

## Project Update: June 2010

### World Turtle Day Celebrated

On the occasion of World Turtle Day on 23 May, 2010, our team under the Turtle Conservation and Research Program (TCRP) organized an awareness campaign at Hajo Girls High school, Kamrup District of Assam, India supported by the Rufford Small Grants Foundation, Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA), Conservation Leadership Program (CLP), Mohammad Bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund and Madhab Mandir Pukhuri parisalana committee. The awareness campaign included lectures, extempore speech competition among the school children etc. The chief guests were Mohan Malakar (former Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Assam) and Sambhu Dutta Sharma (Secretary of Madhab Mandir). The main aim of the programme was to create awareness among the people of Assam specially the local people of Hajo near the Madhab Temple regarding the importance of turtle diversity and future concern. In this programme 450+ people was present including local people of Hajo, distinguished speakers, school children etc. Some local people also delivered valuable speech on turtle available on Madhab Mandir Pukhuri facing problems regarding food, space etc. The programme drew to a close with a turtle painting competition for school students.



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