

## Project Update: November 2017

We have completed first phase of camera trap survey in Sarlahi, Mahottari (Maaisthan Community Forest) and Dhanusha (Ratu and Kamalaa Maai Community Forest areas). Moreover, questionnaire surveys and conservation awareness programmes in these areas were also conducted. Conservation classes in Rautahat and Sarlahi were conducted. The hyenas' ecological roles were highlighted among the local people. Structured questionnaire sheets were to collect information on the major threats to striped hyena, human casualties and people's attitudes toward the striped hyenas. Based on sign survey (pugmark) GPS points were also recorded and habitat characteristics were measured. Our further work will be radio programs, conservation classes in Mahottari and Dhanusha, village youth club establishment, etc.



Left: With local people during camera trap. Right: Checking and installing camera trap



Left: Copper-Headed Trinket *Coelognathus radiates*. Right: Participating with local people



Left: Interaction with local people. Right: Explaining research methodology.