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For the conservation of threaten species, the Red panda (*Ailurus fulgens*), Public awareness campaign for the local communities and institutions were conducted. During the course of campaign program, participants of different stakeholders were well-informed on threaten status and active conservation required for the species. The outreach activities were targeted mainly to help park and district administration authorities in framing a proper management plan or developing strategies for conserving this vulnerable species. Moreover, after returning to their respective places, participants were requested to disseminate what they learned in the meeting to their friends and neighbors about the importance of species and its conservation.

For successful achievement of conservation awareness program throughout the project period, the important stakeholders involved in the campaign are; the local communities, who have closer relation with the species day to day, the developmental organizations for proper managed community development plan in future, students and teachers are also involved to encourage conservation studies for the younger generations.

The vegetation survey was carried out to determine type of habitat preferred by Red panda (*Ailurus fulgens*). The survey plots were layout in the bamboo dominated areas. Quadrates with the size of 10m × 10m for the tree layer, (plants above 3m height and 5cm DBH), 4m × 4m for the shrub layer (woody plants below 3m in height), and 1m × 1m plots for herbs (plants up to 1m in height) was used to access the vegetation diversity in the study area.



Awareness training to local communities.



Timber logging at Red panda feeding area



Left: Vegetation survey works. Right: Transporting survey materials by local horse.