awareness programme to the community of Barkalangdang and Tashithangjay village under Jomotshangkha Dungkhag