

Project Update: March 2017

1. Literature review of peer review articles on community based conservation and development is ongoing and review of management plan of the two community forests is also under process.
2. Meeting with forest officials, local government heads, and CF executive member was planned for 9th March 2017, but could not conduct due to non-availability of some officials and local government heads. It is planned to meet with individual official based on their availability rather than at once in a group meeting.
3. Purchase of field equipment had been done.
4. Semi-structured questionnaires for perception study on conservation for both members and non-members of community forest management group are prepared. The questionnaires will be finalized soon and ready for pre-test.
5. Camera trap works has been completed in both the CFs from 16th to 25th March 2017. GPS point of each camera location have been collected and documented.
6. A total of 20 cameras have been set in the two identified CFs. Ten cameras (five inside CF and five outside) in each CF were set.
7. One CFMG member has been identified from each CF to monitor and guard the cameras. They are M. Pema Rinzin, former Secretary of Shambayung CF (now resigned and works as member) and Mr Khandu Tshering, Chairman of Siptangzur CF. These two people will not only be checking and monitoring the cameras under their jurisdictions, but also they are being trained on how to set camera in case they have a similar kind of project in the future.



Left: Camera trap works together with CFMG member of the Shambayung CF, Tang. Right: CFMG member crawling in front of camera to check the functionality of camera



Left: Camera trap setting exercise in Siptangzur CF, Ura. Right: Testing camera functionality in Siptangzur CF, Ura



Overview of Ugyencholing village who manages the Shambayung CF