

Project Update: October 2012

In collaboration with another Rufford grantee and colleague, Mr Kamal Kandel, we organised a 1-day national level Distance Sampling Workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal. It was completed successfully on Saturday, 25th August, 2012 at Hotel Palagya, Kathmandu, Nepal. The training benefited 22 young wildlife researchers from Central Department of Zoology and Central Department of Environmental Science, Tribhuvan University and faculties from affiliated colleges, conservation agencies and Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation of Government of Nepal.

The training enriched the knowledge of participants about the scientifically sound methods for surveying and estimating the population and abundance of wildlife including primates, birds and other terrestrial mammals. We proudly say that this training is the first of its kind in Nepal. We would like to acknowledge all the partner agencies and Dr. Falk Huettmann, Associate Prof. –EWHALE lab-University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) USA, for his outstanding contribution as Resource Person and Lecturer in the training workshop.

Organisers: Global Primate Network (GPN)-Nepal, Companions for Amphibians and Reptiles of Nepal (CARON) and -EWHALE lab-, University of Alaska-Fairbanks (UAF), USA.

Partners: Ocean Park Conservation Foundation Hong Kong (OPCFHK); American Society of Primatologists, USA; Primate Society of Great Britain, UK; The Rufford Small Grants Foundation, UK; The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, USA; and Idea Wild, USA.