

Project Update: October 2018

Project activities between June-September 2018

Desk review: Published literatures on orchid diversity and conservation have been assessed during June and July 2018. A total of 30 online literatures and three books on Nepali orchid conservation and diversity were assessed. Data tabulation is in progress and findings will be summarized and will be updated soon.

Site visit: Panchase protected forest area was visited twice once each in June and September 2018. During first visit the place to establish transect for biophysical data was identified in Northern and north western side. Orchids in blooms were photographed and identified.

In second visit a transect was sampled between 1600-2500 m asl. Trees, hosts and other biophysical data was collected. Another aspect will be sampled in late October 2018. Two orchid conservation blocks established by local users in Panchase forest was observed and discussion was held with CFUG leaders on management of orchid habitats and threats. Orchid identification is in progress. Photographs and voucher specimens are used for identification.



View of Panchase Mountain from Deurali village. Small settlement seen is Odare village of Parbat district. ©LN Sharma, September 2018.



A dead tree hosting Orchids in Panchase region in Kaski district. ©LN Sharma, June 2018). This is more than a dead individual rather a rich habitat.



A tree hosting orchids. ©LN Sharma, June 2018)