

Project Update: May 2017

Our last 2 months was dedicated to human resource development for biodiversity conservation. Firstly, we organised the essay and drawing competitions among students to sensitise them on local biodiversity, specifically on golden mahasheer fish. More than 500 students from 11 schools participated in the activities. We got technical and financial support from school teachers to make the programme more dynamic. In addition, school administration invited us to organise such events in the school on a regular bases.

Secondly, a weeklong residential training camp was done (3 days in the classroom and 4 days field training). Local NGOs, fishery department of Uttarakhand Government and Kumaun University Nainital helped us to organise the training programme. Sixteen volunteers from 10 villages participated in the training. Species' current status and behaviour, conservation methodology, habitat identification, seed ranching technique etc. were discussed in the training.

Participated in the Rufford India conference: fostering Grass-roots Conservation in India which was held from 23rd to 26th April 2017 at Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan, India



Left: Idea sharing exercise during Essay and drawing competition. Right: Volunteers field training: Trainer Mr Ravi Kumar, Fishery department Uttarakhand government



Picture: 3 Volunteers with golden mahasheer fish, found died during field training