

Project Update: September 2013

To date, we have conducted four workshops (attended by 119 people local community members) in six villages within the target area. These workshops have introduced the project and allowed us to discuss the project, clarify any misconceptions, and gather suggestions from local communities. Both local communities and government agencies have been very supportive, and we are collaborating closely with multiple local community-based organisations and cooperatives. A total of 105 interviews have been successfully carried out within the target area, and assess the value, use, threats and solutions relating to the river and its freshwater fish biodiversity. We have trained 29 local community members from the target communities to conduct these interviews. We are now in the process of analysing the interview data.

Although initially targeting eight villages, we have decided to only work with six because the remaining villages are too different to be assessed together (i.e. biodiversity and threats).

