

Project Update: December 2012

First of all, I got the necessary permissions from the State Forest Department. Two local guides were appointed from September 2012 onwards. Camera traps were installed in three places frequented by green peafowl.

So far, a total of 78 bird species belonging to 28 families were recorded from the Sanctuary. Of these, 27 are rare and 51 are common species, including one Endangered, one Near Threatened and four migrant species. Some notable species include *Pavo muticus*, *Syrmaticus humiae*, *Anthracoseros albirostris*, *Turnix sylvatica*, *Ninox scutulata*, *Psittacula himalayana*, *Hirundo daurica*, *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*, *Dicrurus hottentottus*, *Falco tinnunculus* and *Eumyias thalassina*.



As part of conservation awareness campaigns, meetings with communities of forest villages such as Khudengthabi, Moreh, Kwatha were conducted. Beside these, field training programmes of local youths were conducted at two places of Moreh. A total of 33 youths were trained about the basic bird survey techniques and uses of field equipment.

