

Project Update: February 2008

- We are nearing the completion of this phase of our project. The ongoing school projects are:
Sarengabad Jajneswari Girl's School, Kolkata is conducting a status survey of the Water Monitor Lizard (*Varanus salvator*) in their local area and preparing a survey report.
- Ananda Ashram Balika Vidyapith is conserving the biodiversity within their school campus, mapping the vegetation in the school neighbourhood and creating public awareness in the locality.
- Beltala Girls' School has created a medicinal plant garden and has conducted a cultural programme to create awareness in their school about biodiversity conservation.
- Durgapur T.N High School has planted saplings of locally found trees in the school campus.
- Durgapur Sagarvanga Govt. Sponsored High School has planted trees and shrubs in the school campus and listed the insects found there.
- Children's Foundation and Metropolitan (Main) Institution, due to lack of space, have created a potted plant garden.

A project sharing workshop was held on 30 January 2008 in Kolkata. The participants' future plans are to:

- Further ongoing school projects.
- Create more public awareness about biodiversity conservation and
- Network with other schools to strengthen the programme, share experiences and learn from each other.