

## Project Update: January 2017

Staff from District Forest office, Samtse and village key persons of potential sites of Chinese pangolin from three blocks viz. Dophuchen, Dumtoed and Denchukha block were involved in the social interview for the collection of information on threats of the targeted species. Prior to interview, interviewers were trained on survey protocol and research objectives in three blocks separately. 50% of the households from potential sites of Chinese pangolin from three blocks were randomly selected for sampling size. 50, 30 and 44 households from Dophuchen, Dumtoed and Denchukha block were identified and conducted questionnaires survey respectively. Further, Forest Range officer and staff of Dophuchen Forest Range Office and Local leaders of three blocks were interviewed.

Field data collection in the Dophuchen block was conducted in five potential sites. Data were collected through indirect sign like burrows and scats. Vegetation survey was also conducted for habitat assessment.



Left: Training on Survey protocol to Village key persons and Staff from District Forest Office. Right: Interview with Forest Range Officer. Dophuchen Range.



New Feeding burrows in forest and Cardamom field with presence of Termite Colonies.