

## Project Update: June 2017

I recently completed my second visit at Koshi-Tappu Wildlife Reserve, Sunsari, Nepal. April-May season habitat condition of Bengal florican was monitored in three different areas of this reserve namely outside protected area, buffer area and core area. A total of 11 blocks were formed in each of these three different areas of this reserve with total 33 blocks in this reserve. Grassland habitat condition of Bengal florican was monitored by making 1 km straight transect in each block and performing the survey according to the previous method of preliminary survey. Maximum and average height of the grass height was monitored using Rebell and Suward Stick Method. Four people were included in the team with two experts and two local people. Two local people were included in order to increase awareness among the local people on Bengal florican. Also this world environment day 2017 was celebrated by organising a 1-day interaction programme with the youth with the theme "Connecting youths to Nature". A total of 32 people participated in the programme. Youths were motivated to be engaged in the conservation of nature in the programme. I have attached some photographs of the recent interaction program. Rufford logo also has been included in the programme as a supporting organisation.

