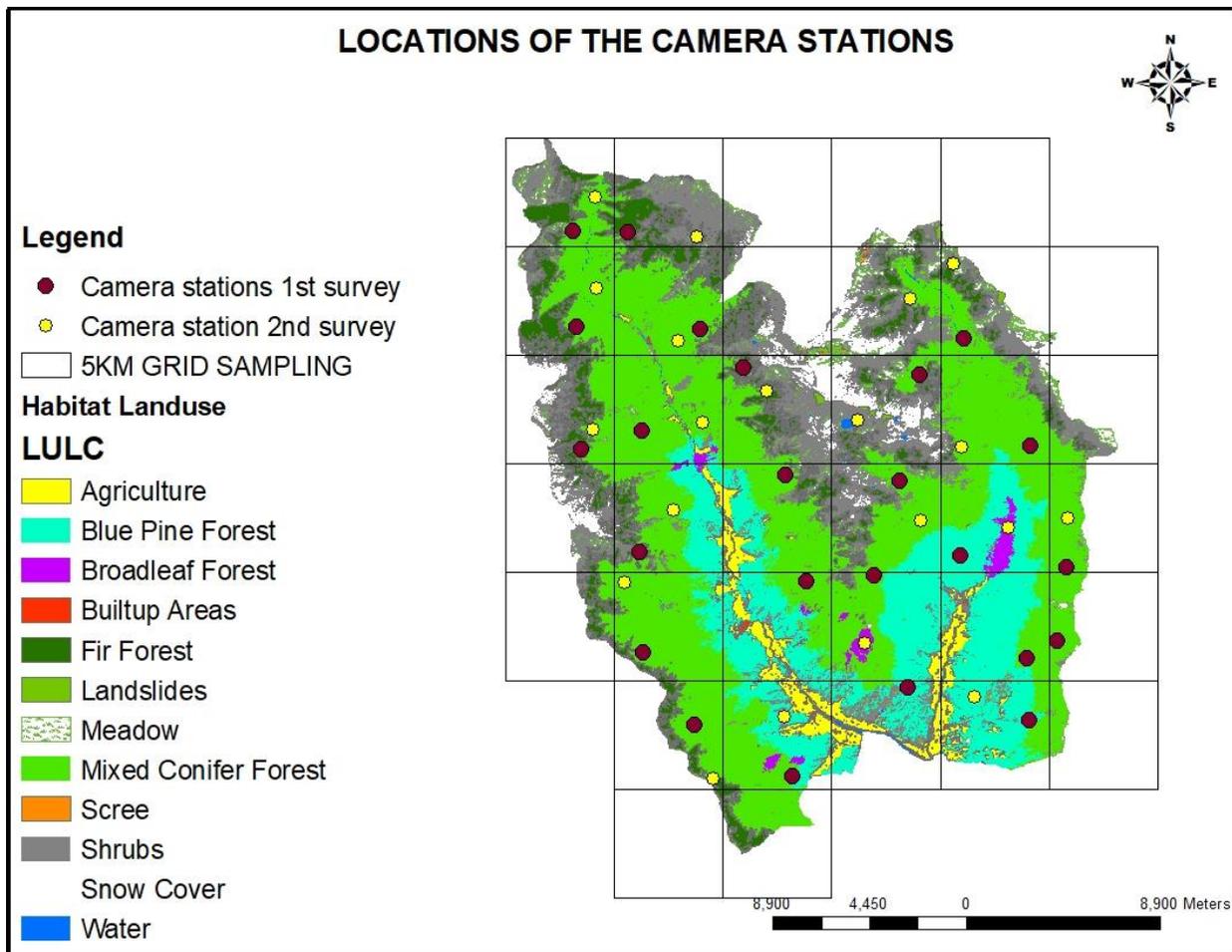


Project Updates: October 2017

As proposed, sign survey along with camera trap installation was carried out across 393.172km² of the total forest area of 660 Km². Remaining, 266.82 km² was mapped out for camera trap activities from the actual study area because these constitutes the forest area surrounded by human settlements and scope of finding tigers was negligible. The sign and evidence survey along with camera trap installation was carried out from April 2017. The survey sampling was done based on the design carried out during the National Tiger Survey 2012. A total of 30 grids with 5 km X 5 km dimensions were selected for the study. Sign and evidence survey were carried out in each grid and the most probable site for tiger presence was selected for installation of the camera traps. A total of 24 camera traps were installed in the selected sites and monitored for 4 months. After the 4 months recording the camera traps were shifted to a new location but within the same grid.



Current work progress

Camera trap retrieval from the survey area will be completed by second week of November 2017. Till date 12 camera traps had been retrieved and data had been recorded. After the final data management it will be analyzed to find out the tiger density and occupancy status in the study area.