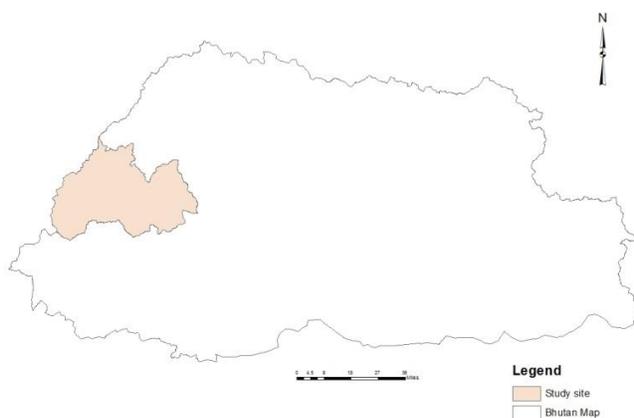


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The project on Inventory and Conservation of Bees and Wasps in Western Bhutan was approved in January, 2017. However, the fieldwork and data collection commenced from March, 2017. This is because the Aculeates (especially bees and wasps) usually occurs from these month. Prior to the field study/data collection literatures were referred during the earlier 2 months. The village naturalist and individual respondents were interviewed to get general idea and information on these insects, their habitat and nesting sites in the study area similar to the previous project. This is the first phase of field survey and data collection; the survey team comprising of staff from NRDCL, Department of Forest and Park service and some villagers. Extensive area will be covered in the second phase (main survey) of field survey that will commence from early August, 2017.



The similar method as in the first project such as “opportunistic visual encounter” and “transect walk” adopted. Photographs were taken using digital camera. GPS handset is used to mark location. Some bees and wasps were collected with the help of sweeping insect net and specimens were preserved as and when collected from the field with proper information in the personal laboratory/room. Many new species were expected to be observed during the second phase of data collection because it is the season for most of these insects.



