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The golden langur and the capped langur are threatened according to the IUCN Red List of the Threatened Species. Therefore one of the main objectives of this project was to make awareness about the status of these two species in the wild. The awareness was done mainly in places where the people shared habitats with these species. The awareness was made through informal conservation and through group discussions as people were more open to talk with this method (Figure 2). The people were more aware of the status of the golden langur as threatened compared to the capped langur.



Figure 1 Travelling through forest and grasslands to reach the langur's habitat and the villages. In picture two research assistant (Mr. Nir Kumar and Mr. Wangchuk) and one forester (Mr. Ratan) from Jigme Singye Wangchuck National Park.



Figure 2 Doing awareness talk and collecting data at different villages through discussions

These might be because most of the works done till now has been focused more on golden langur conservation. We tried to convey our messages to as many people as we could during our field trip. We covered the villages and gewogs viz. Langthel, Thingthibhi, Praling, Panbang, Dunmang, Kanglung and Jomongkha. These are the areas where we were able to observe either golden langur or capped langur.

I also presented my findings made till now at Forest Research Institute in front of the panel members (Figure 3). These helped me introduce my methodology to the experts and also make them aware of the threatened status of these species which they previously were unaware of. The awareness efforts done at different levels were very successful as I was able to dissipate the messages I intended to at the beginning of my project.

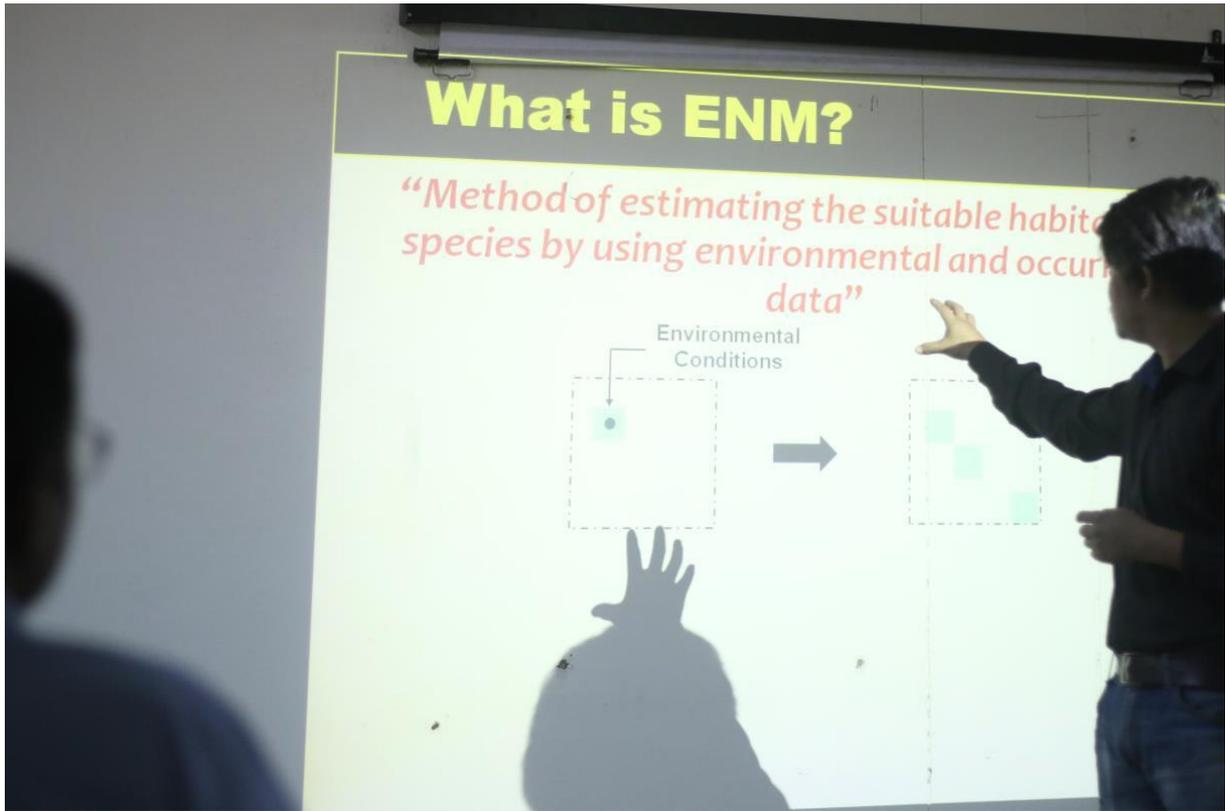


Figure 3 Presenting my methodology and findings at Forest Research Institute (FRI). Panel members from front to back: Dr. Vipin Prakash (FRI), Dr. Monaj Kumar (FRI) and Dr. D. R. Sena (ICAR)