

## Project Update: April 2010

The project team established an NGO, Nepal Bat Conservancy, in December 2009. It has been running its major objective, an awareness radio programme since 29<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The radio programme, entitled “Conservation Talk”, is broadcast on the second and fourth week of each month at 6.45 – 7.00 PM on Annapurna FM 93.4 MHz, the leading FM station in the Pokhara Valley. Eight episodes of the programme have been already broadcast.

A website was created on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010 with a name [www.nepalbats.org](http://www.nepalbats.org).

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010, just before wildlife week, we conducted training entitled “Bat capturing, handling and species identification Training” involving the students of Institute of Forestry, Pokhara campus, Nepal. More than 65 students participated in the training and Birendra cave of Bhalam VDC was visited on the same day.



Top left: Bats hanging on a tree near Chine-danda, village, Pokhara. Top right: Radio programme- Conservation Talk, On Annapurna FM 93.4MHz, Pokhara. Bottom left: Students Learning the measurement techniques of Bat. Bottom right: Students of Institute of Forestry participating the training programme at Birendra Cave, Pokhara.