

Project Update: September 2016

Activities being carried out with the onset of budget received:

1. Field equipment procured such as:

- a. Garmin GPS (One Number)
- b. Digital Camera
- c. Binoculars
- d. Printing of survey forms
- e. Training materials (Charts, Boards, Markers)

2. Stakeholder meeting and awareness: July 2016

A 2-day meeting and awareness with the key stakeholders, leaders and agencies within the study area was conducted at Phrumshingla National Park to inform and sensitise them about the study. The Chief Forestry Officer and forestry official from PNP also joined the two day meeting.

3. Field staff training: August 2016

Three days hands-on survey method using the data sheet and interview methods for field staffs was conducted for the park staff and CNR graduates. It included hands-on field data collection and survey protocols for the field staff. The field staff training was successfully conducted with the help of expertise from Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environment, and College of Natural Resources.

4) Field Reconnaissance survey: August 2016

Field reconnaissance survey for the identified four block inside the study area has been completed with the help of field staff from PNP.

5) Field data collection: August to till date

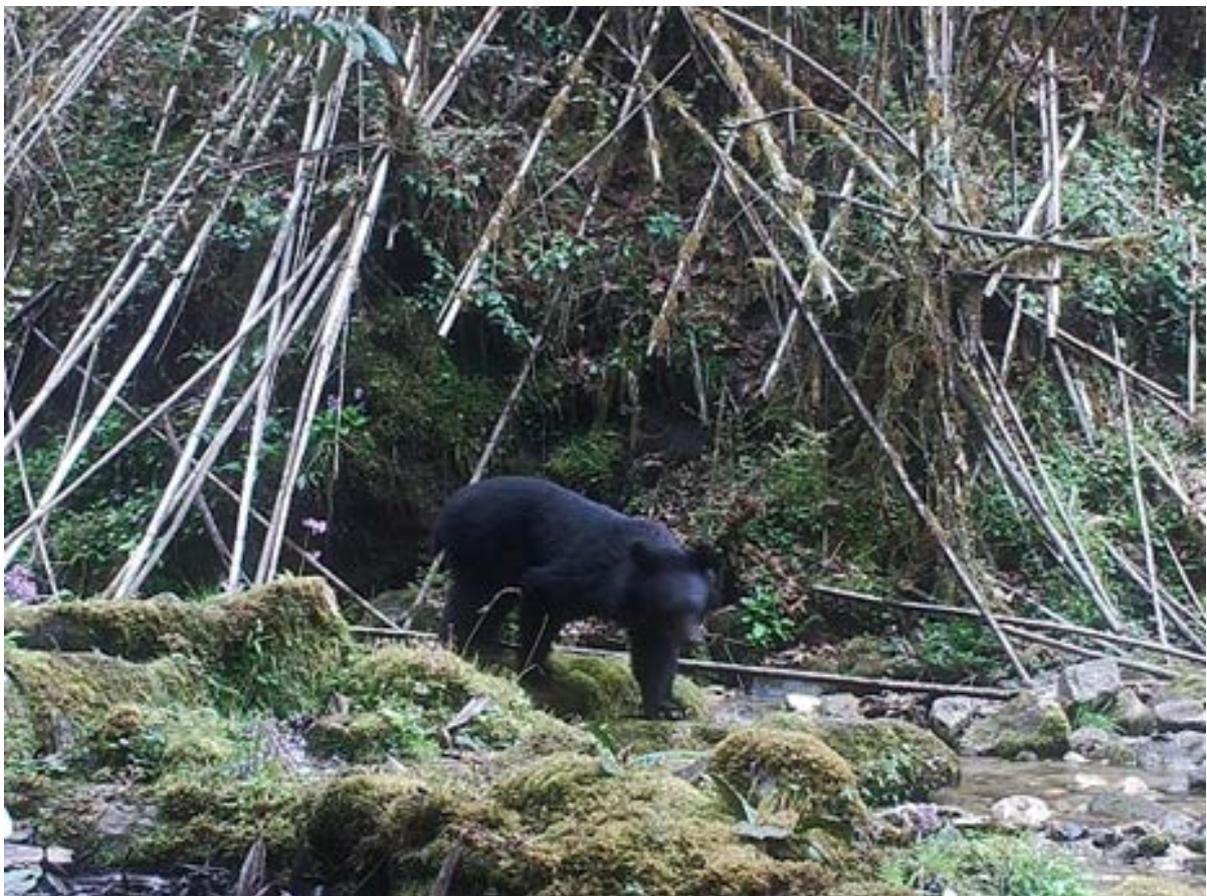
Field data collection for the presence or absence of the Himalayan black bear and social survey for the four block in the study area is still in progress which would be updated at the earliest date possible through mail.



Left: Forest coverage inside PNP area. Photo by Lha Tshering 2016. Right: Overview of one of the study areas inside PNP area. Photo by Lha Tshering 2016.



Left: Head office PNP. Photo by Lha Tshering 2016. Right: While moving inside the PNP area. Photo by Lha Tshering 2016



Himalayan Black Bear. Photo by PNP 2015