

Project Update: June 2017

Reconnaissance Survey

A survey was carried out regarding ground logistics and arrangement for guide and accommodation was made at Kaihlam Village (N 24°16'08.55'' E 093°24'12.18'') in December 2016. A permission letter from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Forest Department, Manipur was obtained to carry out research work inside the proposed Kailam Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS).

Field Work

Data collection on the distribution, status and habitat use of IBA trigger species was carried out during the 1st and 2nd week of January 2017, 3rd and 4th week of February 2017, 1st, 4th and 5th week of March 2017, 1st, 2nd and 4th week of April 2017, and 1st and 2nd week of May 2017.



Left: A committee of village elders at Kaihlam inquiring about the nature of our work. Right: Grey Sibia feeding on *Colebrookia oppositifolia*.

Awareness campaign

Our team participated in conducting general awareness campaigns about the importance of conservation of biodiversity, in association with the Forest Department (at Thanlon village), and Manipur University students (at Mualnuam village) and on an individual capacity at Kaihlam village along with my team. This is a part of our preparation for the awareness campaigns to be conducted for the project.



Left: Speech on the need for conservation of forest at World Forestry Day, Thanlon.
Right: Awareness campaign to school kids at Kaihlam Village.