

## Project Update: May 2018

Based on the focus group discussions and qualitative interviews, a questionnaire addressing my objectives was prepared. The questionnaire was field tested during March 2018. Based on this, necessary changes were made to the questionnaire. Along with the help of a volunteer, I carried out the questionnaire survey along the riparian buffer in coffee-agrosystem landscape during April 2018. A total of 10 villages were surveyed. The names of the villages are Doddapulikote, B.Badaga, Ajjimutta, Kadiyathur, Bethu, Hodavada, Nalkeri, Kiggalu, Kondageri/Byramada and Kattemadu. In each village four respondents were interviewed. Respondents for the questionnaire survey were mostly coffee planters and included both male and female respondents. The questionnaire data has been entered into MS Excel. The questionnaire survey was stopped during the 2nd week of May 2018 because of the state elections. Elections could hamper the availability of people for interviews and also the quality of responses. The questionnaire survey will be resumed in 1st of week June 2018.

### Outreach:

Based on my PhD work and with support from Rufford Small Grants, I presented a poster entitled 'Trees and Ecosystem Services of Riparian zone along River Cauvery, Karnataka' at National Conference on Recent advances in creation, conservation, management and utilization of tree resources for sustainable future organised by College of Forestry, Ponnampet, India, 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.



Glimpses from the field!



