

Project Update: April 2014

By the time the project funds had been released, the black-necked cranes (BNCs) wintering in Bhutan had left their summer habitat in Tibet, China. So therefore, the pictures of the latest BNCs could not be provided for this project. Nevertheless, I have pictures of cranes taken during the winter of 2013, which I am enclosing herewith for your record.

With regard to the project, I have already started with the focused group discussion and collection of the field data from the communities residing in all the habitat of BNCs in Bhutan. This activity will take me another one more month to complete.

As soon as the above activity is completed, I will be starting the GPS waypoints collection in all the roosting and foraging habitats all over the country. The data from the GPS shall be use for the habitat mapping of the BNCs wintering in Bhutan.



Left: A pair and juvenile black-necked crane at Urbee wetland foraging (1st group). Right: Five r black-necked cranes (2nd group) foraging in wheat land at Hurchi, Bumthang. Bottom left: Five cranes (2 pairs and a juvenile) at foraging sites (Wheat land) at Hurchi Chiwong. Bottom right: Focused group discussion with the people of Gyetsa.