

## **Project Update: November 2016**

The first task for the study of the different diets and habitats of the black bears and their potential threat begun with the survey of the habitats of the black bears. The survey began with the listing of black bears habitats in the study area no: 1 (Zongkha). The survey covered the entire area by selecting the plots systematically. A gap of 1500 m was kept between each line and 260 m was kept between the plots. A total of five transects were run. The different types of habitats found on the transects were noted and their GPS locations taken. Along with the habitat survey, their potentials threats were also noted and pictures taken. The survey was carried out by a total of five field man for duration of 15 days.

Accordingly the same survey was carried out in the study area no: 2 (Pelgiri) for another two weeks to find out the habitats of the black bears and their threats.



Noting the habitat. Photo by Chimmi Dorji.