

Project Update: October 2009

The *in-situ* egg protection programme has started with the participation of local communities. So far, two nests of *Nilssonina nigricans*, along with the 33 nests of three species of *Pangshura*, containing a total of 321 eggs have been protected and are being incubated in their natural habitat. A large number of poachers are collecting turtle eggs and trying to sell in the local markets. Fortunately, we have already rescued some of the eggs and transferred them to the natural riverine char (island) habitat. The egg protection programme is gradually getting a good response from the local communities. To protect the eggs, we are preparing the net fencing as well as employing local field assistants. At this time, we are looking forward to protecting over 1000 eggs. Suggestions are being accepted from the experts for successful hatching of all the eggs in the natural habitat.



Left: Preparing sites for In situ egg protection. Middle: Incubation site of *Nilssonina nigricans* eggs. Right: Mixed eggs -Rescued from poachers.