

Project Update: April 2007

The Rufford small grant on the “**Community Involvement in conservation of Sarus Crane breeding habitat in three districts of semi-arid tract of Rajasthan, India**”, has started from February 2007 in the districts of Kota, Bundi and Baran.

A total of seven dry season nests have been located so far. All the nests are made in March 2007 and currently incubated by the respective pairs. A team of rural volunteers has started monitoring and safeguarding the nests in their areas. Recently some banners have been put up at Ummedganj village (three nests) one of the breeding area close to Kota city.



Left: Banner at Ummedganj village. Right: Ummedganj birding area-Kota.



Left: Banner at the entrance of proposed Ummedganj birding area- Kota. Right: Banner at proposed Ummedganj birding area- Kota.

These banners are put up in the village Ummedganj near the right main canal of river Chambal. A birding area is also proposed in the area where 5-10 thousand birds congregate during winters. This year there are three nests in radius of three km. of the village. The photographs for the banner are provided courtesy by Brijmohan and Ansar khan.